

**TOWN OF IRMO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

December 11, 2019

The Irmo Town Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in the Municipal Building. Council members present were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Chief Don Perry; and Mrs. Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

Mayor Walker called the special meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Mr. Walker mentioned that residents are invited to speak at the Public Hearing on December 17, 2019 regarding the sewer rate increase proposed by Blue Granite Water Company.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL TO DIRECT THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DRAFT, AND SUBMIT A PETITION ALLOWING THE COUNCIL TO INTERVENE ON DOCKED NO. 2019-290-WS (BGWS) TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (MAYOR):

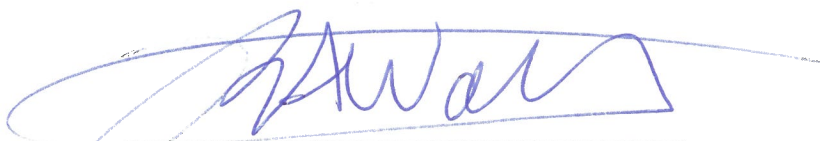
Mr. Busch made a motion to approve. Mr. Sickinger seconded the motion. Mr. Busch stated that he estimates that Blue Granite Water Company will receive approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000 per month if this rate increase is approved. He added that Blue Granite's home office is in Canada, therefore the revenue will not stay in South Carolina. Mr. Sickinger voiced his concerns as to how the increase in rates will affect retirees, single parent families, and others who are financially struggling. Mr. Moore stated that he has filed the necessary paperwork to intervene and stated the Blue Granite Water Company will be served on December 12, 2019. He further explained that this would give the Town more negotiating power when dealing with the Public Service Commission. The vote for approval was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Art McClain – 137 Sonning Road addressed Council on Blue Granite Water's rate increase
Ms. Rosamond Taube – Irmo, SC, addressed Council on item on Blue Granite Water's rate increase
Mr. Terry Hughey – Friarsgate, addressed Council on Blue Granite Water's rate increase
Ms. Amy Domingo – Friarsgate, addressed Council on Blue Granite Water's rate increase

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Busch made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. During the December 17, 2019 meeting, Mr. Busch made a motion to ratify the adjournment for the December 11, 2019 meeting and Mr. Sickinger seconded it. The vote for approval was unanimous.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Renee Caviness, Clerk/Treasurer