

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2018

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor King, Councilmen Pouliot, Waites, and Walker. Councilwoman Condom was absent. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; Mr. Eric Hale, Town Attorney; Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Al Dozier of *The New Irmo News* was also present.

Mayor King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Mr. Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – The Administrator furnished a written briefing to Council that was included in their packets for the meeting. Mr. Brown reminded Council about the Annual MASC meeting in July 19th – 22nd.

B. Code Enforcement Update - Sergeant Dale of the Irmo Police Department gave a brief update on the most recent violations to include the illicit discharges, dilapidated properties, sign violations, vehicle violations, animal complaints, and business license checks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. In the Middle of the Midlands Walk/Run for breast cancer will be held on June 30, 2018. They are having great success with the event and will have the Walk/Run in the morning followed by the Blues, Boobs & BBQ. They have partnered with Manchester Farms and will be adding a Food and Wine Tasting event in the evening.

B. Larry Slaughter, Chairman of the Okra Strut Commission, presented their 2018 Okra Strut Budget. He stated the Commission decided to increase law enforcement and entertainment expenses due to the Saturday headliner. He explained that they had a 2% increase over last years revenue and wants to invest the funds back into the festival this year.

C. Mr. Walker stated that he is holding a town hall meeting on Thursday, February 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He invited Council and the citizens to join him at the forum for an open discussion with the citizens of Irmo

D. Mayor King clarified some information from the February 6, 2018 meeting that no one has been issued any tickets nor paid any fines as of date on the no front yard parking ordinance.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning item B under "Consideration of Communications" and item A under "New Business"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-02 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE V, FLOODPLAIN MANUAL; SECTION 14-162 AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION (STAFF):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mayor King explained that this administrative change was requested by the SCDNR regarding floodplain management. The vote for approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT FOR REBUILDING THE FRONT PORCH ON TOWN HALL IN EITHER WOOD OR COMPOSITE MATERIAL NOT TO EXCEED \$38,705.00 (STAFF):

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve and Mr. Pouliot seconded it. Mr. Waites stated that the porch does need to be replaced due to wood rot. He also voiced his concern about the safety for the staff and public. Mr. Pouliot agrees that the porch needs to be replaced so that the banister could meet code. Mayor King made a motion to amend to award the contract to Steven Johnson Construction in amount of \$15,510 and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mr. Steven Johnson explained that the banister would be made of oak but the rail would be pine and he would use Exterior Sherman Williams paint which is all part of his quote. The vote for approval was 3 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS: None

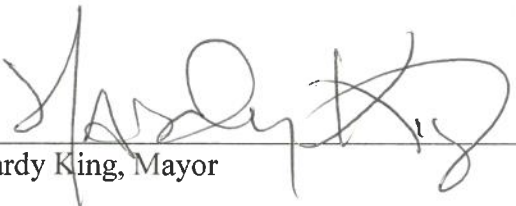
DISCUSSION:

A. Discussion on updating the Town's Rental Ordinance - Chapter 11 (Mayor):

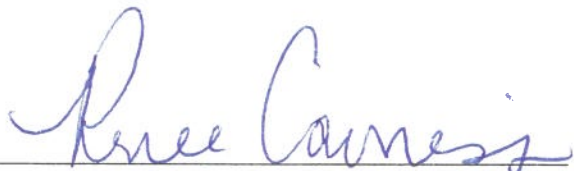
Mayor King explained what changes he is proposing to the current Rental Property Registration ordinance. Some of the changes include: increasing the registration fee, driveways must be paved, limiting the number of vehicles, decreasing grass heights, requiring utility services and no storage of boats or other recreational vehicles. Mr. Waites liked the changes but believes that grass height should be uniformed for renters and owner-occupied properties due to the added burden to Police Officers trying to determine if a property is a rental or owner-occupied. Mr. Pouliot is in favor of the changes because it holds landlords accountable, but that renter should be allowed to store their boat or other recreational vehicle on the property. Mr. Walker agrees that the rental ordinance needs to be updated due to the recently found illicit discharges but voiced his concerns on limiting the number of people in a dwelling. He asked Mr. Hale if the town could limit the number of people in a rental home. Mr. Hale explained that the town would have to define what is a family which would be difficult and explained that it could be illegal due to Constitution law. Mr. Hale explained that he would have to research it to know for sure. Mayor King ended the discussion stating that he would revise his proposal and put it on the next agenda after Mr. Hale gets back to him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Pouliot made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Waites seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer