



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
July 18, 2023, 6:30pm
South Congaree Town Hall
Council Chambers
119 West Berry Rd.
West Columbia, SC, 29172

Members in Attendance: Mayor Cindy Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry,
Councilmembers: Brian Jackson, Kitty Spires, and Jim Drennan.
Also in Attendance: Municipal Clerk Kerri Charlton, Town Attorney John Rakowsky, Chief
Josh Shumpert, Captain Chris Garner, Absent- Sergeant Chad Walker.

The public was duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present. Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Terrie Cutter of Safe Harbor Worship Center gave the invocation. The Freedom of Information Act was read by Mayor Campbell.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. June 20, 2023, Council meeting Minutes

Motion to approve June 20, 2023, minutes by Councilwoman Spires at 6:35 PM, seconded by Councilman Drennan **(6:35 PM)** No discussion.

Motion carries at 6:35 PM

- Councilman Drennan-Yea
- Councilman Jackson- Yea
- Councilwoman Spires- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry- Yea
- Mayor Campbell- Yea

B. June 27, 2023, Budget Public Hearing Minutes

Motion to approve June 27, 2023, minutes by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry at 6:36 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Spires **(6:36 PM)** No Discussion.

Motion carries at 6:36 PM

- Councilman Drennan-Abstain
- Councilman Jackson- Yea
- Councilwoman Spires- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry- Yea
- Mayor Campbell- Yea

C. June 27, 2023, Budget Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve June 27, 2023, minutes by Councilwoman Spires at 6:36 PM, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry (6:37 PM) No Discussion.

Motion carries at 6:37 PM

- Councilman Drennan-Abstain
- Councilman Jackson- Abstain
- Councilwoman Spires- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry- Yea
- Mayor Campbell- Yea

III. Departmental Reports - 6:38 PM

A. Police Reports

Chief Shumpert addressed the Council. Report includes the following items:

- A statistical report was provided to the Council.
- SRO Brand attended the active shooter training at Airport High School for surrounding agencies.
- Major Jonas and SRO Brand attended an Eight (8) hour Fentanyl training class with certification. Fentanyl is now the leading cause of overdoses in America. Narcan is provided for officer exposure and civilian overdose.
- Commendation for Officer Brooks as he made the Town's first Fentanyl trafficking case a few weeks ago. Prior to Officer Brooks's case, there was not a statute available. The Governor signed the statute into law within approximately 3 days of the arrest. The town made the first arrest under the new statute/law, for the State of South Carolina.
- The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy approved our department last week to continue to support the Reserve Program. Two reserves are still in class. This is a voluntary position. These dedicated individuals do this on their personal time and are scheduled to graduate sometime in October.
- Ms. Halter is scheduled for court July 19, 2023, on new charges.
- Sergeant Walker will be in trial court on July 24, 2023, under subpoena for the sexual assault/kidnapping case that happened approximately two (2) years ago. It involved an elderly victim and is finally going to trial.
- Rodeo-Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. They added an extra day this year. We are scheduled to have four (4) officers in attendance.
- Quotes for Axon body Cameras were sent to Council for review. Current cameras are over 10 years old and outdated. Council to review package upgrade to include eight (8) cameras, tasers and I-cloud storage (\$11,918.83 per yr.). Axon contact is Walter O'Brian out of Florida. The turnaround time is 60 to 90 days. Axon storage for in-car was not included in the price. The council requested a new Axon update to include the in-car cameras with I-cloud storage.
- Watchguard quote for Council review (\$10,035.00 per yr.). No upgraded equipment. This includes I-cloud storage for eight (8) body cameras and 5 in-car cameras. (Storage Only)
- Quotes for security systems and cameras for the Town Hall were provided for Council review.
- The Council requested the SRO become a member of the South Carolina Association of School Resource Officers and attend training and conferences provided.

B. Support Services Report 6:51 pm

Captain Garner's report included:

- The South Carolina Criminal Justice Police Department Audit is scheduled for August 3, 2023, in reference to H3050-*"The certification of a Law Enforcement Officer employed or appointed by a Public Law Enforcement Agency, so as to provide this provision applies to Law Enforcement Officers employed or appointed after July 1, 2022, to provide noncertified Law Enforcement Officers shall only perform duties as Law Enforcement Officers while accompanied by Certified Law Enforcement Officers."*
- Nine (9) Separate subject policy amendment procedures have been written under CLEA standards and submitted since last December to support the new bill H3050. Within the next six (6) to eight (8) months site visit audits referencing the Police Department Policy Manual will occur and implementation of new policies will follow. These nine (9) areas include: 1. Pursuit 2. Duty to Intervene 3. Recruit training 4. Early warning systems 5. Internal Affairs 6. Executing No-Knock search warrants 7. Use of Force 8. Hiring determination 9. Body worn cameras.
- The Ford Taurus sold on Gov Deals.
- Invest.com a 501c3 has awarded Active Shooter Titanium plates to the Town of South Congaree. This donation is approximately \$10,000 worth of equipment for our Police Department and officer safety. CEO Michael Letts is requesting a press release, date to be determined. The council will be notified by Captain Garner of that future date.
- SRO Convention is a great tool for State Updates and networking.

C. Code Enforcement Report- Sergeant Walker is out of town. No report provided.

IV. Cyber Security Update 6:56 PM

Cyber Security update from Municipal Clerk, Kerri Charlton. A virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 30, 2023, at 10:30 AM, with Mike Smith and Wilson Henry, Cyber Insurance Specialist with Fifth Wall Solutions. More information to follow.

V. Carolina Connect Update 6:57 PM

Carolina Connect Update provided by Municipal Clerk, Kerri Charlton. A representative from Carolina Connect came out and recommended the 1 GBPS as previously stated by IronLogix. Councilman Drennan clarified there are two "Hard-wired" units currently being supplied by Spectrum.

VI. Equipment Upgrades 6:59 PM

- A.** Mayor Campbell reviews the prior proposal from IronLogix for equipment Upgrades to include all proposal items i.e.-Phones, I-Cloud Storage, New Computers and Service Contract. Motion made at **7:00 PM** to accept the proposal from IronLogix, Seconded by Councilwoman Spires (**7:00 PM**). Discussion- Councilman Drennan asked if we decided not to go out for three quotes? Mayor and Councilwoman Spires replied, "Yes, this is an upgrade, not a new contract/BID. Mayor Pro-Tem asked, "What exactly are we voting on?" Mayor Campbell responded, "We are voting to accept the proposal from IronLogix to upgrade our systems, and the equipment that IronLogix services to include the

telephones. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry clarified to make sure this will include the I-cloud for Office365. We will no longer have a server in house. We will be saving all documents, etc. to the I-cloud service.

Motion Carries at 7:03 PM

- Councilman Drennan- Yea
- Councilman Jackson -Yea
- Councilwoman Spires- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry- Yea
- Mayor Campbell- Yea

B. Printers Upgrade review. Council discussed the proposals given from DPI and S.O.S., and received the third proposal from Premiere technology Group. Discussion amongst Council. Mayor Campbell asked if the Council would prefer to take the proposals home and review them, or would they like to make a motion to move forward? Councilman Drennan discussed the option for the Municipal Clerk to create a spreadsheet to include the per page cost per copy for black and white and color. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry referenced DPI and the information provided tonight is not the entire packet. Municipal Clerk, Kerri Charlton clarified, "This was just the front page, and that Council was previously provided with complete packets for review. Council was reminded the proposals were emailed to all Council members and printed for previous Council meeting. The council will place this on the next agenda for decision.

VII. Citizen Comments- None

VIII. Executive Session: entered at 7:09 pm

Mayor Campbell made the motion to enter into executive session after a five-minute recess. Seconded by Councilman Drennan. Council invites Marty and Sheri Wooten into Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session after a five-minute recess at 7:14 pm.

Motion carries at 7:09 pm- Council unanimously votes-Yea to enter.

Entered Executive Session at 7:14 pm

The council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously re-enter Regular session by remaining members at 9:31 PM. Councilman Jackson exited Executive Session at 8:33 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Drennan at **9:31 PM** for the Clerk of Court to attend the Annual Clerk of Court Conference, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry. No Discussion.

Motion Fails, Rollcall 9:32 PM:

- Councilman Drennan- Yea
- Councilwoman Spires- Nay
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry-Yea
- Mayor Campbell- Nay
- Councilman Brian Jackson- ABSENT

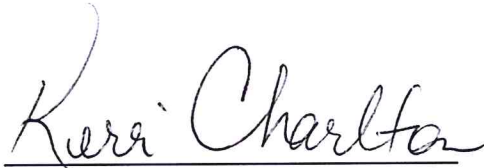
Motion made by Councilman Drennan at **9:32 PM** to move the funds in the Barn Rebuild and Festival accounts into the local Government Investment Pool, seconded by Councilwoman Spires (**9:33 PM**)

Motion carries at 9:33 PM-

- Councilman Jim Drennan-Yea
- Councilwoman Kitty Spires- Yea
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mechelle Mabry- Yea
- Mayor Cindy Campbell-Yea
- Councilman Brian Jackson- ABSENT

IX. Adjournment

The Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:34 pm.



Attested by:
Kerri Charlton,
Municipal Clerk



Approved by:
Cindy Campbell,
Mayor

9.19.2023

Date Approved