

**TOWN OF SALEM
TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2012
6:00PM**

Opening: The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 5:00 pm on JUNE 12, 2012 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Kevin Talley, Lorenia Lee, Tony Grogan Tony Moore, Town Attorney Brad Norton, Marti Jennings Office Manager, Town Clerk/Tres. Kim Alexander, Police Chief David Poulson, Fire Chief Kevin Wilbanks, Water Department Rick Jones , Ryan Hardin. See attached sign in sheet for public attendance.

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Councilman Tony Grogan.

A. Public Comment

Sarah representing the GED Program spoke to the council in reference to the success that the program has had thus far. There have been two graduates and six more that will take the final test this summer in a few weeks. She thanked the Town Council for all their support in this endeavor.

Mr. Kenneth Hoffman was present to receive the check in the amount of \$800.00 from Chief David Poulson. This was the funds raised from the Block Party held May 19, 2012 in the Town Park. Mrs. Katie Orr was unable to attend she will also be presented a check in the amount of \$800.00. Chief Poulson stated that is was a great feeling to be able to give back to the community.

B. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the May 8, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Kevin Talley, Second by Tony Moore, All in favor.

C. Police Report

Police Chief David Poulson presented the police report to the town council. Chief Poulson discussed the success of the Block Party held May 19th in the Town at the Jerry Wigington Memorial Park. The Police Department is continuing to work with other departments and agencies in the county. In the month of May the department attended the CPR and First Aid Training. Had 190 building and home checks, 80 citizens contacts, 16 traffic stops and 2 arrest. Chief Poulson also presented his Department budget to Council. There were a number of items discussed. One large ticket item the Police Department was in need of was a ne Police car. The Motion was made by Tony Grogan to have Chief Poulson look at the purchase of this new car prior to the new budget year to use line items not yet expended in the 2011-2012 budget. Seconded by Kevin Talley all in favor.

D. Utilities Report Mr. Ryan Hardin presented his report to town council. Rick Jones spoke on behalf of the Water Department. The Blue Ridge Electric Proposed New Substation was presented to Council. There will be more information on this project as the date for the start of construction gets closer. The Oconee Focus project with the new fiber optic is under way and currently going as planned. The Budget for the Water Department was presented in its final form for field operations. The Budget is set to continue the meter replacement program. This year the water department is looking at a cost of living increase to help with recovering the increase in water purchase and utilities cost from electric providers, along with the fuel price increase. 2nd READING

ORDINANCE 2011-02-01 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WELLHEAD PROTECTION FOR MUNICIPAL WELLS A Motion to adopt ORDINANCE 2011-02-01 made by Tony Moore 2nd by Kevin Talley Motion Carried. 4 approved Council member L. Lee reused from voting.

No questions at this time for the Water Department.

E. Fire Report

Kevin Wilbanks – Fire Chief presented the monthly fire report to council. Some members of the Fire Department attended the Fire Conference at Myrtle Beach this past weekend. The State Honored Mrs. Janie Wilbanks of the Salem Fire Department in a special ceremony. Chief Wilbanks presented his fire budget for the 2012-2013 budget year. As the Department continues to grow this budget year will include remodeling of the station to accommodate housing for the fire fighters. Other items include continuing to increase staff and purchase of more fire equipment. No questions at this time for Fire Chief Wilbanks.

F. Recreation Report

Brad Norton – Presented the Recreation Department report to council. Baseball and Softball season is almost over. The County Tournament ended last weekend. The 10 U Girls were runners up in the tournament. They will be going to All Stars. No questions at this time for Recreation Department.

H. Clerk/ Treasurer – Report

Bills paid sheet in council packs by Kim Alexander, Clerk/Treasurer.

- A. FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY- Ordinance #06-12-6 ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SALEM, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013. Motion made by Kevin Talley 2nd by Lorenia Lee all in favor.
- B. FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY -Ordinance #06-12-7 ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SALEM SOUTH CAROLINA ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012. Motion made by Tony Moore 2nd by Tony Grogan all in favor.

C. FIRST READING IN TITLE ONLY - ORDINANCE #06-03-5
ORDINANCE TO ANNEX SUNRISE DRIVE TO MEADOW RIDGE BY 100
PERCENT Motion made by Tony Grogan second by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

The Drawing for the New Town Hall Sign was presented to council. Everyone approved the design. Tony Grogan made the motion to accept the drawing and to send the Rock work out for bid. The clerk will place an ad and the bids will be opened at the June 29 2012 Budget Council Meeting 6pm in Chambers at 5 A Park Ave. Salem SC 29676.

I. Executive Session -

A motion was made by Kevin Talley to go into executive session for legal advice from the town attorney on contractual issue, second by Tony Grogan all in favor.

Tony Grogan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

No further business at this time, motion to adjourn by Kevin Talley second by Tony Grogan. Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm by Mayor Diane Head.

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Alexander Town Clerk/Tres.