

TOWN OF AYNOR

Regular Council Meeting
March 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Councilman Michael Dorman, Councilwoman Paula Floyd, Councilwoman Lori Beatty, Councilman Landon Johnson, and Mayor Gardner were present.

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order. Councilman Johnson gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Gardner asked for a motion to approve the agenda Councilman Dorman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Beatty seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Dorman motioned to approve minutes from February 27, 2024, Councilwoman Floyd seconded, and motion passed. Councilwoman Beatty motioned to approve the minutes from March 5, 2024. Councilwoman Floyd seconded, and the motion passed.

In Discussion: A.) Mayor Gardner read a prepared statement regarding the Horry Independent Article. B.) Councilwoman Beatty explained that Coffee with Council was a great time. There was a good crowd, and they plan to keep doing it. C.) Mayor Gardner requested that Council meet again next week to look at the Town Manager resumes together to narrow down the candidates to 3 for interview. There are about 10 applicants. D.) Mayor Gardner reported that Jeremy Jackson with SCDOT had sent an email saying there had been a hold up with the 12th Ave repairs. GSWS should have the sewer line issue resolved and the project should be completed soon. E.) Mayor Gardner explained the cost of the south side drainage project cost estimate has come back at \$1,700,000. We were given \$650,000 from Rep. Jeff Johnson and some ARP money, but the budget will be tight. F.) Town Planner, Jessica Hucks explained the City of Conway food truck ordinance. She explained the different categories and requirements as well as the need to protect brick and mortar establishments. Ms. Floyd asked if there were any vendors in the audience. They confirmed that is what they have to do in Conway and other municipalities.

Financial and police reports were included in the packets. Chief Elvis explained his newest officer has graduated from the police academy and is currently doing his FTO. When completed, it will put 3 officers on the road and the other 3 officers are SRO's. Mayor Gardner reported that he wanted to appoint Chris Shelley and Steve Riggins to the Board of Zoning Appeals. There are 2 vacancies on the Planning and Zoning commission and 2 vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Could council also provide 2 nominations?

In Public Comments: Rosemary McQueen and Phyllis Morrison were present to express their concerns over the park project.

Business Items: A.) First Reading: Ordinance 2024-01 Amendment to Article II- Definitions and Article IX – Permitted Uses, of the Town of Aynor Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Requirements for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) and Associated Equipment. Ms. Floyd motioned to deny second reading and Mr. Johnson seconded. After discussion, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Floyd withdrew the motion and second. Ms. Beatty then motioned to table the reading and Mr. Johnson seconded. B.) Second Reading: Rezone PIN (235-09-02-0010) from the Highway Business (B-2) District to the Low-Density Residential (R-1) District. Ms. Beatty voted to approve the first reading. Mr. Dorman seconded, and the motion passed. C.) Mr. Dorman motioned to approve proceeding with the south side drainage project. Ms. Floyd seconded and the motion to proceed was approved. D.) Mayor Gardner explained that even after taking out the bocce ball courts, we do not have the funds to put in the swings and some of the other things previously discussed. Mayor Gardner asked former Mayor Robbie Taylor to gather the beautification committee and make recommendations regarding the landscaping details. Mr. Taylor was present and agreed. Mayor Gardner asked for a motion to get a cost estimate for basketball courts. Ms. Beatty motioned to approve, and Ms. Floyd gave second. Motion approved.

Having no further business, Mr. Dorman motioned to adjourn, and Ms. Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Laurie A. Snel
Clerk

4/23/24
Date

John Gardner
Mayor - John Gardner

Landon Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem - Landon Johnson

Council - Lori Beatty

Michael Dorman
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Paula C. Floyd
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