

TOWN OF DUNCAN

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 12, 2020 6:00 PM

MINUTES

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rog Rogers at 6:00 p.m. via a toll-free call-in number. Attending the call was Councilmember James Waddell, Councilmember Calvin Cowen, Councilmember Shirley Clopton, Councilmember Greg Rensberger and Mayor Rog Rogers. Also present on the phone at Call was Town Administrator Cameron Fant and Fire Chief Barry Frost. Town Administrator Cameron Fant and Councilmember James Waddell attended the toll-free call-in inside of Council Chambers.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was submitted by e-mail to the Spartanburg Herald-Journal and the Greer Citizen on May 11, 2020. The agenda was posted on the front door of the Duncan Police Department and Town Hall on Monday May 11, 2020. The agenda was also uploaded to the Town of Duncan Website on May 11, 2020. Included on the agenda was the toll-free call-in number and a statement encouraging people to attend the meeting via the toll-free call-in number because of the impact of COVID-19.

Mayor Rog Rogers asked Cam Fant to lead the Invocation and then Mayor Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After that Mayor Rogers asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled Council Meeting held on April 14, 2020. A Motion was made by Councilmember Rensberger and his Motion was followed by a Second from Councilmember Clopton. The Vote to approve the Minutes from the April 14, 2020 regular scheduled council meeting passed 5-0.

The Police Department report was given by Town Administrator Cam Fant. Fant told Council to reference the police report included in the meeting package. Fant then went thru a couple highlights on the report. Next Fant told Council that the 2015 BMW Police Car that was involved in an accident when Officer Dodd drove the car thru a water puddle while checking on the Byrnes Freshman Academy had been declared a total loss by the insurance company. Fant told Council that Chief Long found a used 2019 BMW to replace the 2015 BMW and after the insurance proceeds the cost was only a couple thousand dollars. Fant said those funds come from the Police Drug Fund Account.

The Fire Department report was given by Chief Frost. Frost gave Council a copy of the report and went thru a couple highlights on the report. Chief Frost then answered a couple various questions from Council.

Next Town Administrator Cameron Fant took the Floor to give the Public Works Department update. Fant told Council the Public Works Department had been working on storm drainage repairs after all the rain this last month. Fant also said that they had been working on leaves and limbs. After that Fant answered a couple questions from Council.

Next Town Administrator Cameron Fant took the Floor to give an update on the Water Park. Fant told Council they were continuing to prepare for next season by putting together a waterpark manual, hiring employees and working on improvements for the season. Fant said they planned on opening the waterpark on June 1st and limiting the capacity to 450 people. Fant then updated Council on the construction of the event center.

Next Mayor Rogers called Town Administrator Cam Fant to the Floor for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 20200512-1, an Ordinance relating to the fiscal affairs of the Town of Duncan, South Carolina, making appropriations therefore, levying taxes, and to provide for an effective date July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021 (first reading). Mayor Rogers called Town Administrator Cameron Fant to the Floor. Fant told Council to look at the proposed budget in the packet. After that Fant went over the current town debt and how it had changed over the last year. Then Fant went over the project he wanted to take on and capital purchases during the upcoming fiscal year. Next Fant told Council that currently the budget was out of balance with more expenses than revenue. Fant said he was still waiting on the letter from Columbia about tax increases and he was still working on the revenue budget. After that Fant went over each department including all revenues and expenses. Fant told Council that this was the first attempt to balance the budget and he had asked each department to complete their budget wish list. Fant said with all those expenses it was no surprise it was out of balance. Fant said he would be working with each department head to go thru the budget and finalize the numbers and bring a balanced budget back for the public hearing and second reading. After that Fant answered a couple various questions from Council. Next Mayor Rogers asked for a Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 20200512-1. A Motion was made by Councilmember Cowen and a Second was made by Councilmember Rensberger. The Vote to approve Ordinance No. 20200512-1, an Ordinance relating to the fiscal affairs of the Town of Duncan, South Carolina, making appropriations therefore, levying taxes, and to provide for an effective date July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021 (first reading) passed 5-0.

Next Mayor Rogers called Town Administrator Cam Fant to the Floor for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 20200512-2, an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 20190514-1, an ordinance relating to the fiscal affairs of the Town of Duncan, South Carolina, making appropriations therefore, levying taxes, and to provide for an effective date July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 (first reading). Mayor Rogers called Town Administrator Cameron Fant to the Floor. Fant told Council to see the proposed budget amendment worksheet in the package and then went thru

each account being amended. Fant told Council that it was not uncommon for a Town to amend their budget during the budget year as often times the Towns will receive more revenues or incur more expense than originally budgeted. Fant reminded Council that they always typically amend the budget closer to year end. After that Fant answered a couple various questions from Council. Next Mayor Rogers made a Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 20200512-2. A Second was made by Councilmember Cowen. The Vote to approve Ordinance No. 20200512-2, an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 20190514-1, an ordinance relating to the fiscal affairs of the Town of Duncan, South Carolina, making appropriations therefore, levying taxes, and to provide for an effective date July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 (first reading) passed 5-0.

Next Mayor Rogers opened the Floor for the Mayor and Council Update. Mayor Rogers took the Floor and encouraged Council to purchase a copy of the Greer Citizen as there would be an article about Cam Fant in it this week. Then the Mayor said he couldn't wait for us to be able to meet and fellowship together in the same place. After that Councilmember Cowen made a couple comments and updates on the Duncan Float and an emergency access to the river.

Next Zoning Administrator Barry Frost took the Floor and gave an update on industrial, residential and commercial development.

Next Fant took the Floor to give his Administrative Update. Fant told Council that the GO Bond would close in 30 days. Fant also told Council that court for April and May had been postponed until June. Finally, Fant told Council he hoped we could meet next time in person.

Next Fant took the Floor and gave the Financial Update thru April 2020. Fant went thru the budget, cash balances and loan balance worksheets. Fant then answered a couple various questions from Council.

At approximately 7:05 p.m. Mayor Rogers asked for a Motion to close the meeting. A Motion to close the meeting was made by Councilmember Clopton. Her Motion was Seconded by Councilmember Rensberger . The Vote to close the meeting passed 5-0.

Approved by Council this _____ day of _____, 2020

By:

Mayor Clyde "Rog" Rogers

Attest _____

Clerk to Council, Melody Millwood