

TOWN OF IVA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, REGULAR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, IVA TOWN HALL
204 EAST JACKSON STREET, IVA, SOUTH CAROLINA

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009
10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the council chambers of the Iva Town Hall, located at 204 East Jackson Street in Iva. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, proper notification of the meeting was given.

Officials Present:

Mr. Bobby E. Gentry, Mayor
Mr. Elmer Powell, Council Ward One
Mr. Kenneth Norwood, Council Ward Two
Ms. Mary Forrester, Council Ward Three
Mr. Dennis Metz, Council Ward Four
Mr. Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Ms. Mary McCormac, Town Attorney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gentry

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Ms. Forrester. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America following the invocation.

Swearing-In Ceremony

The Swearing-In of Mr. Dennis Metz took place. The Honorable Judge Linda Dudley-Graham read the Oath of Office to Mr. Metz. Mr. Metz repeated the Oath of Office and was sworn in as council member for ward four.

Resolution 2009-002

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-002. Mr. Powell made the motion and Mr. Norwood seconded. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor Gentry asked Mr. Chase Duffell, a student from Crescent High School, along with his parents, to the front of the council chambers. Mayor Gentry also asked Mr. Harrison Williams to the front of the council chambers as well. Mayor Gentry commented on the brave and heroic efforts of Mr. Duffell for rescuing Mr. Williams from his burning vehicle that resulted from a traffic accident. Council members also congratulated Mr. Duffell.

Proclamation Recognizing the Month of March as "American Red Cross Month".

Representatives from the Anderson County Chapter of the American Red Cross were present during the council meeting. The representatives expressed their appreciation for the support from residents in the Iva community. A proclamation was approved by Mayor Gentry proclaiming the month of March 2009 as "American Red Cross Month".

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 12, 2009 were presented for approval. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

The minutes from February 9, 2009 were presented for approval. Mr. Metz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Annette Holley addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Ms. Holley asked if the Town of Iva was penalized for not submitting audited financial statements to the S.C. State Treasurer timely. Mayor Gentry commented that the Town of Iva was not fined and did submit the audited financial statements to the State Treasurer.

Ms. Holley also commented that she had submitted a written request to the Town Clerk requesting minutes from prior council meetings. Mr. Taylor commented that the minutes were ready for Ms. Holley.

Mr. Henry Holley addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Mr. Holley asked for an update on 3 mobile homes he turned in to the Mayor that needed to be condemned. Mayor Gentry commented that one of the mobile homes has been removed. One mobile home is awaiting the issuance of a title and deed and that was water and

sewer service was available at the property. Mayor Gentry commented that he is in the process of obtaining the necessary permits on the third mobile home.

Mr. Holley also asked about houses that are being burned and demolished in Iva. Mr. Holley asked if all the necessary permits have been obtained. Mayor Gentry commented that he had obtained the necessary permits from Anderson County. Mr. Holley asked about permitting for a fire at the Jackson Mill pond. Ms. McCormac commented to Mr. Holley that he should contact DHEC with any questions he may have regarding the fire at the Jackson Mill pond.

Ordinance 2009-001 (Second Reading)

Mayor Gentry presented Ordinance 2009-001 for second reading. Mayor Gentry commented that a public hearing will be held at the next council meeting to hear public comments regarding the proposed rate increase in water and sewer rates. Mayor Gentry commented that the purpose of the rate increase was due to the increase in rates from Starr-Iva Water Department and Anderson County Sewer Department. Mr. Metz commented that he understood Starr-Iva Water Department may possibly increase their rates again. Mr. Metz asked if the proposed increase in Iva's rates reflected another possible increase from Starr-Iva Water. Mayor Gentry commented that Starr-Iva Water Department would consider another increase if they are awarded loans and grants for their water line extension project.

Mayor Gentry commented that the rate increase will go into effect in June 2009.

Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the seconded reading of Ordinance 2009-001. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Resolution 2009-003

Mayor Gentry presented Resolution 2009-003 to council for approval. Mayor Gentry commented that the resolution would allow for the installation of decorative street lamps along Hwy 81 South on the south end of town. Mayor Gentry commented that the lamps would be installed under a lease agreement with Duke Energy. Mayor Gentry commented that some of the current street lamps would be disconnected and removed. Mayor Gentry commented that new proposed street lamps will add more lighting to the sidewalk and to Hwy 81 south. Mr. Metz asked about the cost to

the Town of Iva for the installation. Mayor Gentry commented that the lamps would be leased and billing would occur monthly as with the current street lamps. Mr. Norwood asked if some of the existing lamps would be removed. Mayor Gentry commented that some of the existing lamps would be removed as the new decorative lamps would be replacing them. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Norwood. The vote was 4-1. (Powell, Norwood, Gentry, Forrester *for*; Metz *opposed*.)

Resolution 2009-004

Mayor Gentry presented Resolution 2009-004 to council for approval. Mayor Gentry commented that the resolution gives him the authorization to initiate plans to remove a structure located at the recently purchased Shaw property on E. Front St. Mr. Metz questioned the issuance of the recently approved General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$145,000. Mayor Gentry commented that the purpose of the bond was to purchase the property, located at 626 E. Front Street. Mr. Norwood addressed his concerns about removing the building without investigating its possible use. Mr. Norwood commented that he was not ready to see the building removed. Mr. Metz questioned if the purchase of the property was a part of the SCDOT Enhancement Grant. Mayor Gentry commented that the projects were separate. Mayor Gentry commented that Mr. Shaw has requested to remove the garage doors should the town decide to remove the building. Mr. Metz questioned if there would be any costs associated with accepting quotes for having the building removed. Mayor Gentry commented that he would investigate pricing for demolition. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the resolution with amendments. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the resolution to allow for the Mayor to investigate the possible renovation and/or demolition of the building with council giving the final approval for its use. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Resolution 2009-005

Mayor Gentry presented Resolution 2009-005 to council for approval. Mayor Gentry commented that the resolution would give him to authority to request the closure of a portion of E. Broad Street. Mayor Gentry commented that this portion of E. Broad Street is the portion that runs from E. Front Street to Hwy 81 South, approximately 100 feet. Mr. Norwood commented that there are residents in his ward that oppose the idea of the road closure. Mr. Metz commented that he would like to propose the

idea of making the road a one-way rather than closure. Mr. Taylor commented that the resolution only gives the Mayor the authority to request the closure, not to have the road closed. Mr. Norwood made a motion to table the resolution until further information could be obtained. Mr. Metz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Discussion of the Iva Planning Commission

Mr. Metz commented that in 1994 the South Carolina State Legislature passed legislation that allows counties and towns to have Planning Commission and Boards of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Metz commented that Planning Commissions can seat from 5 to 7 members and that Boards of Zoning Appeals can seat 3 members. Mr. Metz commented that the Planning Commission needs to have active membership. Mr. Metz made a motion to remove Mr. Thompson Burris from the Planning Commission. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. Mr. Metz made a motion to nominate Mr. John D. Evans to be appointed to the Iva Planning Commission. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Amendment to Agenda

Mr. Metz made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the discussion of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Norwood seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. Mr. Powell made a motion to remove Tamme Brittain from the Board of Zoning Appeals due to residency requirements. Mr. Norwood seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. Mr. Norwood made a motion to remove Brent Simpson from the Board of Zoning Appeals due to residency requirement. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote 5-0. Mayor Gentry commented that he would talk to Michael Smith about receiving the proper training and certification to allow him to remain on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Updates on Various Projects

Mayor Gentry commented on the following:

- Hwy 81 Median Installation
- PARD Grants
- Removal of swings located at the E. Lake Street Park
- Fencing at the Hwy 184 Ball Field

Ms. Dorothy Smith commented that someone is destroying road signs on her road. Ms. Smith also commented that police cars are speeding on her road.

- NOTE: Ms. Smith was allowed to speak due to her being absent at the beginning of the meeting during Citizen Comments.

There was discussion about the street signs and police officers speeding. Ms. McCormac called for a point of order due to the discussion being off-topic of the agenda.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Gentry commented that the "Welcome to Iva" sign on the south end of town had been damaged. Mayor Gentry commented that the sign will be repaired. Mayor Gentry commented that Tax Anticipation Note, Series 2008 (TAN) has been paid in full.

Ward One: Mr. Powell commented that he is still receiving complaints about dogs running loose in his ward. Mr. Powell also commented that there are junk cars without insurance in his ward. Mr. Powell commented that a resident from Ward Two called him to request an apron for her drive. Mr. Powell commented that he will turn the request over to Mr. Taylor.

Ward Two: Mr. Norwood commented that street signs need to be ordered for several streets in his ward. Mr. Norwood will turn the request over to Mr. Taylor.

Ward Three: Ms. Forrester commented that a "City Limits" sign needs to be placed on Hwy 184.

Ward Four: Mr. Metz commented about the installation of sidewalks in his ward. Mr. Metz also commented that ditches need to be cleaned on Chaffin Road and E. Broad Street.

Mayor Gentry commented the Anmed Health Medical Outreach Van will be at the Iva Post Office on March 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Adjournment

Mr. Metz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Taylor
Town Clerk/Treasurer
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