

TOWN OF AYNOR

Regular Council Meeting
May 28, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Councilman Paul McCracken, Councilwoman Cheryl Skipper-Collins, Councilman Tony Godsey Sr., Councilman Chris Shelley and Mayor John Gardner.

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Shelley gave the invocation, and everyone said the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gardner asked for a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment (moving item B to A and A to B under Business). Councilman Shelley motioned to approve the agenda and Councilman Godsey Sr. seconded. Motion passed. Councilwoman Skipper-Collins then made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019. Councilman Shelley gave second and motion passed.

Mayor Gardner then asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting and begin the public hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance. Councilman Godsey, Sr. made the motion with second from Councilman Shelley. Motion passed. The floor was opened to the audience for public input, comments, questions or concerns. Hearing none, Mr. Shelley then motioned for the public hearing to conclude and regular meeting resume. Second was given by Ms. Skipper-Collins and motion passed. Mayor Gardner gave opportunity for public comment regarding other issues. Amanda Curtis represented Greenfield Estates and requested assistance getting a sink hole in the right of way on Frye Road fixed. Town Manager, Tony Godsey, Jr. explained that is a state owned road but that he would have someone check and the Town would do what it can to assist.

In Discussion, Mr. Godsey, Jr. and Mayor Gardner explained a meeting they had with a representative from W. Lee Flowers company. The old IGA property was discussed and the company is not really interested in selling at an asking price of \$1.2 million. They did commit to cleaning the property up.

In Reports, the monthly financial reports were presented. Chief Thompson discussed several points beginning with what he thought was the smoothest Memorial Day weekend they'd ever had in Town. He also explained the extended pause between red and green with the traffic lights gives an extra few seconds of safety. Chief went into detail regarding some borrowed equipment from MB and the Solicitor's Office and LEN. A monitoring box was placed in Greenfield Estates for 8 days. 2,700 vehicles were checked for speeding. 2,203 (80%) were under the speed limit of 25 mph. Average speed of all vehicles was 22 mph. That is a very good average. Councilman McCracken questioned Chief regarding the SRO at AHS and having 4 officers.

Ms. Skipper-Collins reported on the Golden Town Market. They have new banners to be put up to advertise. Discussion of where and the right of ways. She also asked about the park fence and its spots in need of repair. Being that each section can be expensive to replace, Council and Town Manager, Godsey will keep an eye on it. Councilman McCracken asked about the maintenance crew and their licenses for driving the dump truck. He also asked whether DOT had contacted the Town regarding 11th Ave. Mr. Shelley commended everyone that worked on the demolition and clearing of the 7th Ave property. The lot looks awesome. Mayor Gardner thanked Cheryl Skipper-Collins and Brenda Barden for volunteering their time to paint the park bathrooms. Mayor Gardner also stated he was proud to announce the Town has received the \$650,000 RIA grant that Town Manager Godsey, Jr. wrote which should fund the whole north side drainage project!

In Business, Councilwoman Skipper-Collins made a motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 19-02: Amend Town of Aynor Ordinances Chapters 1-3. Councilman Godsey, Sr. seconded. Councilman McCracken voted Nay. Motion passed. Mayor Gardner then requested a motion to approve 2nd Reading to Adopt Ordinance 19-04: 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance. Mr. Shelley motioned and Mr. Godsey, Sr gave second. Councilman McCracken voiced his concern and objection to the budget ordinance specifically to the hospitality fund operating transfer. There was discussion. Mr. McCracken motioned to table the vote on the Budget Ordinance. There was no second on Councilman McCracken's motion. Voting for Ordinance 19-04 resumed. Mr. McCracken voted Nay. Motion passed.

There was no need for Executive Session. Having no further business, Mr. Shelley then motioned to adjourn, and Ms. Skipper-Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Date

Mayor - John Gardner

Mayor Pro Tem - Cheryl Skipper-Collins

Council – Tony Godsey, Sr.

Council – Paul McCracken

Council – Chris Shelley