

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BAMBERG CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, Betty Wells, Betty Mack, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Phyllis Overstreet, Cindy Nichols, and Alex Boykin.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Councilperson Wells gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present except Councilman Walker who he said had called to say that he was not feeling well.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting as received. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The Budget and Finance reports were approved as received after Clerk Watson explained why the professional services and community promotion line items were well exceeding their budgeted amounts.

Under Commission Reports.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the Ness Sports Complex had received a complete overhaul. He told Council that the dugouts, the concession stand, the restrooms and the storage building had received new metal roofs.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the soccer program was underway in which 200 to 300 kids would be participating this year. He praised Bob and Cindy Hurst for coaching and financing such a great program.

Councilman Sandifer said the summer baseball program would begin in six weeks.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the addition for the Police Department was still on hold and said he needed more time. He asked Council to be patient and said the project would be completed.

Councilperson Johnson had no police report but said she would have a one hour report at the next meeting.

Councilman Sandifer giving a Fire Department report, informed Council that a folding door track at the Fire Department had been patched by a door company from Columbia which attributed to an accident in which a pane of glass fell out of the door striking the 2003 pumper tanker truck. He explained that the door track had been patched which

created the hazard. Councilman Sandifer told Council that the door company was notified and that they had returned the next day with a new track but informed him they would not be doing any future work for the City. Councilman Sandifer told Council some damage was done to the truck and that action against the door company may be taken at a later date.

Councilperson Wells reported that everything was running smoothly in the Sanitation Department.

Councilperson Mack had no report.

Councilperson Foster reported that there were several new businesses opening in Bamberg.

Under Old Business.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 04-09 setting a curfew. Councilperson Mack made the second. All agreed. The motion carried.

Councilman Foster made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 04-10 dealing with drug paraphernalia. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 04-11 prohibiting urination and defecation in public view. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Mack made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-01 prohibiting the drinking and carrying of alcoholic beverages on certain public and private areas. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum asked Clerk Watson to explain his findings on how confiscated monies were handled in other cities.

Clerk Watson informed Council that in Barnwell and Orangeburg all confiscated monies were turned over to the Clerk/Treasurer within 24 hours but that Hampton let the Police Department handle all their fine and confiscated monies. Clerk Watson said it was basically up to the individual town as to how their monies should be handled.

Councilperson Johnson said she felt that all monies should go through the Clerk/Treasurer and she said she didn't want to hear that we had been doing it this way for forever.

Councilperson Foster said she agreed.

Councilman Sandifer saying that people would be looking at Council said they needed to be above board. He said he got the impression that the Police Department didn't want Council involved.

Mayor McCollum asked Council where do we start and stop with regards to concession and confiscated monies.

Councilman Sandifer said they were not concerned with monies from drink and cracker machines.

Councilperson Foster said they should be addressing only ticket and confiscated monies.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion that a policy be drawn up stating that all confiscated monies must go to the Clerk/Treasurer within 24 hours. Councilperson Foster made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under New Business.

Mayor McCollum read the proposed Sesquicentennial Proclamation.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the Sesquicentennial Proclamation. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-02 to sell property and grant a right of way easement to the SCDOT. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson, saying the Shalom Zone Mission Cottage was a wonderful program which served alot of children, made the motion to donate \$500.00 to the Shalom Mission Cottage, Inc. Councilperson Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

After Phyllis Overstreet explained the request from Bamberg School District One for \$500.00 to match a Presidential Freedom Scholarship for a junior or senior, Councilman Sandifer said he had some reservations about a donation. Councilman Sandifer said the scholarship was wonderful but that the donation would be going to one individual and not to a group of individuals which he considered not being a community promotion donation since the community would not be promoted as a whole. He informed Council that the City had received a 1985 request from the Old Friends Scholarship Program but denied the request because the scholarship was for one person. Councilman Sandifer voiced that the community promotion line item was used to give donations to the Wild Game Supper, the scout troops, the Shalom Zone, the Harvest Food Bank, the Christmas Parade, and the Fire Prevention Program because they served many people. Councilman Sandifer said scholarship donations would be getting away from community promotions and would get the City in trouble in the future when others came to ask for scholarship donations. He said taxpayers should not sponsor scholarships.

Councilperson Johnson said Councilman Sandifer was right and that she agreed with him.

Councilperson Foster asked if the City could contribute a small amount with the rest coming from others.

Councilman Sandifer said Council would still be prioritizing an individual.

Councilperson Foster said she agreed.

Some of the Councilmembers said they would be willing to donate personally to the scholarship.

Councilman Sandifer made the motion to reject the scholarship request from Bamberg School District One. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the announcements, Mayor McCollum announced that three grand openings were held for businesses this week.

Councilperson Foster announced that on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. a reception would be held at the Hooten Black House celebrating Black History Month.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Clerk

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Mayor