

REGULAR MEETING OF BAMBERG CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Frances Johnson, David Walker, Betty Wells, Betty Mack and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Adam Willis, Nellie Roberson, Chief George Morris, Cindy Nichols, and Phyllis Overstreet.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Mrs. Johnson gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present except Mr. Sandifer who he said was out of town.

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

Clerk Watson gave the results of the General Election of April 8, 2003 as certified by the Bamberg County Election Committee. He reported that Mrs. Betty Mack was re-elected as Councilperson for District I, that Mrs. Frances Johnson was re-elected as Councilperson for District II, that Mr. David Walker was re-elected as Councilman for District III and that Mr. Bob Clary was re-elected as Commissioner of the BPW. A copy of the results of the election was made a part of the minutes.

Clerk Watson then presented the oath of office to Mr. Walker, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Mack.

Mayor McCollum congratulated them on their re-election to Council.

Mayor McCollum began the Public Hearing to receive comments from the public concerning proposed Ordinance 03-03 to rezone the property of Mr. Adam Willis from R-2 to R-3. With no comments from the audience, Mayor McCollum closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Mack made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2003 meeting as received. Mr. Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Wells made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2003 meeting as received. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Walker made the motion to approve the Budget and Finance Report as presented. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Commission Reports:

Mr. Walker reported that Mr. Sandifer had said that the recreation program was running smoothly.

Mrs. Johnson asked Chief Morris to report on the Police Department. Chief Morris informed Council that Wayne Hughes had been given a clean bill of health concerning his junked cars. Chief Morris reported that Mr. Hughes had moved his junked cars and that they now have a good working relationship.

Chief Morris informed Council that he is working on the junk car problem at the east end of town. He told Council that the Police Commission would be meeting next week to begin interviewing for the new officer. Chief Morris informed Council that his officers have begun a new program in which they will visit all the merchants every thirty days.

Mayor McCollum commended Chief Morris on his handling of the junk car problem.

Mrs. Wells reported that the Sanitation Department has been cutting grass despite the rain. She urged Council and the City to get involved with the Palmetto Pride and litter efforts in order to address our litter problem. Mrs. Wells commended the Police Department and Sanitation Department on how they were dealing with the litter problem.

Mr. Walker thanked Chief Morris for addressing the problem on Pentecostal Street which he said looked very good.

Under Old Business:

Mrs. Foster made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 03-02 to rezone the property of June and Jimmy Still from R-2 to OI. Mrs. Mack made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum informed Council that two SCDOT Officials and one Federal Highway Official met with business owners and property owners on April 7th to discuss the proposed Highway 301 Widening Project. He said everyone came away from the meeting pleased. Mayor McCollum reminded Council of the Public Hearing that will be held on April 24th from 4:00 p.m until 6:00 p.m. at the Richard Carroll Elementary School. He said the purpose of the hearing would be to gather public input and to once again view the plans for the project.

Under New Business:

Council received the recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning Ordinance 03-03 in which they recommended rezoning the property of Mr. Adam Willis to R-3.

Mr. Walker made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-03 to rezone the property of Mr. Adam Willis to R-3. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum appointed Mr. Sandifer, Mrs. Mack, and Mrs. Wells as the 2003-2004 Budget Committee and also appointed Mr. Sandifer as the chairman of the committee.

Clerk Watson explained to Council that Bamberg Medical Supplies was asking to be allowed to place a sign on the side of the Old Barber Shop Building which the City is leasing to them with the intent to sell. During the discussion, Mr. Walker asked if the City could stipulate that the sign must be removed if they didn't purchase the building. Mrs. Johnson voiced that she felt they were going to purchase the building and that she saw no problem with the sign going on the side of the building.

Mrs. Johnson then made the motion to allow Bamberg Medical Supplies to place a sign on the side of the Barber Shop Building contingent upon the City approving the sign beforehand. Mr. Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the announcements, Mrs. Johnson reminded Council of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments meeting in Tourville which is in Orangeburg County. Mrs. Foster reminded Council that on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. the Historical Society of Bamberg and the Heritage Corridor Society would be hosting a wine and cheese drop-in at Simms Plantation.

Mrs. Nellie Roberson asked if Council would be present during the SCDOT Public Hearing. She went on to say that DHEC Officials would be present to discuss the need for the Highway Department to maintain the outfall ditches that carry the water out of town. She said the ditches needed to be kept open from the likes of beavers.

Mayor McCollum informed Mrs. Roberson that Council has been invited to the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor of Bamberg