

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009  
10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Monday, January 12, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mr. Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Ms. Mary McCormac, Town Attorney

(The council seat for ward four is vacant)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gentry

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was offered by Rev. Paul Young. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America following the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from December 23, 2008 were presented to council for approval. Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Norwood seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

**Planning Commission Presentation**

Marlene Wiles, Chairman of the Iva Planning Commission, presented highlights of the updated Comprehensive Plan to the Town Council. Ms. Wiles commented that the Planning Commission updated the Comprehensive Plan following the recommended and mandated state guidelines. Ms. Wiles commented that the plan is comprised of facts and figures, required elements, plans to update the plan again in five years, and a resolution approved by the members of the Planning Commission recommending approval from the Town Council.

Ms. Wiles further commented that the Planning Commission will be working to become certified as required by state law, providing updates to the current Town of Iva Zoning Ordinance, a recommending to Town Council that members be appointed that will be active and participate in the meetings.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mr. Henry Holley addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Mr. Holley asked for an update on a letter he sent to the Mayor listing some houses that needed to be abandoned. Mayor Gentry commented that he is working with the county to have some houses condemned and demolished. Mayor Gentry also commented that he is working with some property owners to bring their homes into compliance.

Ms. Annette Holley addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Ms. Holley asked if providing trash bins for city residents was in the future. Ms. Holley commented that some of the property taxes collected should be spent to help the taxpayers.

Mr. John Evans addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Mr. Evans presented a 1906 map of Iva to the Town Council. Mr. Evans commented on buildings and structures in Iva that are pre-depression. Mr. Evans suggested that the Town Council should pass an ordinance that would protect historic buildings in Iva. Mr. Evans thanked the Town Council for their hard work.

The Antique Body Shop Board addressed the Mayor and Town Council. The board presented the number of individuals who participated at the Antique Body Shop beginning in January 2008 through December 2008. The total number of participants was 6,671.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Gentry commented on the following:

PARD Grant - Mayor Gentry commented that the PARD Grant is to be spent on playground equipment and recreation.

East Lake Street - Mayor Gentry commented on moving equipment from the park to clean it up and to move some equipment that is unsafe.

Hwy 81 Medians- Mayor Gentry commented that the Department of Transportation is making changes to the original proposal. The town is waiting for encroachment permits to be issued.

Painting of Gazebo - Mr. Norwood asked if the town could wait until spring to re-paint the gazebo.

WARD ONE: Mr. Powell commented on stray dogs and trash in Ward one.

WARD TWO: Mr. Norwood commented on a water leak. Mr. Norwood also commented on signs that are being paint-balled on Hwy 81. Mr. Norwood commented on lighting at the Welcome to Iva sign (north entrance). Mr. Norwood asked if the color of lighting could be changed. Mayor Gentry commented that he would look into the matter.

WARD THREE: Ms. Forrester commented that she is still having issues with stray dogs in her ward as well.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Norwood made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Mr. Norwood made a motion to exit executive session. Ms. Forrester seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Legal matters were discussed during executive session.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Norwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Forrester Seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Taylor  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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