

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2003 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, David Walker, Betty Wells, Betty Mack, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Chief George Morris, Phyllis Overstreet, Cindy Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wedertz, Deacon Capers, Charles Ayers and a host of Scouts and Leaders.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Mr. Walker gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll with every one being present.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to approve the agenda to include an amendment of item 7 under New Business to go into executive session to discuss the salary of an employee. Mrs. Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Deacon Capers thanked Council for their continued support. He informed Council that he had been involved in scouting in Bamberg for six years and that now 37 Cub Scouts, 16 Boy Scouts and a group of Venturers was now active in his scouting program. Deacon Capers introduced the Scouts, Venturers and leaders that were present.

Mr. Walker commended Deacon Capers for his fine program.

Mrs. Wells told Deacon Capers he was doing a wonderful job.

Mr. Sandifer said you could not spend enough money on the youth of the community.

Mayor McCollum told the group that he appreciated them coming and voiced that Council was interested in the youth of the community.

Deacon Capers asked if Council would consider donating \$500.00 to each of his three units this year.

Mrs. Johnson made the motion to donate \$500.00 to each unit this year. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Paul Sandifer and Shanika Dukes had not shown up at this time.

Mr. Charles Ayers informed Council that he was not pleased to come before Council with a situation. Mr. Ayers told Council that a home had burned to the ground on Wren Street because hydrants were not present in the area. He said it was sad to live in the city limits but yet have no hydrants within 200 feet of your home. Mr. Ayers asked Council to please have hydrants placed in the Wren Street area.

Mayor McCollum appointed Mr. Walker and the Fire Commission to look into the problem and asked Clerk Watson if he knew the procedures for placing hydrants within the City.

Clerk Watson informed Council that he knew the BPW placed and controlled the hydrants within the City but that he was not sure who paid for the placing of the hydrants.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that he had talked to Manager Ellis of the BPW who was willing to work with Council in anyway to get hydrants in the area.

Councilman Walker informed Council that he had looked at the Wren Street area today and voiced that hydrants needed to be placed in the area. He felt the whole town needed to be looked at to see where hydrants were needed.

Mayor McCollum asked Councilman Walker and Mr. Ayers to go to the BPW Commissioners to see what could be done and then to report back to Council with a proposal.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2003 meeting as received. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Wells made the motion to approve the Budget and Finance Reports. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Commission Reports.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the Bamberg City Economic Development Commission had discussed several projects that were in the mill today. He told Council the B.C. Moores building would open November 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Sandifer reported that road work is being done at the Cross Rhodes Park along with entrance work and signage for the property. He informed Council that several prospects were looking at the park and that they really looked good.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that vandals hit the Ness Complex again but that the problems had been corrected. He told Council that the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall would be located at the Ness Complex starting October 17<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Mr. Al Palmer for his time, energy and dedicated work in getting the Wall to Bamberg. Councilman Sandifer highlighted the event.

Councilperson Johnson informed Council that Leroy Chapman had been hired as the new Police officer and that Officer Stokes had resigned. She told Council that the Police Commission was in the process of hiring another officer.

Councilperson Wells informed Council that the new Sanitation Department employee was working out very well. She told Council that she would see that trash cans were placed at the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall event.

Councilperson Foster reported to Council that business licenses were still coming in.

Under New Business.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the agreement for electronic access to the SC Retirement System. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to reappoint Mr. Carl Barnwell, Mr. Harry Hiott, and Mr. Jimmy Still to the Bamberg Board of Adjustment and Appeals for another four year term. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-09 making it unlawful to park tractor trailer rigs in residential districts. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum appointed all the ladies on Council to serve as the Christmas Dinner Committee.

Councilperson Foster informed Council that there was a need to amend the Zoning Ordinance to specify that Bed and Breakfast Facilities could be used for meeting and social activities.

Councilperson Johnson asked her to define social activities.

Councilperson Foster said social activities meant activities like wedding receptions and bridge parties.

Councilperson Wells made the motion to have ordinance drawn up to amend the zoning ordinance to allow meeting and social activities to be held at Bed and Breakfast Facilities. Councilperson Johnson made the second.

Councilman Sandifer mentioned that parking needed to be considered in the amendment.

All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to donate \$500.00 to the Wild Game Supper for 2003. Councilperson Foster made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilman Walker made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the salary of an employee. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to come out of the executive session. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

With no further business, Councilperson Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk

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Mayor