

COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

COUNCIL PRESENT

MAYOR TIMOTHY COONER
MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN AMY BRYANT
COUNCILWOMAN BENITA GIBBS
COUNCILWOMAN GEORGIANNA HARMON

MAYOR COONER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED THAT ALL STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

MAYOR COONER WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING

MAYOR COONER ASKED THE PLEASURE OF COUNCIL ON APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
COUNCILWOMAN HARMON MADE THE MOTION TO CORRECT THE MINUTES
COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED

CORRECTION... { IN THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2009 THERE WAS A MOTION BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT, THAT MOTION DIED FOR THE LACK OF INFORMATION }

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON OTHER MATTERS

A CONCERNED CITIZEN ASKED ABOUT THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD GYM FLOOR

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT THE TOWN IS WAITING FOR THE PENNY MONEY FROM THE COUNTY IT IS ESTIMATED, THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE RENOVATION IS 42000.00 FOR THE WINDOWS, NEW DOORS, GUTTERS, AND DOWN SPOUTS, AND NEW ROOF. THE MAYOR ALSO SAID THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED SIDE WALKS FOR EVANS, DUKES, AND CALHOUN STREETS.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS STREET LIGHTS BEING OUT, MAYOR COONER SAID THAT SOME OF THE BREAKERS ARE TRIPPED AND THAT WE WILL BE TAKING CARE OF THEM

MAYOR COONER ASKED THE PLEASURE OF COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILWOMAN HARMON ASKED WHEN SHE COULD PICK UP A COPY OF THE CHECK REGISTER

MAYOR COONER THEN STATED WE WOULD HAVE IT DELIVERED TO HER IN THE MORNING

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER HAD NO COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT THE NEW WATER TANK WILL BE ON LINE THIS WEEK, A LEAK HAD TO BE REPAIRED AND THE VALVES HAD TO BE TURNED OFF

MAYOR COONER SAID THAT OUR WELCOME SIGNS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR HE SPOKE WITH THE SIGN COMPANY ABOUT THIS, THE SUN HAS RAISED THE LETTERS ON ALL FOUR SIGNS. THE SIGN COMPANY WILL BE PICKING THEM UP FOR REPAIR

COUNCILWOMAN HARMON STATED THAT WE WILL HAVE TO AMEND OUR WATER ORDINANCE, SHE SAID COUNCIL NEEDS TO REVIEW AND SEE IF ANYTHING NEEDS TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN AWAY

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT THE LAW REQUIRES 2 READINGS FOR AN ORDINANCE

COUNCILWOMAN HARMON STATED THAT SINCE WE DO THREE READINGS SHE ASSUMES WE WOULD HAVE THREE READINGS

MAYOR COONER SAID TO TAKE THIS FOR INFORMATION AND MOVE ON

MAYOR COONER SPOKE ABOUT THE ASBESTOS CLEAN UP HE SAID IT IS ESTIMATED 18,110.00 FOR THE CAMP SITE AND 10,680.00 FOR MAIN ST.
A TOTAL OF 29,090.00

MAYOR COONER SAID THAT HE MET WITH THE CLEAN UP COMPANY ON SATURDAY

COUNCILWOMAN HARMON QUESTIONED WHERE THE MONEY WOULD BE COMING FROM

MAYOR COONER SAID THE INSURANCE PROCEED MONEY WOULD BE USED, THE MONEY THAT WE WERE GOING TO USE TO REBUILD TOWN HALL

COUNCILWOMAN HARMON STATED THAT WE NEED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE HEALTH PLEX LEASE

MAYOR COONER MADE THE MOTION THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING CALLED ON SEPT. 23, 2009 AT 7PM FOR ORDINANCE 91409 FOR HEALTH PLEX LEASE AND ORDINANCE 91509 FOR THE EDISTO EATERY LEASE
COUNCILWOMAN BENITA GIBBS SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR COONER DISCUSSED THE ASBESTOS CLEAN UP, HE SAID WE HAVE TO CLEAN THIS UP. SAFETY PROFESSIONALS FROM AIKEN SC WILL COME IN AND FIND OUT ALL THE SPECIFICS, HE STATED HE IS TRYING TO SAVE THE TOWN MONEY BY GETTING ESTIMATES @ 30,000.00 HAS TO BE SPENT FOR THIS, AND WE WILL HAVE TO SPEND A GOOD CHUNK OF THE MONEY THAT WE HAD FOR THE REBUILD OF TOWN HALL. NOTHING ELSE CAN BE DONE UNTIL ALL OF THIS IS CLEANED UP
SOMEONE TURNED THE TOWN INTO DHEC FOR ASBESTOS AND WE ALL HAD TO MEET IN COLUMBIA WITH THEM
THIS HAS AND WILL COST THE TOWN A LOT OF MONEY, THE TOWN REALLY GOT A HARD BLOW ON THIS DEAL
OUT OF FIVE SAMPLES AT TOWN HALL ONLY 1 WAS FOUND TO HAVE ASBESTOS

MAYOR COONER SAID THE TOWN HAS SPENT UNNECESSARY MONEY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

MAYOR COONER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAFETY PROFESSIONALS FROM AIKEN TO COME IN AND DO THE ASBESTOS CLEAN UP
MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR COONER ASKED THE PLEASURE OF COUNCIL TO HIRE 2 PEOPLE TO HELP US WITH CLEAN UP FOR RAYLRODE DAZE @ MIN. WAGE
COUNCILWOMAN GIBBS MADE THE MOTION TO HIRE 2 PEOPLE
COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR COONER SAID THAT WE NEED TO FEED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WILL BE HERE TO ASSIST US FOR THE FESTIVAL
COUNCILWOMAN GIBBS MADE THE MOTION TO SERVE FOOD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR COONER THEN STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A COMPLAINT TURNED INTO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AGAIN, THIS TIME IT WAS FOR USING GRANT MONEY
HE THEN SAID THAT THE CHARGE HAS BEEN DISMISSED AND HE HAS BEEN CLEARED OF THAT CHARGE

ALSO IT WAS ALLEGED THAT I TOOK TWO CD'S FROM ENTERPRISE BANK
I AM WAITING NOW FOR THAT CHARGE TO BE DISMISSED

COUNCILWOMAN BRYANT MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN
COUNCILWOMAN GIBBS SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION CARRIED AND MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

TOWN CLERK

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