

**TOWN OF IRMO  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 15, 2019**

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Waites, Walker and Councilwoman Condom. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Al Dozier, *The New Irmo News*, was also present.

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Waites the led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the December 04, 2018 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mr. Pouliot requested the word “the” be removed from the second paragraph on page one right after the words “Mrs. Condom”. The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the December 18, 2018 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote for approval as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the January 10, 2019 minutes and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote for approval as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown stated that he was contacted by the Richland County stating they are taking Eastview Drive off the penny tax project list because they could not get the needed rights-of-ways.

B. Code Enforcement Update – Corporal Kaderly presented a summary of the recent Police and Code Enforcement activities.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Whitt Cline wanted to let Council and residents know about the “Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop” that will be held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Irmo Municipal Building. He stated that anyone who wants to attend will need to register and that the information has been posted on the town’s Facebook page and website.

B. Mayor King stated that Mrs. Jada Powell will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the Community Park of Irmo. He also took a moment to congratulate Clemson University over their win against Alabama to win the National Championship.

C. Mr. Walker mentioned that there will be a “Great Irmo Chili Cook-Off” on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 1 p.m. to benefit education of living kidney donations. The event is free and will be held at the Community Park of Irmo.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

Mr. Erik Sickinger, 417 Cressfell Road, addressed Council on item “A” under New Business

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 19-02 ADOPTING THE LEXINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE CHANGES (STAFF):

Mrs. Condom made a motion for approval of Resolution 19-02 and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mr. Brown explained that Lexington County recently made changes to their animal control ordinance. Since the Town formally adopted their Ordinance on 10/03/17, this is an administrative action that is required by Lexington County to continue managing our animal control for the Lexington County portion of the Town. The vote for approval was unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF 2019 OKRA STRUT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,8000.00 (OKRA STRUT COMMISSION):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mayor King explained that the budget has an increase of \$12,800 from last year and Mr. Larry Slaughter, Chairman of the Okra Strut Commission, made some comments regarding the increase. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

DISCUSSION:

A. Discussion on MCEC and SCE&G streetlights (Mayor):

The Mayor explained that Both MCEC and SCE&G have a policy in place to replace damaged residential streetlights with new LED fixtures. They will not replace good fixtures just for aesthetics unless the fixtures are all purchased beforehand. He went into further detail stating the following:

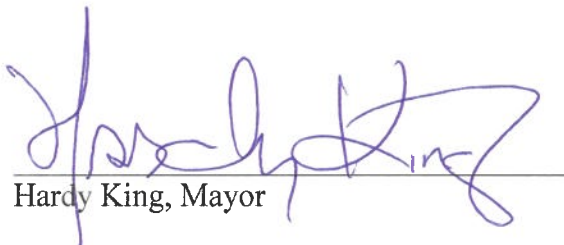
MCEC currently has 160 Sodium, 175 Mercury Vapor and 26 LED residential fixtures in their portion of the Town of Irmo. They will change out the 335 fixtures for LED’s at an upfront cost of \$155,851.80 and an increase in the monthly bills of all users. MCEC will install an LED on private property (if requested by the owner) with no upfront cost but their bill will increase by \$18.50 per month.

SCE&G is currently doing an audit to determine total number of lights in the Irmo portion of SCE&G. Estimated cost currently is \$510 per fixture as the upfront cost. They will install an LED on private property (if requested by the owner) with no upfront cost but their bill will increase by \$25.00 per month.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that residents should report street light outages to their electric provider or to the Town of Irmo. If a resident wants to add a streetlight, they will need to contact their electric service provider directly. Mr. Walker requested that this information be added to the town's Facebook page and website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Waites made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.



Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer