

**TOWN OF IRMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2021**

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilmen Busch, Danielson and Sickinger. Councilwoman Condom was absent. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Police Chief Courtney Dennis, Mr. Whitt Cline, Director of Public Services; Mrs. Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, January 15, 2021 to meet FOIA requirements.

REGULAR MEETING

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes and the January 5, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

- A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets.
- B. Mr. Sickinger read the list of the new in-town businesses and welcomed them.
- C. Irmo Police Chief Courtney Dennis introduced Charles Black as a new officer.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Mayor Walker and Council presented the January Small Business of the Month award to Mr. Guy Caskey, owner of “*Irmo Lock Company Inc*” located at 7418 Woodrow Street, celebrating 31 years in business.
- B. Rob Cartin and John Ridenhour gave a presentation for a proposed skate-park in Irmo. They showed examples of parks along with information for pricing, benefits and safety and have put together a steering committee to help raise the funds needed for construction. Mayor Walker stated the Town would apply for a grant to help finance the proposed Dog Park and Community Garden along with any additions approved by Richland County.

C. Mr. Sickinger received communication that the Royal Tower pothole next to the railroad tracks had been filled.

D. Mayor Walker received an update from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority ladies that are leading the Community Garden project. Jamesetta Lovett, President of the AKA Sorority requested the Town invest in the land grading and a well for irrigation. They have received enough grant funds to build a 32-bed garden with future plans of leasing the beds for maintenance costs.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY MASK ORDINANCE 20-27 FOR 60 DAYS TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 23, 2021

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve and Mayor Walker seconded the motion. Mayor Walker stated that the mask ordinance needs to continue while the Corona Virus is still active. With a member being absent, Mayor Walker made a motion to defer the vote until the February 16th meeting. Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion, and the vote was 2 to 2 with Mr. Busch and Mr. Danielson voting in opposition, therefore, the motion to defer failed. The vote for the original motion was 2 to 2, with Mr. Busch and Mr. Danielson voting in opposition, therefore, the motion to approve failed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT D&L, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,518.00 TO REPLACE THE TWO HVAC SYSTEMS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Danielson made a motion to approve and Mr. Sickinger seconded. After a brief discussion regarding the 16-year-old units, the vote to approve the replacement was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Lisa Mistoler of 101 Rushing Wind Drive discussed a storage POD issue.

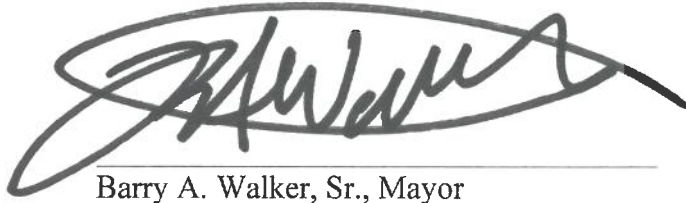
DISCUSSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the workshop was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk