

Allendale Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
5:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor: The Honorable Ronnie Jackson

Council Members: Councilman James Grant
Council Lady Lee Harley-Fitts
Councilman Dewan Smith
Council Lady Lottie Lewis
Councilman Larry Cohen

Administration: Henry B. Youmans, Interim Town Administrator

Attorney: J. Martin Harvey, Esquire

Department Heads: Alan Stanley, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Chief Robert Sullivan, Police Department
LONZADO BADGER, Supervisor of Sanitation

ABSENT: Council Members: Council Lady Vernie Harney
Department Heads: NONE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson at 5:45 p.m. Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilman Grant made a motion to convene into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved.

Councilman Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved. Councilman Smith made a motion to add action to executive personnel session matters. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved. Councilman Cohen made the motion to appoint Mr. Henry B. Youmans, Jr as the town administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved. Councilman Cohen made a motion to delete the job description Interim Administrator/ Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved. Councilman Cohen made a motion for the new Administrator to start actively search for a Town Clerk that is in the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

Councilman Grant made a motion to accept the highest bid for the drive thru property at the corner of Gum and Hwy 301. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Lewis. Council approved.

Council Lady Lewis made a motion to match the requirement cash and kind in the amount \$1250.00 to equal the \$25,000.00 for the hometown development grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk, Angela Dobson, did a roll call of all Mayor and Council; all members of Council were present, with the acceptance of Council Lady Harney. Everyone stood while a prayer was offered by Councilman Smith and remained standing to salute the flag and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

APPROVAL OF TONIGHT'S AGENDA

The Mayor, asked that tonight agenda be approved, everyone was in receipt of a copy. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve tonight's agenda as outlined as written, with any corrections, if there is any. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cohen made a motion to approve July 19, 2019 council minutes as written, with any corrections, if there is any. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING

Councilman Cohen made a motion to approve July 8, 2019 council minutes as written, with any corrections, if there be any. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Allendale so as to provide for the regulation of Parking of Vehicles within the Town of Allendale

Town Administrator Henry B. Youmans, Jr., informed Council that back in September 18, 2018 according to the town Ordinance we wanted to amend section chapter seven of section 71 of the municipal code dealing with parking regulation of South Carolina Code of Laws 565710 gives the local authorities the power to provide for the regulating parking vehicles and regulating traffic. Because, of this authority and the existing Ordinance 71.05 for the Town of Allendale. It is unlawful for any person to park any propel or non-propel oversized vehicle on any street or public right away for a period extending two hours within a 24 hour period. For purposes of this section an oversize vehicle is defined as extending 85 inches in height and 250 inches in length. Any vehicle that has the weighted capacity exceeding 2 tons such as parked for loading or unloading and delivering of passengers' or materials. But, such period exceeds a one 24 hour period in a seven day period. This is the amendment to the town Ordinance to the parking of oversize vehicles on the streets of Allendale. The Attorney informed Council that this Ordinance is similar to Ordinance throughout the state of South Carolina. Councilmen Smith wanted to know people who live in residential areas are they allowed to park on their property? The Attorney informed Council that the drivers can use Public Street to

get to their home. Councilman Cohen was concern for the streets and the saw dust that comes from the bed of the trucks. Councilman Cohen was taken this very personal. The Attorney informed Council that this Ordinance was dealing with only the parking of these vehicles in public right away. Councilman Smith made a motion to pass the 2nd Reading of the Amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Allendale so as to provide for the regulation of Parking of Vehicles within the Town of Allendale. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Lewis. Council approved. Councilman Cohen opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL- Councilman Smith informed Council that he wanted to congratulate Mr. Youmans on becoming the new Administrator. He has done an exceptional job to assist with keeping the town financials where they need to be. He turned over the report to Town Administrator, Henry B. Youmans. Town Administrator Henry B. Youmans Jr., informed Council that the Town of Allendale ended of July 2019 the current budget for 2020 we have exhausted 8% of that budget. The town has received \$115,000 from the state. The town will be receiving more revenue as the audit was finally completed. The water and sewer fund the revenue out way the expenses and we have surplus of \$34,199. Council Lady Lee Harley-Fitts informed Council that there is still a lot to do within the town. Councilman Cohen wanted to know about the water and sewer account. The budget sheet that he was looking at did not reflect the report that was just read. Councilman Smith informed Councilman Cohen that this does not reflect what come in daily.

****See the Attachment**

POLICE- Chief Sullivan informed Council that everything was going okay. He relayed that they have started receiving the non-lethal equipment that was much needed. Presently, Officer Evans has started her first four weeks of training at a designated site. This is all considered class room work via internet. She is in the second block once this is completed she would be attending the academy. Officer Rowe is slated to start on August 29, 2019. The Administrator is talking with the proper individuals about the new police vehicles.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- Council Lady Lewis informed the Council that Dr. Gibb will start the medical unit on August 12, 2019 with free medical services. The unit will be here twice a week. They will be offering dental, cancer screening and eye test. There will be another group coming out of Bluffton to provide prescriptions. The University Mile is finally on its way; all paperwork has been finalized and is moving forward. The school flags are up and they look great. The art committee will be putting up flags downtown as well, there is an upcoming meeting for other ideas for the town of Allendale. The Dollar Tree has gotten its paperwork together to start work there in the next two months. The cooking classes were a big success and the children really did enjoy themselves.

SANITATION- Council Lady Fitts informed Council that she would be turning over her time to foreman Lonzado Badger. Foreman, Lonzado Badger informed Council that they have been picking up limbs and bagged leaves. We also have been picking up furniture; we encourage all citizens to take this to the recycling center free of charge. The town is being charged a considerable amount of money to take this to the land field. Councilman Grant questions the litter on Bluff Road. Foreman, Lonzado Badger informed Council that as quick as they pick up, it's right back down. Council Lady Lewis asked that the paper be picked up before mowing this will help it look a whole lot better. She also asked the Council may talk about picking up the furniture that is around town. Foreman, Lonzado Badger informed Council that they are trying to find out who is putting it out in order to issue a fine. Councilman Cohen wanted to know what vehicle is being used to pick up limbs and leaves. Foreman, Lonzado Badger informed Councilman Cohen that this is the flat bed.

WATER & SEWER- Councilman Grant also congratulated Mr. Youmans. Superintended, Allen Stanley informed Council that they have been fixing numerous water leaks around town. They have been replacing meters that the water clerk Angela has been making work orders to be replaced. Allen Stanley believes that we have been facing some of these issues with busted water lines because of the heat and they are worn out. Councilman Cohen stated that we should not have any busted water lines in the winter. Councilman Grant that the tracker trailer does contribute to this because they run over the water lines, Mayor stated that this is something that we have to look into as a Council.

PERSONNEL- the Attorney informed Council that a member of the Council question of salary for the Administrator. Since we are in the same meeting there needs to be a motion for either the high salary or the low salary. Councilman Cohen made a motion to offer Mr. Youmans the high end of the salary scale. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Council approved. Councilman Cohen asked Mr. Youmans does he accept the offer. Mr. Youmans accepts the offer.

MECHANIC- Councilman Cohen reported to Council that he has not heard anything about this. He turns over his report to the Town Administrator. Town Administrator informed Council that he would start the process of advertising for the position. It was suggested to him that the town share the County mechanic; he would look further into this. Councilman Cohen wanted to know how we would furnish the equipment. Mr. Youmans will take an inventory of what is in the Mechanic shed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Rosa Washington Allendale SC 29810 Comment/Concerns the Youth of Allendale having a football camp. She would like to thank the Town of Allendale and Councilman Grant and Councilman Smith for the donation to the camp. She voiced that she wants here water repaired.

Superintendent, Allen Stanley informed Council that he has a call into Carolina Tap and Water for an estimate on a brand new line on the city side

Randy Creech 222 Esther St, Allendale, SC 29810 Comment/Concerns Parking big trucks in the residential areas

Stoney Hartley, Allendale, SC 29810 Comment/Concerns Gun Violence in the County

Announcement

None

Adjournment

Councilman Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Council approved.