

TOWN OF DUNCAN
Regular Scheduled Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 8, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Shirley Clopton at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was given and present at call was Councilmember Calvin Cowen, Councilmember Alicia Fulghum and Mayor Shirley Clopton. Also present at Call was Police Chief Terry Lane and Town Administrator Cameron Fant. Arriving at 6:04 was Councilmember James Waddell and arriving at 6:24 was Councilmember Greg Rensberger.

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 August 4th, 2023. The agenda was posted on the front door of the Duncan Police Department and Town Hall on August 4th, 2023. The agenda was also uploaded to the Town of Duncan Website on August 4th, 2023. 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 in the event they couldn't attend in person.

Mayor Shirley Clopton led the Invocation.

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Then Mayor Clopton asked for a Motion to Amend the Agenda for a Resolution to allow the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Ramaker for professional services related to the waterpark expansion and other matters related thereto. A Motion to amend the agenda to add this Resolution was made by Councilmember Cowen. His Motion was followed by a Second from Mayor Clopton. The Vote to Amend the Agenda to add this Resolution passed 5-0.

Next Mayor Shirley Clopton asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled council meeting held on July 11th, 2023. A Motion was made by Councilmember Cowen and his Motion was followed by a Second from Councilmember Fulghum. The Vote to approve the Minutes from the July 11th, 2023, regular scheduled council meeting passed 5-0.

Next Mayor Shirley Clopton asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the Special Call Meeting held on July 20th, 2023. A Motion was made by Councilmember Cowen and his Motion was followed by a Second from Councilmember Rensberger. The Vote to approve the Minutes from the July 20th, 2023, Special Call Meeting passed 5-0

Town Administrator Cam Fant gave an update on the Public Works Department. Fant reported that the Grapple Truck would be built and delivered to the town by the end of August. Fant said the public works department had been working on storm drains throughout Town and fallen trees from storms as well as cutting grass and other regular maintenance jobs. Administrator Fant reported Public Works had been helping to prepare for some of the Special Events and working on other various maintenance requests throughout Town. Fant reminded Council to always remember to let him know if they had something needing done that Public Works could help with.

Next Town Administrator Cam Fant gave an update on The Event Center, Stoneledge and Shipwreck Cove. Fant informed the Council that Zip Trip was a HUGE success. Fant then told Council that NNO Event had a great turn out and went very well. Fant also talked about the success of the first Downtown POP-UP event. Fant said he had gotten a ton of great feedback from local business owners. Fant said the second Yoga with animals turned out even bigger than the first one did with so many people they had to open the doors to put people under the outside awnings. Fant said that the super heroes and movie night in the lawn went well. Fant reminded Council about the upcoming Taste of Middle Tyger at the Event Center and the 5th annual Shag Fest coming up during the month. Fant then gave an update on the Waterpark. After that Fant answered a couple questions from Council.

Next the Police Department report was given by Chief Lane. Chief Lane went over that tickets were down this month. Chief Lane informed Council that there were more Arrest Warrants issued for the Murder Case. Chief Lane then answered any questions from the Council.

The Fire Department report was given Chief Frost, who said that they had prepared there on report instead of relying on the one form the county. After that Frost went over the new report. Chief Frost answered a couple questions from Council.

Next Mayor Clopton called Zoning Administrator Barry Frost to the Floor for the **FIRST READING OF REZONING ORDINANCE NO. RZ-2023-03, An Ordinance to Provide for the Rezoning of Real Property**. This is a rezoning of a parcel of 15.44 +/- acres, located at 164 S. Moore Street, currently zoned RS-1 Single Family Residential District. The request is for RS-4 Single Family Residential District. Before Frost took the Floor Councilmember Cowen recused himself from the room. Zoning Administrator Barry Frost took the Floor and showed Council a copy of the rezoning request and Fant pulled up a map of the property on the big screen. Frost reminded Council that back in June this reading come up and was Tabled. Frost said that there are single family residential and two-family residential property in the area. After a couple of comments and questions from Council, Councilmember Waddell made a Motion. His Motion was followed by a Second from Mayor Clopton. The Vote to approve Ordinance No. RZ-2023-03 failed to pass. It was voted no at 1-3 with Mayor Clopton, Councilmember Renseberger and Councilmember

Fulghum Voting No. Councilmember Cowen was not in discussion of RZ-2023-03 and Councilmember Cowen did not vote on this ordinance.

Then Mayor Clopton called Zoning Administrator Barry Frost to the Floor for the **FIRST READING OF REZONING ORDINANCE NO. RZ-2023-04, An Ordinance to Provide for the Rezoning of Real Property.** This is a rezoning of property located at 110 S. Church Street, currently zoned RS-2 Single Family Residential District. The request is for RS-4 Single Family Residential District. The property is more particularly described as Spartanburg County Parcel Number 5-20-06-001.00. Zoning Administrator Barry Frost took the Floor and showed Council a copy of the rezoning request and Fant pulled up a map of the property on the big screen. Frost said that this property was under contract from a buyer who wanted to tear down the one old house and build 3 houses on the property. Frost said the driveways would be off Fowler Street and S. Church Street. After a couple of comments and questions from Council, Councilmember Cowen made a Motion. His Motion was followed by a Second from Mayor Clopton. The Vote to approve Ordinance No. RZ-2023-04 passed 4-1 with Councilmember Cowen voting No.

Then Mayor Clopton called Town Administrator Cam Fant to the Floor for a Resolution to allow the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Ramaker for professional services related to the waterpark expansion and other matters related thereto. Fant took the Floor and passed out the professional services agreement with Ramaker to Council. Fant reminded Council that we had been talking about expanding the waterpark since before covid. Fant said that since covid that he, Patrick, Barry and Mike Rutledge had been going to seminars, meeting with engineers and waterpark developers to establish a good contact list. Fant said they had selected Ramaker out of Wisconsin as the engineer for the expansion. Fant said they had spent very little money with Ramaker and been able to get a lot done, including a conceptual plan. Fant passed out and went over that plan with Council. Fant said the next step was to sign a contract with Ramaker to determine the actual cost of the expansion. Fant said while this was happening, he would be moving forward on financing options. Fant said if they determined the price was more than the \$7 million, we are guessing that we would put the brakes on the project. Fant said if it was \$7 million or less then Fant would come to Council again with all the financials, projected budgets and finance plans to have Council determine if they wanted to move forward on the expansion. After many questions and comments from Council, a Motion was made by Councilmember Rensberger to allow the Town Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with Ramaker. His Motion was followed by a Second from Councilmember Fulghum. The Vote to approve the Resolution passed 5-0.

Mayor Clopton took the Floor for the Mayor and Council update. Councilmember Cowen reminded members about the Duncan Float and gave an update on his progress.

After that Mayor Clopton called Town Administrator Cam Fant to the Floor to give the administrative update. Fant took the Floor and gave an update on the ACOG assessment survey and public hearing. Fant also reminded everyone about the election sign up deadline and Fant gave an update on the police chief hiring process. Fant then reminded Council that if anyone had any questions to please call him.

Next Town Administrator Cam Fant gave the financial update thru the month of July. Fant reminded Council that if anyone had any questions to please call him.

At approximately 7:23 p.m., Mayor Clopton asked for a Motion to close the meeting. A Motion to close the meeting a Motion was made by Councilmember Waddell and his motion was followed by a second from Mayor Clopton. The vote to close the meeting passed 5-0.

Approved by Council this _____ day of _____, 2023

By: _____

Mayor Shirley Clopton

Attest _____ Clerk to Council, Melody Millwood