



## MINUTES

Regular Scheduled  
Council Meeting  
October 19, 2021, 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 Mabry, Council Members Jim Drennan, and Councilmember Brian Jackson**

**Members Not in Attendance: Councilmember Bob Porter**

**Also in attendance: Pastor Tom Atten of Dunn's Chapel, Bill Shanahan, Blowfish Baseball, Carol Clark, Branch librarian of South Congaree branch Pine Ridge Friends of the Library, Municipal Clerk Sharon Williams, Chief Josh Shumpert, Officer Walker, and Town Attorney John Rakowsky**

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**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 6:35 PM. A quorum was present.

Mayor Campbell led in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited Pastor Tom Atten to give invocation.

**II. Presentation- Bill Shanahan, Blowfish Baseball**

Mayor Campbell invited Bill Shanahan, Blowfish Baseball, to make a special presentation to Friends of the South Congaree-Pine Ridge Library. Mr. Shanahan shared each season the team comes up with a theme to honor different nonprofit organizations. This year the team wanted to promote Lexington County, and for the first time in the history of baseball, the team honored the towns and cities within the county. The players wore the jerseys all season long and fans bid on the jerseys during the last game against the Savannah Bananas. The jerseys raised \$400 for the Friends of the South Congaree- Pine Ridge Library. Each of the members of the Friends of the library that were present introduced themselves and Mr. Shanahan presented the check to the Friends. Mr. Shanahan stated that he was honored to be attending the town council meeting and he could sense the excitement in the room and the jersey was hanging on the wall, it says that it is our home team!

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from September 16, 2021. The motion carried.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from September 21, 2021. The motion carried.

Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from September 23, 2021. The motion carried.

**IV. First Reading Ordinance 21-006**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MODEL BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE STANDARDIZATION ACT (2020 ACT NO. 176)

Council, on the motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 21-006. The motion carried.

**V. Business Licensing Officials Association Conference**

Council, on the motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, seconded by Councilman Drennan, voted unanimously to move this agenda item to after executive session.

**VI. Town Donation**

Mayor Campbell stated at the September's council meeting Jesus Is His Name representative, Mr. Williams, asked Council to consider making a donation to the non-profit organization. Council, on the motion of Councilman Drennan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry voted unanimously to make a \$500 donation to Jesus is His Name to include a 3x8 banner. The banner will include the Town and Police Department Seals. Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry stated the town will need to provide Mr. Williams with a proof of what will be on the banner and the donation before November 1, 2021.

**VII. Reports**

Police Report- Chief Shumpert advised Council he had attended the South Carolina Police Chiefs Leadership Conference in Myrtle Beach last month. He advised the conference was very informative, and there were meetings and discussions about what other agencies were doing with modern policing. Chief Shumpert informed the Council of jury trial to be held Tuesday, October 26, 2021. The Chief also provided an update on the new fleet vehicles the department ordered. The vehicles are scheduled to arrive at the dealer's lot during the first week of November and anticipates having the vehicles delivered to the department by the end of the year. Chief Shumpert met with the Hi-Tone Fitness Manager to discuss a 5K Run or a family fun run day. They discussed doing a run along the existing sidewalks in town to help with safety. The police department plans to have a booth at the Spooktacular event Saturday. Chief Shumpert also informed Council the town needs to order approximately 400 LED bulbs for the snowflakes.

Council, on the motion on Councilman Drennan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mabry, voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 400 LED lightbulbs for the snowflakes.

Chief Shumpert asked Officer Walker to provide an update on code enforcement.

Officer Walker advised that as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 18 complaints have been received. As of today, October 19, 2021, four have been resolved, two business licenses have been obtained (one being four years without a license), (6) abandoned vehicles were towed to our lot as they refused to comply, (3) junk vehicles were removed by the

owners, and (2) illegal signs were removed. Officer Walker advised he has (1) pending case that has more time to comply from the Judge and (1) pending case that is awaiting an inspection for the home to be condemned. Officer Walker advised Council that he and Municipal Clerk Williams mailed certified letters to (18) Mobile Home Park Owners and Landlords in town as a blanket warning advising them of the ordinances that will be enforced and the ordinances that are currently in violation within the community. Officer Walker explained the first visit will be for an inspection and the tenant will receive the citation. At the second inspection, if the violation has not been corrected, both the tenant and landowner will receive a citation.

Citizens wanting to make a complaint or report an ordinance violation can complete the form now located on the town's webpage [www.townofsouthcongaree.org](http://www.townofsouthcongaree.org). The form can also be picked up in person at Town Hall. Municipal Clerk Williams advised the form is an inner-office form and will not be distributed or shared with the public. Chief Shumpert advised each complaint is investigated like a case.

**VIII. Citizens Comments**

Public comment was given by Mrs. Debbie McIver, resident of South Congaree.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Council, on the motion of Mayor Campbell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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Attested by:  
Sharon Williams,  
Municipal Clerk

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Approved by:  
Cindy Campbell,  
Mayor

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Date Approved