



TOWN OF WILLISTON

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Mayor Rivers opened the Public Hearing regarding rezoning of Mr. Sam Holmes property and Mr. James Rutledge property at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Neely explained the rezoning requests and noted that the Planning Commission had approved both rezoning. With no public comments, Mayor Rivers closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Prior to the beginning of the Council meeting, Councilwoman Matthews offered an invocation and Councilman Benjamin led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rivers called the regular September 2008 Council meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and declared that a quorum of Council was present. The Mayor and Council members Benjamin, Holmes, Matthews, Baxley and Frederick were present along with Administrator Scott Neely. Councilman Widener was out of town.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes for the August, 2008 meetings as presented. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

Councilman Benjamin made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as information with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor.

Public Forum:

- Ms. Cynthia D. Pauling spoke concerning the hours of operation for commercial establishments with on-premises consumption of alcohol. She stated that Lucky Spot would prefer to close at 3:00 a.m. and asked that the Town purchase a decimal meter to monitor noise levels when a complaint is received.
- Mr. Gary McAfee spoke concerning Police Chief Kaney not being allowed to run his department, littering, and need for the Town to replace water lines. He also stated that our animal control officer, Bill Krause, be placed on a full time status and that since messages were not being given to Mr. Krause he wanted reimbursement of \$400 for his dog being mauled by animals running loose.
- Mr. Sam Holmes spoke concerning the rezoning of his property to allow for an ice cream stand to be set up.
- Ms. Phyllis Phillips (Sam's Club) spoke concerning hours of operation and that closing at 2:00 a.m. would be observed if that was what the ordinance stated.

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SAMMIE L. BAXLEY PHIL FREDERICK JERRY HOLMES MILTON WIDENER WANDA B. MATTHEWS MICHAEL BENJAMIN

- Ms. Carolyn Hickson spoke concerning hours of operation and that tickets issued by the police department be dismissed and clubs be allowed to stay open after 2:00 .am. because there was no ordinance in place.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The agenda was approved.

Agenda:

- Mr. Roger Riley, Barnwell County EDC addressed Council concerning hurricane preparedness and the three shelters within the County (Barnwell, Blackville and Williston). Since the Barnwell shelter was the largest of the three that the County would open a shelter in Barnwell if needed for evacuation. He also stated that individuals should plan to be in a shelter before the evacuees from other locations arrive in Barnwell County.
- County Councilman Freddie Houston updated Council on the Community Center Project and presented drawings of the exterior and interior for Council's information. Plans are moving forward for getting funding and a community meeting will be held on September 23 to advise the public on plans for the Project. He asked Council to consider a donation toward this Project. Councilman Benjamin made a motion to accept his presentation as information with a second by Councilman Matthews. All voted in favor.
- Ordinance 2008-06 (Hours of Operation for Commercial Establishments with On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol) – Mr. Neely presented Council with a revised Ordinance and pointed out the changes he had made. He recommended its adoption. Councilman Frederick made a motion that second reading of the Ordinance be approved with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. During discussion, Councilman Holmes felt that the closing time should be changed to 2:30 a.m. Councilman Benjamin felt the same and stated that the Ordinance should be more in line with State laws. After discussion Councilwoman Matthews called for the question with the Mayor and Council members Frederick and Matthews voting for with Council members Baxley, Holmes and Benjamin opposed. Since the vote was tied, the Ordinance failed to pass. Councilman Benjamin asked that this item be placed on the Agenda for the October meeting.
- Ordinance 2008-07 (Buildings Unfit for Human Habitation) – Mr. Neely presented this Ordinance to Council and recommended its adoption. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that the Ordinance be read by title only with a second by Councilman Baxley. All voted in favor. Mr. Neely read the Ordinance by title only. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that second reading of the Ordinance be approved with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.
- Ordinance 2008-08 (Rezoning of Sammie Holmes Property) – this item was discussed during the Public Hearing and Mr. Neely recommended its adoption. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that the Ordinance be read by title only with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor. Mr. Neely read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Holmes made a motion that first reading of the Ordinance be accepted with a second by Councilman Baxley. All voted in favor.
- Ordinance 2008-09 (Rezoning of James F. Rutledge Property) - this item was discussed during the Public Hearing and Mr. Neely recommended its adoption. Councilman Baxley made a motion that the Ordinance be read by title only with a second by Councilman Frederick. All voted in favor. Mr. Neely read the Ordinance by title only. Councilwoman Matthews made a

motion that first reading of the Ordinance be accepted with a second by Councilman Holmes.
All voted in favor.

Administrator's Report:

1. Submitted the monthly Police Department report
2. Third phase of the Railroad Project well underway with paving to hopefully take place this week.
3. Reported that there were 3 water line breaks within the last week and that he, Messrs. Melton and Lott were looking into the causes.
4. Reported that the Halford Street well was back in operation.
5. Reported that the Museum roofing project would have a pre-bid meeting on September 10 but that there would not be time for Council to approve the low bid and construction be complete by Founders Day (October 25). He asked Council's permission for the Mayor and himself to be allowed the approve low bid and get construction started immediately. Councilman Frederick made a motion to allow the Mayor and Mr. Neely to award the contract with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. All voted in favor.
6. Lights at Basketball Court – Reported that the city of Barnwell had offered Williston poles that they were taking down from around their basketball courts. Councilman Holmes made a motion that Mr. Neely investigate getting these poles even if they were not used at the Town's courts with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor

Mayor's Report:

1. Recreation - Mayor Rivers reported that there were 60 football players and 18 cheerleaders enrolled in the Town's recreation program.
2. Medical Center reception to take place at Town Hall on Thursday, September 11 from 5-7 p.m. This event is sponsored by Barnwell County Hospital.
3. Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gantt will be held at Meeting on Main on Saturday, September 20 from 2-4 p.m. this event is being sponsored by First Citizens Bank and the Towns of Williston and Elko.
4. Reminded everyone of Founders Day celebrations on Saturday, October 25.
5. Howard Duvall's retirement to place on September 25. Mayor Rivers will be attending and Councilman Widener also plans to attend.
6. Hometown Connection to take place in Aiken on October 9 at 11:30. The Mayor plans to attend.
7. Asked Council if they wanted the Town of hold a cleanup day prior to Founders Day celebrations. All were in favor. The Mayor will meet with Mr. Melton to discuss.

Council Comments:


- Councilman Benjamin congratulated the Fire Department on their cleanup efforts around the Fire Department building.
- Councilman Holmes asked if the net at the Tennis Courts had been replaced and was assured by Mr. Neely that it was complete. He also reported that skateboarders were using the walking trail.
- Councilwoman Matthews thanked the Maintenance Department for cleaning up around the Town entrance sign.
- Councilman Frederick spoke about the high grass around Town Hall.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss appoint of an employee in the Maintenance Department with a second by Councilman Baxley. All voted in favor. Mayor Rivers stated that Executive Session would last 15 minutes.

Councilman Holmes made a motion to close Executive Session with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor. During Executive Session no action was taken.

Councilman Holmes made a motion to approve Mr. Neely's recommendation to hire application "A" in the Maintenance Department with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.

Councilman Baxley made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor.

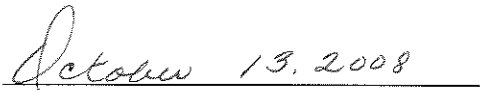


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ATTEST:



Town Clerk



Date