

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2002 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, David Walker, Betty Wells, Betty Mack and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Chief George Morris, Fire Chief Timmie Taylor, Phyllis Overstreet, Cindy Nichols, Rita Sease, Virgie Bamberg, Mary Crosby, Arlene Sease, Blair Crosby, Franklin Bamberg, Trena Crosby, George Rowe, and Mr. Smalls.

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

Clerk Watson took the roll with everyone being present except Mrs. Frances Johnson who he said had a sister who was very ill.

Mr. Sandifer made the motion to approve the agenda to include amendments to discuss a request from the Shalom Zone Mission Cottage and to discuss the bid proposals for the pumper tanker fire truck. Mrs. Foster made the second. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum opened the meeting into a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed Ordinance 02-18 to amend the zoning text. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor McCollum brought the public hearing to a close.

Mayor McCollum then opened the meeting into a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed Ordinance 02-20 to rezone an area on Binnicker Bridge Road to R-3.

Mr. George Rowe told Council he was not allowed to move a trailer onto his property in the area and Council made no attempt to rezone his property at that time.

Mr. Walker informed Mr. Rowe that his home was not a doublewide manufactured home and that his lot was not large enough. He explained that this was why Council never considered the rezoning process.

Clerk Watson explained the certain criteria that must still be met for doublewide manufactured homes even if the area is rezoned to R-3.

With no further public comments, the hearing was brought to a close.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to donate \$500.00 to the Shalom Zone Mission Cottage. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2002 meeting once they were amended to read that Mrs. Foster had been appointed to the Christmas Dinner Committee and not Mrs. Mack. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

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

Under Commission Reports:

Mr. Sandifer reported that the Little League Football Program had been completed and said the program was a huge success. He thanked all the coaches and volunteers who were involved in the program.

Mr. Walker reported to Council that proposals had been received for the new pumper tanker. He explained that the proposals of \$132,000.00 and \$137,734.00 were lower than the proposal of \$150,000.00 but that the higher proposal had everything the department needed. He recommended going with the higher proposal.

Chief Timmie Taylor explained to Council that he and Assistant Chief Sandifer spent hours comparing the proposals and decided it was in the best interest of the Fire Department to go with the proposal from Slagel Fire Equipment and Services of \$150,000.00. He said the lower proposals were not really what they needed.

Mr. Walker then made the motion to accept the proposal by Slagel Fire Equipment & Services of \$150,000.00 for the new pumper tanker. Mrs. Foster made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Walker informed Council that he had walked with Mr. Peay behind Mrs. Driggers property between Calhoun Street and Highway 301 and that he noticed many problems with drainage in the area. He explained that water from Fred's is now joining water from Highway 301 to drain across Calhoun Street through the Edisto Electric Coop property to Lemon Swamp. Mr. Walker said SCDOT cleared out the main ditch behind Mrs. Driggers only to pile the dirt on the edge of the ditch, blocking the drainage behind Mrs. Driggers to the main ditch. He said the culvert pipe under Calhoun Street is too high to allow the water to cross Calhoun Street and has now caused the water to pool in the ditch. Mr. Walker said SCDOT has not kept the maiden cane clear of the pipe which is also causing a major drainage problem in the area.

Mr. Walker informed Council that he has talked to Engineer Gene Cooner who continues to argue that the ditch will flow. Mr. Walker voiced that the ditch will not flow in its present state.

Mr. Walker said he talked to Mr. Cooner a month ago about the problems who said he may need to redirect the water around the Edisto Electric Coop. Property.

Mr. Walker said Mr. Hughes' birm was a disaster waiting to happen and insisted that Mr. Hughes wanted to be arrogant about it. Mr. Walker said the birm must come down.

Chief Morris explained to Council that Mr. Hughes would be served papers next week to remove his junked automobiles.

Mrs. Foster said the resident engineer could advise Council about the berm and ditch.

Mr. Sandifer said Mr. Hughes has not enhanced the property.

Chief Morris informed Council that he spent an hour with Mr. Hughes counting his junked automobiles and looking at the ditches behind Mrs. Driggers. He explained that once Mrs. Hughes is served that he would have fifteen days to appeal to Council. Chief Morris informed Council that Mr. Hughes says he is not going to comply.

Mr. Sandifer pointed out that the main problem was with the junkyard.

Mayor McCollum saying the ditches must be addressed, appointed Mr. Walker, Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Foster to come back to Council with a recommendation next time concerning the ditches.

Mr. Walker informed Council that bushes on Rutland Street needed cutting since they were causing a blind spot. He also said several homes needed to be looked at on the street since they were really not liveable.

Mayor McCollum asked Mr. Walker to contact DSS concerning the living conditions of the homes.

Mrs. Wells reported that the Sanitation Department has been busy with routine cleaning. She informed Council that traps have been set on Calhoun Street.

Mr. Walker asked Chief Morris if he looked at the unkept property of the Jordans on Calhoun Street.

Chief Morris explained that a finance company from out of town owned the property and that the City may be forced to clean the property and then place a lien on it.

Mrs. Foster reported that Chief Morris was working on delinquent business license holders. Chief Morris informed Council that eight delinquent license holders have been summoned to the next City Court.

Under Old Business.

Mr. Walker made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 02-17. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 02-19. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Wells informed Council that the Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2002 at Frye's Restaurant.

Mayor McCollum urged all the department heads to urge their personnel to attend the event.

Under New Business.

Council received no recommendation from the Planning Commission on Ordinance 02-18. Clerk Watson explained that the Planning Commission has scheduled two meetings but has yet to have a quorum present.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-18 to amend the Zoning Text. Mr. Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Council received no recommendation from the Planning Commission on Ordinance 02-20.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 02-20 to rezone an area on Binnicker Bridge Road to R-3. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Wells made the motion to approve the agreement with Bamberg County to conduct building inspection services for the City of Bamberg. Mrs. Mack made the second. Mr. Sandifer asked if the City's Board of Adjustments and Appeals would still be utilized. Clerk Watson explained that they would be used.

All approved of the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Sandifer made the motion to donate \$500.00 to this year's Wild Game Banquet. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Sandifer made the motion to approve the parade permit for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 7, 2002. Mrs. Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mrs. Wells made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Foster made the motion to come out of the executive session. Mrs. Mack made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum announced that no actions had been taken in executive session.

Mrs. Foster urged Council to remember that today was Veterans Day.

Mr. Sandifer, saying that the Tobuls have always been a big supporter of the City of Bamberg, urged Mayor McCollum to send a letter of sympathy to the Tobul Family in the death of Mr. Joe Tobul last Sunday.

Mayor McCollum agreed to send a letter and to also send flowers on behalf of Council and the City.

During questions from the press and audience, Phyllis Overstreet thanked Council for donating to the First Steps Program. She urged them to attend their meeting on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Richard Carroll Primary School.

Mr. Franklin Bamberg voiced that nothing is being done about the drainage along Calhoun Street. He said the pipe under Calhoun Street is three feet too high to allow water to cross the street. He urged Council to enforce their ordinances and said they must not let anyone go against their ordinances.

Mayor McCollum informed Mr. Bamberg that he wrote Mr. Gene Cooner of the SCDOT about the drainage problems.

Mr. Walker voiced that nothing has been done and said something is not right.

Mr. Bamberg said the ditches must also be cleaned of trash temporarily to keep them open.

Chief Morris informed Council that Rockland has begun to clean up their warehouses on Calhoun Street. He explained that dealing with large numbers of junked cars owned by a business has never been done in Bamberg. He explained to Council and the citizens the process that must be followed to comply with the ordinance.

With no further business, Mr. Sandifer made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor of Bamberg