

TOWN OF IVA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Minutes

Special Called Town Council Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 1:00 PM – 204 East Jackson Street, Council Chambers

A special called meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Iva Town Hall, located at 204 E. Jackson Street in Iva. Notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

The following members of Town Council were in attendance:

Mr. Bobby E. Gentry, Mayor
Mr. Paul Hart, Mayor Pro-Temp
Mr. Elmer Powell, Council
Mr. Dwayne Kelley, Council
Ms. Mary Forrester, Council

Others Present for the meeting were: Mr. Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Ms. Mary McCormac, Town Attorney; Mr. Shuk Hamdan, Chief of Police

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gentry at 1:00 p.m.

Invocation – The Invocation was offered by Mr. Hart.

Pledge of Allegiance – Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business – Resolutions for First and Final Reading

a. 2021-009

A Resolution honoring Yvonne McGee for civic engagement and historic preservation. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

b. 2021-010

A Resolution in support of a grant application to the Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant. Mr. Taylor commented that the grant would be used, if approved, for renovation work to the Iva Dime Store. A \$2,500 match

would be required from the town if awarded. Mr. Kelley made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

c. 2021-011

A Resolution designating an authorized representative and contact person for purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Mr. Hart asked who would be responsible for preparing the budget related to the expenditure of the funds. Mr. Taylor commented that the Mayor and Town Council would prepare the budget. Mr. Kelley made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Forrester. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

d. 2021-012

A Resolution in support of Anderson County School District Three Administrative Complex plans and agreement of termination of Use Agreement for Property Use. Ms. Kathy Hipp, Superintendent for Anderson County School District Three, addressed the Mayor and Town Council concerning the plans for the complex expansion. Ms. Hipp commented that the ball field will be constructed into bus parking, the administrative complex will be expanded and a traffic study will be conducted to determine if a possible traffic light will be needed at the intersection of Hwy 81 and Hamilton Street. Ms. Hipp commented that she and the board intend to make this project aesthetically pleasing for everyone. Mr. Hart asked if security cameras will be installed at the bus parking location. Ms. Hipp responded that security cameras would be installed. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

7. Old Business – (Ordinances for Second and Final Reading)

a. 2021-005

An ordinance amending the Town of Iva Zoning Ordinance, Article 5, Section 5.1 – regarding minimum lot size requirements. Mr. Taylor commented to the Mayor and Town Council that the Iva Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing regarding the matter on May 25, 2021. Mr. Powell made a motion to approve for second and final reading, seconded by Ms. Forrester. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

8. New Business (Ordinances for First and Final Reading)

a. 2021-006

An Ordinance to convey town property located at 207 Hamilton Street to Charming Bungalow Properties, LLC for purposes of housing restoration. Mayor Gentry commented to the Town Council that he has met with the owners of Charming Bungalow Properties, LLC and discussed plans for the house located at 207 Hamilton Street. Mayor Gentry pointed out that the company has renovated other houses in town. Mayor Gentry confirmed that the company has sufficient funding to handle this handle this project. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

b. 2021-007

An Ordinance to convey real property by quitclaim deed to Anderson School District Three. Mr. Kelley made a motion to approve the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Informal Discussion

a. Good Hope Presbyterian Church Cemetery Property Maintenance.

After discussion of a proposed cemetery property maintenance and conveyance of property to the town, Mr. Hart made a motion to add the item to the agenda for council action. Ms. Forrester seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Resolution 2021-013 – Mr. Hart made a motion to approve verbal Resolution 2021-013, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. The Resolution approves the proposed Property Maintenance Agreement with the Good Hope Presbyterian Church in exchange for land conveyance of real property located at the corner of River Street and Hamilton Street of approximately 1.60 acres.

Iva Police Department – Chief Hamdan provided a report for the Month of August.

503 calls for service
31 reports made
6 arrests made
99 traffic stops made

Mayor Gentry provided the following updates –

Parkview/Hwy 413 Property Development – Surveyors have finished surveying and have provided the town with a preliminary plat for review. Currently there are 17 lots possible for residential development.

PARD Grants – Picnic Shelters and Veterans Park Construction are complete. The town will still continue to update the Veterans Memorial area.

Ward One – Mr. Powell commented regarding the “For Sale” sign at the Jackson Mill Property. The sign has fallen over and needs to be repaired. Mr. Powell also reported damage to Highway sign located on Parkview Road.

Ward Two – Mr. Kelley inquired regarding contributions being made to the Veteran’s Park. Mr. Kelley presented some possible funding ideas.

Ward Three – Ms. Forrester inquired regarding a water leak on East Broad Street. Mayor Gentry commented that the town will continue to provide lawn maintenance as needed to the residence until the leak is repaired.

Ward Four – Mr. Hart commented regarding concerns with the new “open carry” law. Mr. Hart also commented that the Mayor and Town Council need to address dogs being tied and tethered.

Mayor Gentry provided the following event dates

Depot Day – Saturday, 10/09/2021

Chili Cook-off – Thursday, 10/14/2021

Halloween on Main – Saturday, 10/23/2021

Next Council Meeting Date

Monday, 10/04/2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 11/01/2021 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Forrester made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Taylor

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Iva, South Carolina

ADJOURN

Mr. Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Powell. The motion carried unanimously.

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