

June 21, 2005

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  
Debra Hazen-Martin, Councilwoman  
Jane Ellen Herron, Councilwoman  
Patrick M. O'Neil, Councilman  
Carl J. Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alys Anne Wiedeke, Councilwoman  
William J. Wood, Councilman

Michael Perkis, Councilman  
Everett Presson, Councilman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stith, followed by the invocation given by Councilman Wood. There were twenty five private citizens present and two members of the media.

Mayor Stith thanked the Council members, Department heads, Town Staff, and Attorney Larry Dodds for their service; and residents for their involvement in the community.

Mayor Stith duly administered the oath of office of Council member to Michael Perkis, Everett Presson, and Patrick O'Neil.

Mayor Stith duly administered the oath of office of Mayor to Carl Jennings Smith.

Former Councilman Wood presented Mayor Smith with a large gavel, handmade with a tree limb, which he jokingly stated that the tree limb was small enough so that he didn't need a tree permit to make it.

Mayor Smith stated it was an honor to be the Mayor. He praised former Mayor Stith for his work, and looks forward to the challenges ahead.

Mayor Smith presented former Councilwoman Wiedeke with a clock plaque, engraved with picture of a tree, in appreciation for her service to the Town Council from 2001-2005.

Mayor Smith presented former Councilman Wood with a clock plaque, engraved with a picture of the Ben Sawyer Bridge, in appreciation for his service as Mayor Pro Tem and Councilman from 1975 – 2005. Mayor Smith stated Red Wood was his mentor on Council, and he has been the steady member and historian for the Council over many, many years.

Mayor Smith presented former Mayor Stith with a clock plaque, engraved with a picture of the Ben Sawyer Bridge, in appreciation for his service as Mayor and Councilman from 1981 – 2005. Mayor Smith stated Marshall Stith's knowledge and wisdom will also be sought on future issues. The sketch of the Ben Sawyer Bridge on the two plaques was a sketch Mayor Smith did over twenty years ago. Mayor Smith again thanked the former Mayor for all that he has done for the Town.

Marshall Stith took a few moments to personally thank Red Wood for all that he has done for the community, his church, his children, his family and extended family. He stated that Red Wood has been an inspiration, a role model, and the type of person that Sullivan's Island is really all about.

Councilman O'Neil stated that there is a product that many on the island use if they have red water, and he jokingly presented a box of it, called "Red-B-Gone" to Red Wood.

The floor was opened for comments from the citizens. Bobby Thompson, 2917 I'on, commented on green space protection and parking in the commercial district.

The minutes of the May 17, 2005 regular meeting and June 6, 2005 special meeting were approved as written.

Appointments – Motion was made by Councilwoman Herron, seconded by Councilman Presson, to appoint Councilman O'Neil as Mayor Pro Tem, carried by a vote of five, with Councilman O'Neil abstaining.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Herron to name to the Ways and Means Committee : Chair – Mike Perkis; Co-chair – Carl Smith; Members: all Council; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to name to the Personnel Committee: Chair – Councilwoman Hazen-Martin; Co-chair – Councilwoman Herron; Member: Councilman Perkis; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to name to the Police Committee: Chair – Mayor Smith; Co-chair – Councilman Presson; Member: Councilman Perkis; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to name to the Fire Committee: Chair – Councilwoman Herron; Co-chair – Councilman O'Neil; Member – Mayor Smith until new Council member elected in September; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Herron, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to name to the Building & Construction Committee: Chair – Mayor Smith until new Council member elected in September; Co-chair – Councilman O'Neil; Member – Councilman Presson; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, to name to the Recreation Committee: Chair – Councilwoman Herron; Co-chair – Councilwoman Hazen-Martin; Member – Councilman Presson; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Herron, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to name to the Real Estate Committee: Chair – Councilman O'Neil; Co-chair – Councilman Perkis; Member - Mayor Smith until new Council member elected in September; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to name to the Water & Sewer Committee: Chair – Councilwoman Hazen-Martin; Co-Chair – Councilman Presson; Member – Councilman Perkis; carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman Presson, to name to the Streets & Maintenance Committee: Chair – Mayor Smith until new Council member elected in September; Co-chair - Councilwoman Herron; Member – newly elected Council member in September, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to appoint Danny Calvert, Charles McCraw and Gene Parkhurst to the Police Department, carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith duly administered the oath of office to Charles McCraw and Gene Parkhurst (Danny Calvert not present at meeting).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to approve the May 17, 2005 regular minutes and June 6, 2005 special meeting minutes as written, carried by a vote of four, with Councilmen Presson and Perkis abstaining.

Reports and Communications – A Resolution of Appreciation to the Sullivan's Island Election Commission was approved.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve the Resolution to Establish Water-Sewer Rate Increase, carried by a vote of five, with Councilman Presson abstaining.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to approve the Resolution to Approve Financing for Water and Sewer Equipment, carried by a vote of five, with Councilman Presson abstaining.

General and New Correspondence – Mayor Smith stated that a letter was received from the Palmetto Society regarding Carolina Day on June 28.

There was no Attorney's Report.

Administrator's Report, Administrator Benke. Town Hall has acquired an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with the assistance of Dr. William Grossman. The Fire Department personnel will train staff in the use of the device. The first Monday of July falls on a national holiday, therefore the Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Jodie Copeland, Appalachian State University Graduate intern, has been on board approximately two weeks. She has begun work on revising the Town's hurricane plan and the SCE&G franchise agreement.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. First Reading of the SCE&G Franchise Agreement will take place tonight. The Executive Director of CARTA has submitted a proposed Draft FY2006 budget for review.

Personnel Committee, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Letters of interest for the Planning Commission vacancy have been received. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. A letter of interest has been submitted from Robie Scott for the Election Commission vacancy. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to appoint Robie Scott to the Election Commission, carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer, Councilwoman Hazen-Martin. Monthly reports rendered. The DHEC report states the beach water quality looks good. The Water Project has begun on Middle Street. There was a meeting with residents who live next to the sewer lift station #5 located at Station 30 between I'on Ave. and Middle St. A plan has been established to plant a buffer around the lift station, and the roots will not disturb the station. The Town will maintain the buffer. It is preferred that all lift stations follow this plan. We have five sewer lift stations; all are operable.

Building and Construction Committee, Mayor Smith. The deadline for submissions under the old Zoning Ordinance is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Committee, Councilwoman Herron. Monthly report rendered.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Herron. The following beach wedding requests were received: June 25 at Station 28 at 4:00 p.m.; July 1<sup>st</sup> at Station 18 at 7:30 p.m.; August 19<sup>th</sup> at Station 18 at 8:30 p.m.; October 8<sup>th</sup> at Station 18 at 6:00 p.m.; April 29, 2006 at Station 28 at 4:00 p.m. The Community Organization of Sullivan's Island has requested the use of the SI Fire & Rescue boathouse on 7-22-05 to show two movies as part of the town birthday celebration. The contract for new lighting at the tennis court has been awarded to Carolina Sport Surfaces Inc. The work has commenced and the completion date is mid-July. Stella Maris Catholic Church has requested to use the beach at Station 12 for a parish picnic on July 14 to celebrate the opening of the new bridge. As part of his Eagle Scout project, Stanley Kablick has requested permission to place poles that would establish an osprey nest at the Volunteer Rescue Boat Landing, old garbage dump, and the causeway park. SCE&G will assist with placement of the poles. Administrator Benke will send letters to the neighbors in these areas.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil. Mr. Lewis Hay of Low Country Open Land Trust has been invited to attend the July Council Committee meeting to discuss options for the Battery Logan property. Attorney Dodds will contact their attorney prior to the Committee meeting. The Planning Commission made two motions at their May 2005 meeting for consideration by Council. These will be deferred for discussion with Town Attorney. A resident has expressed interest in upgrading the exterior of the pump house at Station 18 and Atlantic Ave. Randy Robinson will handle this with the resident.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. A special note of thanks was received from a resident regarding the enforcement of the leash ordinance on the beach. A letter was received from a resident commending police officers for dedicated service which resulted in the arrest of a suspect.

Streets and Maintenance, Mayor Smith. Suburban Disposal now appears to be up to date with yard debris removal. Household garbage pick up is now every Tuesday and Friday. Administrator Benke is investigating sources and means to remove the large debris on the beach between Station 12 and Station 10.

Mayor Smith duly ratified An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to have First Reading, by title only, of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Section 29 of the Ordinances of the Town of Sullivan's Island, Franchise Fee for Delivery and Supply of Electric Service, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hazen-Martin, seconded by Councilwoman Herron, to go into executive session for legal advice and personnel, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Herron, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to come out of executive session, carried unanimously. No votes or action were taken.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, for Attorney Dodds to hire Trenholm Walker to attend the next Design Review Board meeting to advise members on procedure and have executive session afterwards; also Administrator Benke to approach and hire Mike Robertson of Mount Pleasant as a consultant for the Design Review Board, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Presson, seconded by Councilman O'Neil to adjourn, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQueeney  
Town Clerk