

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2018

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2018 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; 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the February 20, 2018 minutes and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the February 22, 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 let Council know that Richland County did an inspection on Cornerstone. The contractor has a small punch list and believes they can complete the minor items in approximately 7 days weather permitting. At that point, it can be turned over to Richland County.

B. Code Enforcement Update – Chief Perry explained their latest code enforcement activities on the implementation and education of properties in violation of front yard parking as of today. He stated that 282 properties have been identified as being in violation and 165 of those have been giving notifications of violations either in person or were left with correspondence.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council concerning item B under “Report of Standing” and item A under “New business”.

Mr. Lindley Hummel, 112 London Pride Road, addressed Council concerning item A under “New Business”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL 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):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 18-03 AMENDING THE IRMO TOWN CODE, APPENDIX A ZONING ORDINANCE; ARTICLE VI, SUPPLEMENTAL OFF-STREET PARKING & LOADING REGULATIONS SECTION 6-4, PARKING, STORAGE AND USE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES (WALKER):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Condom seconded it. Mr. Walker stated that Council has put a burden on the Police Department to contact all the properties in violation in a short amount of time and Council should extend the learning period to 12 months instead of the 6 months as adopted. Mrs. Condom stated that according to individuals she has talked with, they need more time to get in compliance with the law. Mr. Waites believes that the education period does not need to be extended. Mayor King believes that if the time is extended then it will confuse residents and agrees that an extension is not needed.

The vote for approval failed 2 to 3 with Mayor King, Mr. Waites and Mr. Pouliot voting in opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO UPGRADE SCE&G STREETLIGHTS ON LAKE MURRAY BOULEVARD, ST. ANDREWS ROAD AND WOODROW STREET TO LED (TOTAL MONTHLY INCREASE OF \$452.63) (STAFF):

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Mr. Walker asked if this was one of the items that was identified in the Town Hall meeting. Mr. Brown explained that this was brought up from a request that Council had made earlier. He stated that this cost would replace 62 lights located on Lake Murray Boulevard, Woodrow Street, and St. Andrews Road. Mr. Walker stated the residents had voiced concerns that neighborhood lights need to be replaced. The vote for approval failed with a 0 to 5 vote with all of Council voting in opposition.

C. APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTING/EDUCATING ABOUT YARD PARKING ORDINANCE (MAYOR):

Mayor King made a motion to approve and Mr. Waites seconded it. Council agreed that two (2) items need to be change. Item 3, they changed "SGT Dale" to "Sergeant of Code Enforcement" and item 7, they changed "properties" to "Vehicle Owner and/or Operator". The vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

D. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (STAFF):

Mayor King stated that Mr. Don Looney's term expires in April and that he would like to be reappointed. He also stated the Mr. David McFarland and Mr. Edward Wadlington requested to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Mayor King stated that he and Mr. Brown tried to contact Mr. Wadlington on several occasions to verify if he was still interested but received no response. Mr. Waites stated that he would like to reappoint Mr. Don Looney and Mr. Walker nominated Mr. Edward Wadlington and Mr. David McFarland. The vote to reappoint Mr. Looney was unanimous.

E. APPROVAL TO SCHEDULE TOWN HALL MEETING TO DISCUSS 911 SERVICES (MAYOR)

After a brief discussion, Council decided to schedule a Town Hall meeting in the coming weeks. Mr. Brown will contact the Lexington County 911 Operations Staff to find out when they are available to meet. The vote for approval unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. David Stewart, 101 Glossop Circle, addressed Council concerning item A under "Discussion". Mr. Wade De Loach, 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council concerning community events.

DISCUSSION:

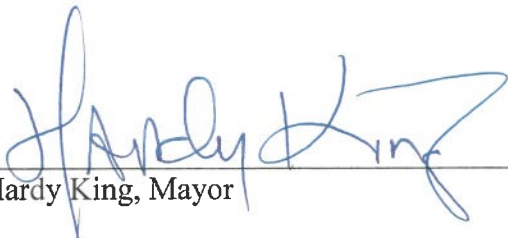
A. Discussion on an Elmer Danko Memorial Award (Walker):

Mr. Walker stated that Council should approve a Resolution in honor of Mr. Elmer Danko and requested Mr. Stewart explain his idea to Council. Mr. Stewart proposed an Elmer Danko Memorial Award for a resident who actively serves the Irmo community. Council does like the idea of the award but would like Mr. Stewart to compose a proposal stating the standards of eligibility, how a resident is chosen, when a decision will be made, when it will be awarded stated and asked if Town Council would present the award annually to a deserving resident. Once he presents his proposal, Council will review it and decide how to proceed.

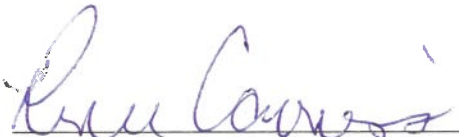
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Issue (Pouliot): Mr. Pouliot made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and it passed 3 to 2 with Mr. Walker and Mrs. Condom voting in opposition; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hale went into executive session at 8:29 p.m. Following "Executive Session", Mayor King called the meeting back to order at 8:54 p.m. and stated no action was taken.

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 8:55 p.m.


Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer