



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr. at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Council Member DeWayne G. Kitts
Council Member James N. Law, Jr.
Council Member Latorie S. Lloyd
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman
Council Member James B. Ware, III

Staff Present:

James E. Brogdon, Town Attorney
Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Marilyn M. Baker, Administrative Services Director/Clerk to Council
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
Elizabeth B. Rentz, Recreation Director
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief
Stephen G. Young, Police Chief
Lee W. Mixon, Jr., Police Captain
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Rebecca Walker, Business Development Manager
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Jeremy Colley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member James Law, Jr.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation:** 2023 DYB Ozone Division I State Championship - Represented South Carolina in the 2023 DYB Ozone World Series in Rustin, La.

Recreation Director Libya Rentz introduced each player of the 2023 DYB Ozone Division 1 State Championship. Mayor Hamilton presented each player with their Championship Ring and presented Coach Landy Cox with a plaque that will be placed on the Tower at the Recreation Complex. Mayor Hamilton and Council congratulated the team for their historical achievement.

2. **Proclamation:** Berkeley High School Beta Club Champions

Recreation Director Libya Rentz read the Proclamation honoring and recognizing the Berkeley High School Beta Club Champions for their outstanding achievement that advanced them to the State and National Convention. Mayor Hamilton presented the Proclamation to Brittany Colley and congratulated them on their historical achievements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. **Regular Meeting Minutes:** June 18, 2024

Motion was made by Council Member Law to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

REPORTS

5. **Mayor's Report:** Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.

Mayor Hamilton reported the following:

- Thursday, June 20th - Habitat for Humanity- Celebration of the owners getting the keys to the home. Councilman Dennis was also in attendance.
- Friday – Sunday, June 21st-23rd - He attended 3 days of the Girls State Softball Tournament. Our recreation staff worked diligently to make this event run smoothly.
- Monday, June 24th – He participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Closet of Hope at the DSS office. This organization ensures that children going into foster care have clothes and other items. Councilman Sweatman was also in attendance.
- Thursday, June 27th – He participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at Swig and Swine Restaurant and the Marina Store. Councilmembers Law, Sweatman and Dennis were also in attendance.

- Friday, June 28th- He participated in a food giveaway at the Farmers Market Pavilion.
- Friday, June 28th- He attended a luncheon for the nonprofit Healing Farms to learn about the programs they offer and want to bring to Moncks Corner.
- Saturday, June 29th– The Town held the 4th of July Celebration at the Recreation Complex. We had a great crowd that kept the vendors very busy. Councilmen, Dennis, Sweatman and Law were in attendance. He extended a heartfelt thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make this happen. It was a total team effort.
- Friday, July 5th – He attended the sendoff for our 9 – 10 year old All Star Minors and our 13 – 14 year old Dixie Boys. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their assistance and support.
- Throughout the month of July – The Moncks Corner Police Department will sponsor a school supply drive. Items can be dropped off at the Police Department, located at 118 Carolina Avenue. Items being collected are pens, pencils, paper, folders, binders, crayons, backpacks, glue, tape, calculators, scissors, paints.
- Thursday, July 11th – He recently attended a luncheon hosted by the Moncks Corner Rotary Club, where he had the privilege to introduce himself and address the attendees. During the event, he provided an update on the current and upcoming activities in our Town, as well as highlighting some of the exciting future events on the horizon.

Future Events:

- Saturday, August 17, 2024 – The Moncks Corner Police Department will be sponsoring a Car & Bike Show from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex, 418 East Main Street. Proceeds will go to the Kennedy Center. This is free admission. Car/Bike entry is \$20 per vehicle.
- Throughout the month he answered many texts, e-mails and phone calls.

6. **Administrator's Report:** Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord reported the following:

- Park master plan for Lacey Park and the Pickle Ball Courts are close to being finalized. We will be bidding that out soon.
- The project for the Inclusive Playground is out for bid. We had a pre-bid meeting last week and 6 contractors attended. Bids are due August 6th.
- The contract has been signed for the Foxbank Mast Arms Project. It is an 18 month build because of the time it takes to get the mast arms. We hope to see some work on this project in the next couple of months.
- We have a draft budget for Council's review. He plans to schedule a budget workshop in the next couple of weeks.

Community Development Director Justin Westbrook introduced Jamie Baker as the new Deputy Building Official for the Town. He is a native of Berkeley County and Moncks Corner. He comes to the Town from the City of Charleston. Prior to his employment with the City of Charleston, he was a journeyman lineman with the Department of Defense for about 3 years and before that he was employed with Sumter Utilities for approximately 6 years. Prior to that he served with the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Sergeant. He received 8 certifications within one year during his employment with the City of Charleston. Plans are to begin the certification process for Mr. Baker to obtain his Certified Building Official soon.

NEW BUSINESS

7. New Business:

There was no new business to be brought before Council.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Old Business:

There was no old business to be brought before Council

PUBLIC INPUT:

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9. Discussion: Negotiations for a proposed contractual agreement related to roads.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss negotiations for a proposed contractual agreement related to roads. Motion was seconded by Council Member Law and unanimously approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

Out of Executive Session and Reconvene:

Motion was made by Council Member Law to go out of executive session and to reconvene to the regular meeting of Council. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ware and unanimously approved as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

Mayor Hamilton had nothing to report out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Council Member Ware to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

A copy of this meeting's agenda was e-mailed to the Post and Courier, The Berkeley Independent, Live 5 News, Channel 4, Channel 2, and The News Journal Scene. As required, the agenda was posted on the Municipal Complex bulletin board and the Town Website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

_____ August 20, 2024
Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council DATE