

MINUTES
Town of Iva – Town Council
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
January 14, 2019
Town Council Chambers – Iva Town Hall

A regular meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT – Mayor Bobby E. Gentry, Councilmember Dwayne Kelley, Councilmember Mary Forrester, Councilmember Paul Hart.

Mr. Elmer Powell, Mayor Pro-Tem, was absent from the meeting due to an illness.

STAFF PRESENT – Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Mary McCormac, Town Attorney; Jason Hawkins, Chief of Police.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gentry
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Hart offered the Invocation. Following the Invocation, everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the October 8, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Kelley made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

4. 2019 Council Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule was presented for approval. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. Council will meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

5. Citizen Comments

- Ms. Ruby Cain provided an update to the Mayor and Council regarding the Iva Antique Body Shop. Ms. Cain provided attendance numbers from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Ms. Cain commented that there were 5,422 visits to the gym during the year.
- Ms. Yvonne McGee provided information regarding the Iva Community Improvement Association. Mrs. McGee commented that the association will be coordinating the Iva High School Reunion in 2019. The reunion is held every five years. Mrs. McGee also requested financial assistance for the Iva Museum. The air conditioning system is in need of repairs. The repairs are estimated to cost \$1,300,

Report from Iva Police Department

Chief Hawkins provided the Mayor and Council a report regarding an incident that occurred over the weekend concerning a missing child. Chief Hawkins thanked the many individuals and agencies that provided assistance to the Iva Police Department during the search. Chief Hawkins also provided information regarding the number of calls, incidents, issued warrants and various cases in 2018. Chief Hawkins further commented regarding a recently awarded Department of Justice JAG grant the police department was awarded for equipment such as tasers, in-car cameras and various other needed items. Chief Hawkins also commented that the Policy and Procedures have been updated.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Resolution 2019-002

Resolution 2019-002 was presented for first and final approval. The Resolution amends the towns Paid Time-off Policy. The amendment eliminates the balance of unused PTO being paid to the employee at the end of each fiscal year. The amendment further eliminates employees who terminate employment, whether voluntary or in-voluntary, from being paid the balance of any un-used PTO time. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution, further amending the policy to stipulate current employees will be exempt from PTO termination clause until June 30, 2019, at which time they will fall into the amended policy. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion with Mr. Hart's amendments. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

7. New Business

a. Resolution 2019-001

Resolution 2019-001 was presented for first and final approval. The Resolution approves a state issued franchise certificate for Spectrum Southeast, LLC. Mr. Kelley made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

b. Ordinance 2019-001

Ordinance 2019-001 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance amended Ordinance 2017-003 and sets the date for the 2019 general election. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve first reading, seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

c. Ordinance 2019-002

Ordinance 2019-002 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance amends the Piedmont Natural Gas Franchise, which expired in 2018. Mr. Taylor commented that while the agreement is being prepared and before council, the franchise is currently operating under a month-to-month agreement. The proposed agreement institutes a franchise fee of 5%, decreases the term from 60 years to 5 years, and requires Piedmont Natural Gas to give the town notification before engaging in major repairs on town roads and rights-of-way. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve first reading, seconded by Ms. Forrester. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

d. Mayor & Council Comments

- Mayor Gentry reported the following: Currently working with company to operate a limb/leaf pic-up in the coming week and possibly setting a schedule going forward until the town can purchase equipment; new chairs and tables have been purchased for the Iva Civic Center; E. Green/E. Front Street Streetscape contract signed and work to begin February 4th, 2019.

- Mr. Kelley commented regarding the Veteran's Memorial Marker in the town square. Mayor Gentry commented that the memorial was not damaged.
 - Ms. Forrester commented that the pot hole at the end of Wiles Street has been repaired.
 - Mr. Hart commented that there are pot holes on Washington Street that needs to be repaired.
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8. Informal – No action.

None

9. Adjournment

Ms. Forrester made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kelly. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Respectively Submitted,



Tim Taylor
Town Clerk/Treasurer
TOWN OF IVA, SOUTH CAROLINA