Regular Council Meeting
231 East Hayne Street
Tuesday, May 30th, 2023
5:30 p.m.

(These minutes are subject to approval at the regular June 2023 meeting)

City Council met on this date with the following council members: Kelley, Sloan, Durham, Wood, Arnold, Norman and Mayor Gist in attendance. City Manager Lee Bailey, City Attorney Terry Clark and City Clerk Bekki Phillips was also present. Notice of the meeting was sent to the media days prior to the meeting and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in advance of the meeting according to the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gist at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes-
A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting from April 25th, 2023, minutes as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Norman. The vote passed unanimously.

III. Approval of the Agenda of the May 30th, 2023, City Council Meeting A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to accept the agenda as written. A second was made by Councilman Arnold. The vote passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business- NONE

V. New Business

A. Citizen Request to Appear- Mr. Joe Laino- Mr. Laino made some of the following statements to the Mayor and Council. He feels as though there may be some corruption with some of the city employees. He had a verbal contract (handshake) with a man who would finance the home at 525 Lanford Rd while Mr. Laino would do repairs and then be able to buy back the home to live in. Mr. Laino also stated that he is not a licensed contractor and the Code states that the owner would have to live in the home for 1 year before selling it. He also mentions that a disclosure form was supposed to be given. Mr. Laino stated that Mr. Clark and Mr. Bailey have ignored his calls and that is why he was there before the council. He is looking for justice not only himself but for the new home buyer.

B. First Reading of Ordinance 23-010 to Amend Article V, Section IX, of the City of Woodruff Zoning Ordinance entitled “C-3 Central Business District” to Regulate the Minimum Distance between Existing or Approved Fuel Stations and/or Automotive Service Stations. Presenter: Brandon McMahan; Planning Director. Mr. McMahan stated that this only pertains to property zoned C-3. He also stated that most all the C-3 property is located on Main Street. Mr. McMahan stated that this will help limit similar business opening up next to one another and eroding our limited C-3, Commercial properties and allow for more diversity in our businesses along this corridor. Mr. McMahan stated that the planning commission met on May 11th and has approved this recommendation. A motion was made by councilman Durham to accept Ordinance 23-010 as written. A second was made by councilwoman Sloan. The vote passed unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance 23-011 to Annex into the City of Woodruff a Strip of Land 10 feet in width over a Tract or Parcel of Land Identified as parcel tap map # 4-33-00-030.00. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager. Mr. Bailey stated that the owner of the land has agreed to by 100% method. Mr. Bailey stated that this strip of land will have no tax value nor any zoning. A motion was made by councilwoman Norman to accept Ordinance 23-011 as written. A second was made by councilman Wood. The vote passed unanimously.
D. First Reading of Ordinance 23-012 to Annex into the City of Woodruff for Spartanburg County School District Four Tax Map Numbers 4-33-00-030.01, 4-33-00-028.01, 4-33-00-028.00, 4-33-00-027.03, 4-33-00-027.02, 4-33-00-025.04 and 4-33-00-027.01. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager. Mr. Bailey stated that this is the land that the new High School will be built on. Mr. Bailey stated that this to allow the school district to be within the city municipal boundaries. A motion was made by councilwoman Sloan to accept Ordinance 23-012 as written. A second was made by councilman Durham. The vote passed unanimously.

E. First Reading of Ordinance 23-013 to Zone the Tax Map Numbers 4-33-00-030.01, 4-33-00-028.01, 4-33-00-028.00, 4-33-00-027.03, 4-33-00-027.02, 4-33-00-025.04 and 4-33-00-027.01 to R-2 Single Family Residential. Presenter: Brandon McMahan; Planning Director. Mr. McMahan stated that this is to zone the above-mentioned school district land as R-2 single family. Mr. McMahan stated that a school is allowed in R-2 zoning district. A motion was made by councilman Wood to accept Ordinance 23-013 as written. A second was made by councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously.

F. First Reading of Ordinance 23-014 to Annex into the City of Woodruff a Strip of Land 10 feet in width along the West Side of Allendale Rd. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager. Mr. Bailey stated that the owner of the property has agreed to have this annexed into City limits for future use by 100% method. A motion was made by councilman Durham to accept Ordinance 23-014 as written. A second was made by councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously.

G. Resolution 23-005 Requesting that the Commission Created Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, Consider Certain Capital Projects; and providing for Other Matters Related thereto. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager. Mr. Bailey stated that this resolution has been brought to the City by Spartanburg County. Spartanburg County is in the process of a public campaign to extend the penny sales tax that is except to expire in November in hopes of allocating funds to fix our roadways. Mr. Bailey stated this resolution basically says the city of Woodruff is in support of this project. Mr. Bailey stated that the City has identified some roadways in the city and outside of the city that could be repaved or fixed if the penny sales tax project is passed. A motion was made by councilwoman Sloan to accept Resolution 23-005 as written. A second was made by councilman Durham. The vote passed unanimously.

H. First Reading of Ordinance No 23-001-FY Budget. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager. Mr. Bailey stated that this ordinance is for the budget for 2023-2024 FY. This ordinance also provides for capital projects such as Tasers for the Police Department and items for the Parks and Recreation department. Mr. Bailey stated that this is a balanced budget. A motion was made by councilwoman Sloan to accept Ordinance 23-000-FY as written. A second was made by councilman Wood. The vote passed unanimously.

VI. Business Updates.

A. The reports were received by council. The Mayor and Council had no comments regarding the reports.

B. A motion was made by Councilman Durham to accept the financial report as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Sloan. The vote passed unanimously.

C. City Manager Lee Bailey mentioned that on June 30th the City will have a concert and the first ever fireworks show. The sewer project on Hwy 101 is set to finish this week.

D. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to enter Executive Session. A second was made by Councilman Wood. The motion passed unanimously. The executive session was entered at 5:56 PM. A motion was made by councilman Durham to exit executive session. A second was made by councilwoman Kelley. A motion was made by councilman Norman to re-enter into regular council meeting. A second was made by councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously. Regular session was re-entered at 6:33 PM. Mayor Gis: asked for a motion to allow City Manager to enter into a development agreement with project called “Panther”. A motion was given by councilman Arnold and a second was given by councilman Wood. The vote passed unanimously.

VII. Adjourn- A motion was made by Councilwoman Norman to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Attest:

[Signature]
Bekki Phillips
City Clerk