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Allen Harrison
Frenchie Smalls

Stephen L. (Steve) Jowers, Sr.

Town of Blackville
Regular Town Council Meeting
Blackville Community Center, 19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue
Blackville, South Carolina
Minutes
Monday, December 21, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Blackville's Town Council was called to order by Mayor Michael L. Beasley at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020, at the Blackville Community Center.

Next Agenda Item: Invocation

Mayor Beasley asked Councilmember Frederick Orr, give the invocation, and remember Pastor Dennis Pernell and the community in his prayers.

Next Agenda Item: Roll Call

Mayor Michael L. Beasley, Council Members Present: Kelvin Isaac, Frenchie Smalls, Frederick B. Orr, M. Ann Pernell, and Allen Harrison. Councilmember Stephen L. Jowers, Sr., was absent due to recovering from knee surgery. After roll call Mayor Beasley stated that we do have a quorum to conduct tonight's meeting.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976-30-4-80 (e) as amended the following were notified of the meeting: The Barnwell People Sentinel, The Times and Democrat and Town Attorney Miles Loadholt.

Next Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda

Mayor Beasley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. There was a motion by Councilmember Isaac with a second by Council Members Orr and Smalls, to accept the agenda as presented.

For: All

Against: None

Next Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Mayor Beasley then stated that council had received the minutes of November 16, 2020 in their packets. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. There was a motion by Councilmember Smalls with a second by Councilmember Isaac to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting.

For: All

Against: None

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Next Agenda Item: Financials

Mayor Beasley stated that council had received a copy of the financial statement in their packets. He stated that we are within budget and he commended the department heads and staff for maintaining their departments' budget. He said if council had any line item questions at a later time, they should feel free to contact him or the town clerk.

Next Agenda Item: Public Comments

There were not public comments

Business:

a. Recognition of Community Support Citizen Mrs. Lil Stoltzfus

Mayor Beasley asked Mrs. Stoltzfus to come forward front and center. He stated to council that Mrs. Lil always does a lot of things in our community. He said, he wanted to take this opportunity to give her a token of his appreciation for all that she does. He said that so very often he finds that she goes ahead and does things without being asked to do them. He said that he truly appreciates her dedication to the town. Mrs. Stoltzfus was presented a framed certificate and a gift card. Mrs. Stoltzfus said her goal is to make Blackville a better place.

b. Reappointment to Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Kevin Faust

Mayor Beasley asked for a motion from council to reappoint Mr. Kevin Faust to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Blackville. There was a motion by Councilmember Isaac with a second by Councilmember Harrison to reappoint Mr. Kevin Faust to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

For: All

Against: None

c. Community Information Update – Mayor Michael Beasley

Mayor Beasley informed members of council and those in attendance of the following announcements and had the following acknowledgements:

Mrs. Daphne Wood donated the Christmas Tree to the town, she works in the IT Department with District 19. If you see her, thank her for the beautiful donation. Ms. Patricia Voyles has donated mask to the staff at town hall for their safety and she also attends most all the council meetings. Also, Ms. Nancy Robinson.

He thanked Daniel's Pharmacy for allowing the Go Get Tested COVID-19 testing site, behind the old Willie's Hardware Store to use their electricity for the computer that's needed to process the test.

He informed council and the citizens that garbage pick-up will remain the same as the normal weekly pick-up for the holidays Christmas, and New Year's (Wednesday and Thursday)

Town Hall will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday December 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Also, January 1, 2021.

The Regular Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 due to the Martin Luther King Day Holiday. He also informed everyone that the February council meeting would be held on the third Tuesday due to President's Day.

Next Agenda Item: Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Council Comments

Councilmember Frenchie Smalls thanked Mrs. Stoltzfus for the wonderful job she has been doing, and congratulated her on receiving the certificate. She thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and she wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Councilmember M. Ann Pernell Congratulated Mrs. Stoltzfus, and thanked her for the many years of service to the Town of Blackville. She thanked Ms. Voyles for her donation and attendance to the meetings. Councilmember Pernell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and she asked everyone to be safe as they celebrate.

Councilmember Kelvin Isaac stated that though we have met many challenges through the year 2020, we are still here. And for that reason, I would hope that we will remain hopeful. I do want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I heard earlier that Mrs. Lil has initiative. We thank you for your initiative, we need lots more of that. And it was also said that you have given exceptional service and that's true. You said you do these things because you want Blackville to be a better place, and you do make Blackville a better place, because you do the things that you do. Thank you and Happy Holidays to everyone.

Councilmember Allen Harrison said he too wanted to thank Mrs. Lil for what she does. Every little bit helps. We do appreciate all that you have done over the years for the town. I also appreciate all of the other names that have been called out also for what you do. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Frederick Orr thanked Ms. Voyles for desiring to protect the ladies in the office by giving them the mask. He thanked Mrs. Lil and said, when I came to Blackville thirty-two years ago, I saw you and you were planting plants then, and I said to myself that lady is really something. And after thirty-two years you are still planting plants. Please know that we appreciate all the you do. I appreciate everyone coming out tonight, and I appreciate all that our staff and our workers do.

Mayor's Comments

He said that he is looking forward to 2021 and the great things that will be happening for Blackville. He stated that Councilmember Isaac will be submitting a Main Street Grant to revitalize the downtown area. He asked that everyone continue to work together to make Blackville a better place to live. He thanked all of the town's employees for the great job they have done during the year. Town hall staff, the Police Department and Public Works Department, he commended them on how well they have serviced our citizens.

He said that he truly appreciates working with the council that he has and how well we work together. He thanked Jonathan for the great job he does with the People's Sentinel paper for getting

the information out to the community, he said that it is such an important job. He thanked Ms. Voyles for the donation and coming out to the meetings.

He said soon the census numbers will be released and he is hoping the numbers will have increased, because this can affect the funds coming from the state to our town.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that we look around to see if anyone may need assistance to have a good holiday.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was a motion from Councilmember Isaac with a second from Council Members Orr and Smalls to adjourn the meeting.

For: All

Against: None

Respectfully submitted by:

Inell W. Waring
Town Clerk