

January 21, 2014

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Mike Perkis, Mayor
Jerry Kaynard, Mayor Pro Tem
Chauncey Clark, Councilman
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman
Susan Middaugh, Councilwoman
Pat O'Neil, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by local Boy Scout Ian Callan, followed by the invocation by Councilwoman Watson. Audience members filled Town Hall, including two members of the media.

I. FORMAT - Mayor Perkis opened the floor for comments.

Students from Moultrie Middle School – Molly Kerr, Millar Elferdink, William Schnell, Ian Callan, Jackson Stebbins, and Isabella DeLong – presented their papers regarding why coyotes should or should not be controlled on Sullivan's Island. These presentations were part of the school program to help students become real world problem solvers. Councilwoman Watson thanked the teachers for their directive.

Residents Nancy Fortiere, Sara Michelin, Kathy Anderegg, Wayne Stelljes, Rod Wallace, Paul Reichmeyer, and Michael Mithoeffer expressed their opinion about the coyote problem; and Kim Kelly, S.C. Director for the Humane Society of the U.S., spoke to their concerns and stated her interest in talking with Council regarding the humane approach to coyote removal. Linda Lee thanked Council for listening to the opinions of the film industry regarding the proposed ordinance on franchise fee increases.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to defer approval of the December 17, 2013 regular meeting minutes, carried unanimously.**
- 2. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2013-14, An Ordinance to Amend Section 16-16, Personnel Code, for the Town of Sullivan's Island, regarding Cash-out or Carry-over of Accrued Vacation due to Special Circumstances, carried unanimously.**
- 3. Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh, to have Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2013-15, An Ordinance by the Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of the General Obligation Bond of 2014 of the Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina in the Amount of Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,100,000); to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide**

for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Mayor Perkis explained the Town's revenue sources and why the bond was necessary; while Councilman Kaynard further explained the terms and repayment options on the bond. **Motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Councilwoman Cooper casting the nay vote.**

4. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to defer Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance No. 2013-09, An Ordinance Amending Section 14-25 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Revise Franchise Fees for Filming, Video Taping, and Still Photography for Commercial Purposes; and, to Add Language Prohibiting Filming of Any Type within the RC-1/RC-2 Zoning Districts or on the Beach, in order to conduct additional research, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received regarding Royall Hardware's donation to East Cooper Meals on Wheels in honor of the Town; Charles Swicord, Sara Michelin, and Travis Folk regarding coyotes; and from the National Park Service advising of free park days in 2014.

2. Attorney Report - Attorney Dodds reported he had a fee simple title request for 2824 Middle Street. **Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to approve the request for fee simple title at 2824 Middle, carried unanimously.**

3. Boards and Commissions - no reports.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mayor Perkis. Monthly report rendered. Council will review the December 2013 financial statement as well as the mid-year projection for discussion at the February Council workshop.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Clark. Monthly reports rendered. Chief Stith continues to work on the ladder truck specifications. There was general discussion about a coyote plan and the need for Police to have a means to respond; and signage is also needed. Mayor Perkis stated he preferred to have more education before the wholesale removal. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to adopt the Public Safety Committee report and to ask the Committee to provide Council with recommendations on coyote issues and allow the Police Department to hire a trapper as needed, carried unanimously.**

Recreation Committee – Councilwoman Watson. (The Recreation Committee report was held at this time because Councilwoman Watson needed to leave the meeting.) The Recreation Committee will meet tomorrow and discuss recommendations from the Park Foundation regarding the tennis courts and funding. The Topping Ceremony for the Sullivan's Island Elementary School will be held on February 22, 2014 at 10:00 am. The Valentine decorating party will be held at the Fire Station on February 8, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilwoman Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered. The State Revolving Fund writing application is in process. Staff responded to approximately 50 calls due to the recent ice storm.

Administration Committee – Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered.

Special Event Request – Hunley Memorial. The Confederate Heritage Trust will hold the annual Hunley Memorial on February 17, 2014 at Breach Inlet.

Special Event Request – Run for Adela. The 4th annual Run for Adela will be held on April 12, 2014.

Special Event Request – Dunleavy’s Pub St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. This will be discussed at the February workshop.

Breach Inlet Historical Marker – Doug MacIntyre has proposed edits to the historical marker at Breach Inlet and the Town is waiting to receive the final language for review.

Councilman O’Neil noted that the Charlie Post Race would be held January 25, 2014.

Land Use and Natural Resources Committee – Councilman O’Neil. Monthly report rendered.

Councilman O’Neil reported that during the last vote of Senate Bill 1846 (Biggert-Waters Act), two senators put a hold on the Bill. A Senate vote is anticipated next week.

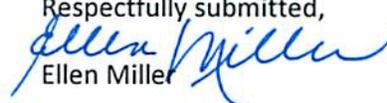
Public Facilities Committee – Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered. The Public Facilities Committee will meet on January 24, 2014 to discuss the trim color on the school tower, as well as establishing future meetings for the Town Hall construction project.

Motion was made by Councilman O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Clark, to go into Executive Session at 7:56pm for legal advice – Zoning Ordinance 21-117 through 21-124 (Vacation Rental), carried by a vote of 5-0 (Mayor Perkis and Councilwoman Watson had left the meeting before this time). When a resident questioned why this matter was for executive session if it was not a personnel or contractual matter. Attorney Dodds clarified legal advice is in the State Code for executive session. After the crowd left the building, Executive Session began at 8:05 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman O’Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 pm, carried unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaynard stated no action or votes were taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman O’Neil, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to adjourn at 8:28 pm, carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller