

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum.

COUNCILPERSONS: Buddy Sandifer, Frances Johnson, David Walker, Alex Boykin, Betty Mack, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Phyllis Overstreet, Jerry Durgan, Phyllis Schwarting, Ann Boykin, Dutch Boykin, Terry Still, Fire Chief Timmie Taylor, Paul Sandifer, Anthony Haddock, and Buck Fralick.

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

Clerk Watson reported to Council the results of the April 5, 2005 election. He told them Mr. Alton McCollum was elected as Mayor, Mr. Buddy Sandifer was elected as Councilman for District 6, Mrs. Nancy Foster was elected as Councilperson for District 5 with Mr. Alex Boykin, Jr. being elected as Councilman for District 4. Clerk Watson informed Council that Mr. Carl Kilgus was elected as Commissioner for the Board of Public Works.

Councilperson Johnson made the motion that Councilman Sandifer serve as Mayor Protem again. Councilperson Mack made the second. Council unanimously approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum made the appointments to the various City Commissions in which Councilman Boykin was appointed a Chairman of the Public Building, Parks, and Franchise Commission, Councilman Sandifer was appointed as Chairman of the Police and Economic Development Commission, Councilman Walker was appointed as Chairman of the Fire Department and Rescue Commission, Councilperson Johnson was appointed as Chairperson of the Sanitation and Chamber of Commerce Commission, Councilperson Foster was appointed as Chairperson of the License Commission and Councilperson Mack was appointed as Chairperson of the Insurance Commission. A sheet listing the appointments to each Commission was given to Council and has been made a part of the minutes.

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

Councilman Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2005 meeting as received. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilman Walker made the motion to approve the Budget and Finance Reports as presented. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Commission Reports.

Councilman Sandifer told Council that he had served as Chairman of the Public Buildings, Parks and Franchise Commission for 12 years and that the Commission was

like a second wife to him. He said he loved doing the work and looked forward to working with the new Chairman Alex Boykin.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the Coaches' Supper was held last Thursday in which 75 volunteers attended. He said at present around 450 kids had registered for the summer baseball program. He explained that registration fees for out of county participants had been increased last year.

Councilman Sandifer informed Council that the BCEDC had met that morning and that the Widening 301 Project was still on going. He said money was tight but that something was still in the mill.

Councilperson Johnson informed Council that she had enjoyed serving as Chairperson of the Police Commission for the last 4 years. She said she looked forward to working with the men in the Sanitation Department.

Councilman Walker informed Council that new officers were elected for the Fire Department last Thursday night.

Chief Timmie Taylor informed Council that Terry Still was elected as the Captain of the Red Team with Buck Fralick elected as the Lieutenant. He said Anthony Haddock was elected as Captain of the Blue Team with Keith Black elected as the Lieutenant. Chief Taylor said Paul Sandifer was elected as the Secretary and Fire Prevention Officer.

Chief Taylor also informed Council that Engineer Paul Eubanks was back on duty after completing his military tour. He said the full staff of three engineers were now on duty.

Councilman Boykin told Council that he was looking forward to serving on Council. He said Bamberg was fortunate to have such good people on Council who were willing to serve. Councilman Boykin said he also wanted to help.

Councilperson Foster reported that business license collections were on track at this time and that renewal notices would be going out soon.

Under Old Business.

Clerk Watson explained in detail Section 44-53-530 of State Law and the Supreme Court of SC Order concerning confiscated property and money. He said that Chief Morris and his department were doing everything according to state law and the Supreme Court's Order. Clerk Watson then recommended that Council not have the second reading of Ordinance 05-03 since it would be in violation of state law and the order from the SC Supreme Court.

Councilman Sandifer made the motion that Council not have the second reading of Ordinance 05-03. Councilperson Mack made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Ordinance 05-03 died from the lack of a second reading.

Under New Business.

After Mayor McCollum informed Council that Mrs. Jackie Smith was willing to be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeal, Councilperson Foster made the motion to reappoint Mrs. Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another four year term. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Mayor McCollum explained to Council that the City of Bamberg had requested a grant for two generators for the school and one generator for City Hall as part of the Bamberg County Mitigation Plan. He said it was important that now the City go on record as approving the Bamberg County Mitigation Plan in order to become eligible for disaster relief and also to receive the grant if awarded.

Councilman Sandifer asked if the grant would be a matching grant.

Mayor McCollum said it was too early to decide if the grant would be a matching one.

Councilman Sandifer voiced concerns that the City may end up putting generators in the school utilizing City money. He said the schools were county schools and not City schools.

Councilperson Foster voiced that the City would be using the school as an emergency shelter.

Councilperson Johnson informed Council that the generator would be purchased with a grant administrated by the LSCOG. She said the City would own the generators and would be responsible for them.

Mayor McCollum assured Council that he would get clarification as to who would own the generators.

Councilman Sandifer said it was a fine line between county responsibilities and the responsibilities of the City of Bamberg.

Councilperson Foster made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-1 adopting the Bamberg County Mitigation Plan. Councilperson Johnson made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Councilperson Mack made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the settlement of a legal claim. Councilman Walker made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

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

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

During the announcements, Councilperson Foster reminded Council that the William Gilmore Sims Celebration would be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at the plantation.

Mayor McCollum informed Council that Councilperson Caldwell from Ehrhardt was pushing for the county to adopt an additional one cent sales tax to pay for special projects throughout the county. Mayor McCollum said if Council was interested that they could discuss it at the next meeting.

Paul Sandifer informed Council that Bamberg County Fire Departments were receiving 2,500 smoke detectors and that the Bamberg Fire Department would be involved in installing detectors free of charge to anyone who contacted the department. Mr. Sandifer also informed Council that Bamberg County had the highest incidence of fire related deaths in the state.

Council felt the program was wonderful.

Councilperson Johnson reminded Council that the LSCOG would be holding a meeting on Thursday night at the Aiken Coop Building located on Highway 302.

Councilperson Foster informed Council that the Miss Sesquicentennial Pageant which was scheduled for April 30th had been rescheduled for the first weekend in May.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor