

August 20, 2002

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: J. Marshall Stith, Mayor
Carl J. Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Penn L. Hagood, Councilwoman
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman
William J. Wood, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stith, the Invocation delivered by Councilman Wood. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sullivan's Island residents who passed away since last month's meeting.

There were approximately five private citizens present, including a member of the news media.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Mayme Macmurphy addressed Town Council on the excellent talk Councilman Wood presented about the history of Sullivan's Island to the public. She stated that Mr. Norwood Smoak would be presenting a talk on September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the boathouse by the Fire Station.

The minutes of the July 16, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Motion was made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Smith, to appoint Ellen McQueeney as Town Clerk, carried unanimously. Ms. McQueeney was duly administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Stith.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wood, to appoint Harriet Etheridge, Amy Pruitt, and Lynn Wiedeke to serve three-year term on the Tree Commission, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wood, to reappoint Ken Spicer to serve three-year term on the Tree Commission, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Patrick O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Wood, to reappoint Bobby Thompson, Scott Parker, and Blaine Ewing to serve two-year term on the Planning Commission, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hagood, seconded by Councilman Wood, to reappoint Betsy Richardson to serve six-year term on the Election Commission, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Hagood to adopt a Resolution Approving Financing Terms of BB&T for mid-size Chevy SUV, carried unanimously.

Under General Correspondence, Mayor Stith reported that he had received a letter from Pastor Ronald Heinze of St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Isle of Palms. The Church is having a community prayer service on September 11th at 7:00 p.m. and would be honored if the police and fire departments could attend with their families, along with all who work in the department.

There was no Attorney's Report.

Ways and Means Committee, Mayor Stith. Mayor Stith has responded to Senator Hollings' fax regarding the Bill to create the Ft. Sumter and Ft. Moultrie National Historical Park. Although it is not Council's intention to oppose the concept of the Bill, concerns need to be addressed prior to finalizing the proposal. A response from Senator Hollings' office has not yet been received. The Committee meetings for September have been changed to Monday, September 9th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Wiedeke. Phillip Dunning will be appointed at the next Council meeting. There is now a full slate of members for the Tree Commission. One employee at Water & Sewer department received another upgrade for completion of "B" level water treatment certification. Councilwoman Wiedeke will give an introduction to the new members of the Tree Commission at the meeting on Thursday, August 22.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. The Red Water Meeting went fairly well, although there was concern that homeowners didn't know about the meeting. During the next week, it should be researched why the mailouts apparently were not received by the homeowners. A list of residents with recurrent red water problems should be kept, and they should be invited to participate in the red water "log" study; along with anyone else who would like to participate. The Consent Order was paid to DHEC related to the excursions at the sewage treatment plant. Met with Town Attorney to determine what course of action to take in dealing with construction related problems. No final decision has been made. We will communicate with contractor one more time, and give an update at the next committee meeting. The nature of the complaint is that components specified in part of the project were not the components put in place. Beach Monitoring results were satisfactory for July. The June numbers were not good. We need to consider ways to deter dog feces on the beach. No excursions for July at sewer plant. We are trying to stay on strict schedule for implementing final improvements there.

Building and Construction, Councilman Wood. The first hole at the mound is about $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Correspondence has been written between the Department of Natural Resources and Randy Robinson, and we are waiting on a response. We might get a better insurance rate on our flood insurance; ISO will be here in October and will give us rating after that. No remaining vacation home inspections to be completed at this time. Staff met with engineers, SCE&G, SCDOT and reiterated Council's concerns regarding the drainage problem and pond at the Sand Dunes Club, and that Council needed to see alternatives. Landscaping the pond was not a viable solution. SCE&G agreed to come back to Council with possible alternatives. Councilwoman Hazen-Martin stated that a resident has expressed concern to her that SCE&G had given approval to create the pond at the Sand Dunes Club. She assured them that was not the case. SCE&G is committed to do the best for a win-win situation for them and Sullivan's Island.

Fire Committee, Councilman Wood. Battery Thompson was used the weekend of August 16-18 for the International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend. The final report of the event has not yet been received. Councilman Wood thanked Chief Stith and the Fire Department for helping to bring the pictures for his presentation.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Hagood. Request for weddings on beach at Station 19 on September 29th and on September 15th behind the Sand Dunes Club. Request by Dunleavy's to close Station 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ on September 14th for St. Patrick's celebration. These requests were approved. As usual, the Police, Fire, and Safety department should be notified of the closing of Station 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ on September 14th.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. The Consultant Review Committee for the zoning consultant will meet on September 16th beginning at 4:00 p.m. to hear three of the four companies selected for review. Community Builders of Columbia, Cooper Consulting of Alabama, and Ayers/Saint/Gross, Inc. of Washington, D.C. are available to present on that day. The Lawrence Group from North Carolina will not be available that entire week. If a conclusive decision cannot be made after the review of the three companies, The Lawrence Group will be asked to make a presentation at the following Council meeting. Town Administrator McNamara will notify the Planning Commission and the consultants. Councilman Smith inquired about the time share ordinance on Hilton Head Island. Town Attorney Larry Dodds will look into it.

Police Committee, Mayor Stith. The goal of Council is to maintain a pedestrian-safe town. The citizens' group has developed some good ideas. Chief Howard stated the pictures had been developed, and ideas will be presented at the next Committee Meeting. The new officer has been hired, is certified, and is now riding with an officer.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilman Smith. Sand Dunes Club drainage problem discussed previously. The parking area at Breech Inlet is looking rather large. Chief Stith suggested getting prices for putting curbs around the parking lot.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Neil to defer second reading on An Ordinance Amending Section 21, Zoning Code of The Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances By Establishing An Historic Old Fort District Overlay District, Identifying Its Location, Amending The Official Zoning Map and Including Provisions Regarding the Removal and Demolition of Certain Buildings; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hagood, seconded by Councilman O'Neil to defer second reading of An Ordinance Amending Section 21, Zoning Code of the Sullivan's Island Code of Ordinances by Establishing an Historic District Overlay District, Identifying Its Locations, Amending the Official Zoning Map and Including Provisions Regarding the Removal and Demolition of Certain Buildings, carried unanimously.

Mayor Stith duly ratified Amendments to Sections 14-15 and 14-16 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island concerning excessive noise; and Sections 20-12 and 20-21.1 of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island concerning water beyond the meter and pool filling.

A letter will be sent to all businesses regarding the noise ordinance.

Councilman O'Neil thanked Chief Howard for commanding the website. An attempt will be made to put the website address on the water bill.

There being no other business to come before Council, motion was made by Councilwoman Wiedeke, seconded by Councilman Wood, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and for legal briefing, carried unanimously. No action was taken following Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney
Town Clerk