Town Of Salem, SC

Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2011

Opening: The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 6:05 pm on January 3, 2011 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Tony Moore, Tony Grogan, Kevin Talley, Town Attorney Brad Norton, Town Clerk/Tres. Kim Alexander, Utilities Office Mgr. Marti Jennings, Utilities Admin. Warren Harris, Assistant Fire Chief Chris McGaha. See attached sign in sheet for public attendance.

Invocation
The Invocation was given by Councilman Tony Moore.

Mayor Head addressed the chamber in reference to the Police Chief. Mayor Head informed all in attendance that the officer hired by the Town on December 6, 2010 would not be taking the position due to a family illness. Mr. Brewton contacted the Mayor over the Christmas holidays calling the Friday before Christmas. After this the council requested that they each come in and look at the applicants and choose from the ones they have already interviewed. With this in mind they went back to actually their first choice a Mr. D. Thomley he was to be here tonight and is not, he has contacted Town Hall we will conference call him in the executive session to discuss personnel issues. Mayor Head ensured everyone that the council is working on this and will continue to find the right person for the town.

A. Minutes
Approval of minutes from the December 06, 2010 meeting. Motion made by Kevin Talley, Second by Tony Grogan, All in favor.

C. Utilities Report
Warren Harris presented the monthly utility report to council. The items of interest Jocassee Ridge booster pump was installed on Thursday they will finish on Tuesday morning, any loose ends. At this time the water department is working well. The 2010 DEHEC sanitary survey audit went well, the Town of Salem Water system passed with flying colors. Warren requested that over the next several months the council look at the options listed for source water as we prepare the budget for the next year.

D. Fire Report

Chris McGaha - Assistant Fire Chief presented council with the monthly report. Everything is going well and the Fire Department is continuing to work on the equipment needs and facilities plan to have sleeping quarters and other accommodation needs as soon as possible.

E. Recreation Report

The T-S Recreation report is in the council packs, included are the schedules and coaches information for council to review.

F. Clerk/ Treasure – Report

Bills paid sheet are in council packs for review. It is time for all town and water system contracts to be sent out for bid. Kevin Talley motioned to send all contracts for grass cutting, water testing, etc. out for bid to open on January 20, 2011 – close at 5:00pm on February 25, 2011. Sealed bids will be opened at 6:00pm before the March council meeting. Motion seconded by Tony Moore motion carried.

Council reviewed the meeting dates for the 2011 calendar. The Town of Salem monthly council meeting is the second Tuesday of each month. Two dates conflict with other events. Tony Grogan made a motion to change two dates. March and April meetings will move to the first Monday. The motion was second by Kevin Talley, motion carried. The clerk will publish the dates of the meetings for 2011.

Mr. Albert Couch made a presentation to the Town Council to provide trash pick up to the town residents and the in town businesses for a fee 15.00 residential and 25.00 business. Rev. Couch would provide the service and the town would bill the customers and pay Mr. Couch each month. Mayor Head thanked Rev. Couch and stated that the Council would take this as information. After more questions from Marti Jennings Water Department Office Manager, and Town Attorney Bard Norton in reference to extending the service outside the town limits, this could be discussed at a later date if council decides to proceed. Mayor Head again thanked Rev. Couch for the presentation. The consensus of the Town Council was that the citizens of the Town would need a voice before you did something like this and the Mayor questioned how we would go about doing this.

Executive Session
Kevin Talley made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters related to the Police Department and Fire Department second by Tony Grogan. All in favor.

Kevin Talley made a motion to return to regular session, second by Tony Moore all in favor.

B. Open Session

No further business at this time. Kevin Talley made a motion to adjourn second by Tony Moore. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by Mayor Diane Head.

Approved by: _____ Signed By Clerk_____

Date: _____