

Summerville Town Council Meeting;

February 8, 2018

Observer: Vicki Westberg

Meeting Highlights

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM.

Presentations:

Recognition from the Mayor was presented to Miss Summerville, Carli Drayton and Miss Summerville Teen, Kathryn Liberstein (not present).

Proclamation was presented for Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

Sweet Tea Half Marathon leaders presented \$10,000 donation check to Police Fire & Rescue Benevolent Fund.

Chief Jon Rogers recognized for achieving a 100% on risk reduction evaluation.

Madelyn Robinson recognized for receiving a partial scholarship for two week training program from Economic Develop Program.

There were six citizen comments:

Two citizens expressed support that the Armory be used as a multi use facility with enough space dedicated to an arts and cultural center.

Linda Wetzel thanked police for protecting her home during a recent family crisis; expressed concern that abandoned overgrown property in her neighborhood was not being properly maintained, asked the council to consider the needs of current residents before additional development is considered and asked that they find time to attend one of the "Unity Week" meetings.

George Jenkins asked that severe drainage problems on Simmons, Parkwood and President's

Drive be addressed before additional development is approved.

John Hayes presented a written request to "close the town's bribery loophole now", saying that Council Member's requirement to annually fill out a statement of financial interests does not actually stop bribery from happening.

Dennis Ashley, Architect, suggested that the Planning Commission consider an approach to planning with an eye toward development that fits the character of the diverse neighborhoods that make up the different areas of Summerville. Neighborhoods such as Oakbrook, Central Avenue and Azalea Square don't all have the same needs and requirements. Also, a comprehensive plan that allows for maximum building heights of 55 feet maintain small town charm better than the proposed 110 feet.

Minutes from previous meetings and all Council Committee Reports were approved.

Pending Bills and Resolutions:

Passed 3/2 to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Section 2-160:

“Appointments to any of the boards, or commissions of the town shall be nominated by the mayor and confirmed by the council.”

Changed to:

“Appointments to any of the boards, commissions or citizen committee members of the town shall be made by the town council.”

Failed 2/3 to amend Chapter 32 – Zoning, Article V. – Special Use Permits, Section 32-212. Proposed to require that Bed & Breakfast properties be owned by a human being who has been “granted a 4% homeowners rate through the County Taxing Authority and owns a controlling fee simple title to the real estate upon which the Bed & Breakfast is located.”

Miscellaneous:

Approved:

- a. Appointment to Board of Architectural Review to fill vacancy of resigned member – Tim Kennedy.
- b. Update to Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule
- c. Update to Building Dep. Schedule of Permit Fees
- d. Funds Commitment Letter–grant application to SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (for Arbor Oaks neighborhood)
- e. Change to hourly pay schedule for Summerville Fire & Rescue employees
- g. Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Budget
- h. Local hospitality and Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations

Postponed to March agenda:

- f. Implementation of Classification and Compensation Study results

Passed with amendments:

- i. “Motion to create a Council Policy Book, recorded by the Town Clerk in an orderly fashion, including resolutions, policies, and procedures of Council, which will be reviewed by Council after each election to reconfirm or delete each resolution, policy or procedure.”

Approved as follows:

“Motion to create a Council Policy Book, recorded by the Town Clerk in an orderly fashion, including resolutions, policies, and procedures of Council.”

Defeated:

j. Motion to adopt Council Policy 8-2-2018 regarding Standing Committees – proposed by the Mayor

“all about transparency”.

k. Mayor’s Remarks

Mayor from Inman will bring Student Council to observe March Town Council Meeting and shadow the following day.

Parks & Recreation recognized for excellence.

Recommends a permanent committee to decide where the Hospitality and Accommodations Tax funds go.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 PM