

TOWN OF IRMO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 6, 2016

The Irmo Town Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 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 Joe Nates; Capt. 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 7:01 p.m. Mr. Waites led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes and Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 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 in their agenda packets.

Mr. Brown stated that he is working on the Lexington County Hospitality Grant application for the 2017 Okra Strut. He also mentioned that he is getting ready to bid out for proposals to update the town's website.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mr. Larry Slaughter, Chairman of the Okra Strut Commission, stated that the festival made almost \$30,000. Some recommendations for the 2017 festival identified was to locate additional parking, increase the number of shuttle passes, and take care of volunteers. They want to use the surplus to increase electrical capacity at the Community Park of Irmo.

B. Mayor King announced that SCDOT will be holding a Public Hearing for the proposed expansion of Broad River Road (Richland Penny Tax Project) on December 15, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Dutch Fork Elementary. He also mentioned that Vanessa Torres, teacher from Nursery Road Elementary, was 1 of 35 teachers nationally to be honored with the Milken Award. Then, he reminded Town Council that December 7th is a special day to remember Pearl Harbor.

C. Mr. Walker asked if SCDOT had completed the work on Carlisle Street. He stated that he looked at it and had understood that SCDOT was going to finish the piping work on Carlisle. After some discussion, Mr. Walker stated that he wants the matter to be put on the agenda so Council can decide whether they should to sue SCDOT.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 16-24 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 6; ANIMALS, SECTION 6-8; HOGS, CATTLE, CHICKEN, HORSES AND STABLES:

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 16-24 and Mr. Waites seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom asked if it would be better to say livestock, poultry, and exotic animals. Mr. Hale stated the general language gives the lawyers room to challenge the ordinance.

Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend ordinance to add: **all other types of livestock, poultry, and exotic animals.** Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion. Then, Mr. Walker stated his concerns that this addition is too restrictive. The vote to amend the ordinance was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

The vote to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 16-24 as amended was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition

B. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-25 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 – ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II – NUISANCES; SECTION 14-37 – DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES (CONDOM / MAYOR):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 16-25 and Mr. Waites seconded it.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Condom made a motion to amend the ordinance to add the following language that Mayor King had provided:

Any structure that is not uninhabitable, but has disrepair or damage such as, but not limited to:

- 1. Garage doors that are rotten, non-repairable, not properly attached (do not open/close as designed)**
- 2. Exterior siding, fascia boards, or any other lumber, moldy, not properly attached (pulling away from main structure)**
- 3. Broken windows, exterior doors that do not open/close (as they were designed to do)**
- 4. Roofs that have been damaged with holes or in need of immediate repair shall be considered a violation and abatement issued (providing a 10-day period to correct). An extension can be granted by the Town Administrator with sufficient supporting documentation (extension cannot exceed 90 days).**
- 5. Gutters and window shutters that are loose, not properly attached and/or hanging from roofline or structure shall be considered a violation and abatement issued (providing a 10-day period to correct) These deficiencies can be corrected by proper attachment and/or removal from the structure.**

Mrs. Condom made a motion to defer second reading until next meeting so Mr. Hale can review the amended ordinance. Mr. Walker stated that if this is passed, he believes that the Town would need to be prepared to offer assistance to individuals that are in violation. Mayor King stated that Council could pass the ordinance but not effective until next year. It would then give residents time to make the needed repairs. He also stated that there are organizations that will provide assistance to needy individuals for the repairs. Mr. Pouliot seconded the motion and the vote to defer until the next meeting was unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-26 TO AMEND THE IRMO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14 – ENVIRONMENT; ARTICLE II – NUISANCES; SECTION 14-38 – UNSAFE CONDITIONS (CONDOM / MAYOR):

Mayor King stated that he drafted this ordinance to address concerns on vacated and abandoned homes in town that no longer respond to the town. If Council approves first reading, then Mr. Hale could review and make changes as necessary before second reading. Mr. Waites made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 16-26 and Mr. Pouliot seconded it.

Mr. Walker voiced his concerns about approving first reading of an incomplete ordinance. Mayor King stated that he did not send it to Mr. Hale because he wanted Council to decide whether to pursue this issue. Mr. Walker also voiced his concerns as to who would deem a property as abandoned. Mayor King stated that the property is considered abandoned when the homeowner quits responding to correspondence or they quit paying taxes on the property. The vote for approval was 4 to 1 with Mr. Walker voting in opposition.

B. APPROVAL TO CONTINUE, TERMINATE AND/OR REPLACE SOLID WASTE SERVICES (WALKER):

Mrs. Condom made a motion to terminate contract with Advance Disposal. The motion was not seconded and therefore it failed.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-01 TO ADOPT THE TOWN'S SAFETY POLICY (STAFF):

Mr. Pouliot made a motion for approval of Resolution 17-01. Mr. Waites seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

D. APPROVAL OF 2017 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mr. Pouliot made a motion to approve the 2017 Council Meeting Schedule and Mrs. Condom seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

George Glassmeyer, 100 Denbeck Road, addressed Council on item A under Consideration of Communications.

DISCUSSION: None

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 8:21 p.m.

Hardy King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer