

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2019

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

James M. Adams, Jr., Councilmember

J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember

Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember

Fletcher L. Dickert, Councilmember

Kenneth J. McDowell, Councilmember

David W. McGhee, Councilmember

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting the City Council of the City of North Augusta of April 15, 2019, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 6:32 p.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m. Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting by email was sent out to the current maintained "Agenda Mailout" list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meeting was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Mayor Pettit rendered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Pettit and Councilmembers Adams, Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, McDowell, and McGhee.

Also in attendance were B. Todd Glover, City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Cammie T. Hayes, Director of Finance; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, &

Tourism; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; James E. Sutton, Director of Public Services; Lillian E. (Libby) Hodges, Director of Planning and Development; J. D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk. Members of the public and media were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting and study session of April 1, 2019 were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5: PERSONNEL: Employee of the Quarter – January, February, and March 2019 – Jason Shealy, Utility Technician with the Department of Public Services

Mayor Pettit recognized the employee of the quarter for January, February, March 2019, Jason Shealy, Utility Technician with the Department of Public Services.

Jason started his employment with the City of North Augusta on April 24, 2013.

Jason has been responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the 22 pumping stations for the last six years. His responsibility involves being on call 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, every other week. During this six-year period he has never failed to respond to any call from these automated stations no matter the time or day. He has used his technical expertise to many areas of the city that has resulted in savings of money and time.

The use of innovative repair procedures suggested by Jason at three of the city's lift stations has saved the Utilities Division close to \$8,000 in repair costs. The hard work, dedication, and technical expertise of Jason Shealy is representative of the best the City of North Augusta has to offer.

Jason Shealy is a tremendous asset to the Public Services Department and the City of North Augusta workforce. He was awarded a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate to Your Pie, and a \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart.

ITEM 6: ENGINEERING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: Resolution No. 2019-13 - A Resolution Accepting the Donation of Planter Boxes from Between the Edges Lawn Care and Landscaping, Inc. for Use in the Riverside Village Development

On motion by Councilmember Carpenter, second by Councilmember Brooks, Council considered the approval of a resolution to receive the donation of planter boxes from Between the Edges Lawn Care and Landscaping, Inc. for use in the Riverside Village Development.

There were no public comments. Council passed the resolution with no dissenting votes.

The resolution text is as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13

ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF PLANTER BOXES FROM
BETWEEN THE EDGES LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING, INC.
FOR USE IN THE RIVERSIDE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Between the Edges Lawn Care & Landscaping, Inc. wishes to donate six new, unused decorative planter boxes, reported to be valued at \$13,700.00, to the City of North Augusta for use in a public space; and

WHEREAS, the City's Engineering and Property Maintenance have identified suitable locations for these planters within the Center Street Median in Riverside Village and recommend acceptance of these items.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council in meeting duly assembled and by authority thereof, on behalf of the citizens of North Augusta, gratefully accepts the donation of these planter boxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council wishes to express sincere appreciation to Between the Edges Lawn Care & Landscaping, Inc., and its owners, Tonya and Jeremy Kelley, for this contribution toward helping to build North Augusta's quality of life that is enjoyed by all citizens of the community.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF ____, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

**ITEM 7. PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM: Resolution No. 2019-14 - A
Resolution Authorizing Funding for the Rehabilitation and Resurfacing of
Portions of the Greenway**

On motion by Councilmember Dickert, second by Councilmember McDowell, Council considered a resolution to authorize funding for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of portions of the Greenway. The funding for this project was not expended in the 2018 budget and not listed in the 2019 budget. The funds are to match a grant that was awarded to the Park, Recreation and Tourism department. The Greenway resurfacing will begin near Center Street and continue to the northern side of the Riverview Park Activity Center.

There were no citizen comments. Councilmember Dickert encouraged the department to continue to seek additional grants to rehabilitate more of the Greenway. Councilmember McDowell suggested that public notice be issued when the work begins to inform citizens of any closures.

There were no public comments. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The text of the resolution is as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14
AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND RESURFACING OF
PORTIONS OF THE GREENEWAY

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism applied for, and was awarded a grant from the State of South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Recreation Trails Program, in the amount of \$100,000, to re-surface/re-pave a portion of the North Augusta Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2018 Annual Municipal Budget included \$25,000 matching funds in the Riverfront/CC Redevelopment Fund; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2019 Annual Municipal Budget included an additional \$35,000 in the Riverfront/CC Redevelopment Fund for "Greenway Paving Upgrade".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of North Augusta, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the total project budget shall be \$160,000 with \$60,000 funded by the Riverfront/CC Redevelopment Fund and \$100,000 to be reimbursed by SCPRT.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 8. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

- A. Citizen Comments: Please see the attached Speaker Form completed for the April 15, 2019 Council meeting.

Elizabeth Jones, 1 Hammond Place Court, North Augusta, SC (written comments are attached)

- B. Council Comments:

Councilmember Carpenter agreed with Ms. Jones that there is a need in North Augusta for activities for seniors.

Councilmember McDowell reminded Council that North Augusta Forward has had a purpose to provide activities for seniors as part of their mission for quite a while.

City Administrator, Todd Glover, shared that he has a meeting scheduled this week to meet with the Aiken Council on Aging.

Councilmembers Dickert and Carpenter congratulated Jason Shealy on his award of Employee of the Quarter.

Councilmember Dickert also encouraged forward progress on the Downtown Greenway Connector.

The Mayor announced a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, The National Day of Prayer. The breakfast will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from the Finance Cashier in the Municipal Building. Local churches and businesses are being asked to consider sponsoring a table of eight to help defray the cost. The theme is "Community of Faith – Working together to Overcome Barriers." The speaker will be Dr. W. Franklin Evans, President of Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina.

Mayor Pettit then shared that Senator Tom Young announced in a recent email that SCDOT has completed a traffic study of the Bergen Road and Martintown Road Intersection. It has been determined that a traffic light is needed and warranted. SCDOT is looking for funding alternatives and potential timelines for the work.

The Mayor also reported that the comment period for the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam will conclude on April 16. A joint response from the City of North Augusta and Augusta-Richmond County will be delivered that afternoon. The response also includes a letter signed by Georgia and South Carolina senators and congressmen.


There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6 DAY OF
MAY, 2019.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk

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SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Elizabeth Jones
 ADDRESS: 7 Hammond Place Court
North Augusta SC
 TELEPHONE: 803 270 6801

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4/15/19
 AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Request for use of community
 SUMMARY: center for a center for
seniors

- To: Mayor Bob Pettit
 - City Council Members: Jimmy Adams, Bob Brooks, Pat Carpenter, Ken McDowell,
 - Fletcher Dickert, David McGhee
 - 4/15/19

- From: The North Augusta Citizens Advocacy Committee for Senior Citizens
 - Elizabeth Jones, Facilitator
 - 1 Hammond Place Court
 - North Augusta, South Carolina 29841
 - 803 270-6801
 - ej.shilohcommunitycenter@gmail.com

- Re: Creation of a North Augusta Council on Aging to facilitate senior services, resources and a quality senior center in North Augusta – 13 Members

- Good evening to Mayor Pettit and North Augusta City Council. I come before you this evening to advocate for the use of an under-used facility in North Augusta (the community center at 495 Brookside Avenue) and request on behalf of senior citizens that this facility be used as a dedicated senior center to serve older adults in North Augusta. What we are requesting will require careful planning, financial support from the City and partnerships from the community. The commission will serve as an advocacy group to identify aging issues and resources in North Augusta. We are requesting Council form an adhoc planning committee formed of citizens and Parks and Recreation staff. This group would identify resources needed and develop a timeline/implementation plan for the senior center.
- It would be great if each council member would recommend a person to serve.

- This is the 2nd time I have come before you as an advocate for senior services in North Augusta. It is my understanding that we do have some senior services in place. What we are asking for encompasses much more – services that accommodate senior citizens from 60+ and older, from the very active to the frail elderly. I started a conversation on social media and 38 North Augustans have stepped up to assist with forming and serving as volunteers, as advocates and serving on this Council.

- Case for support: According to the National Council on Aging, a quality senior center should be a vibrant, action-packed combination of local fitness center, job and volunteering headquarters, transportation hub and tasty dining locale.

- 16.1 % of our population is age 65+. Most people who use senior centers are ages 50 and over. Approximately 70% of senior center participants are women. Three-quarters visit their senior centers one to three times per week and spend an average of 3.3 hours per visit. Research shows that compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction and life satisfaction.

- **Proposed Facility**

- North Augusta Community Center – 495 Brookside Avenue

- **Proposed Funding Sources**

- City of North Augusta
- Aiken Area Council on Aging
- Fee for Services (minimal)
- Grants

- **Initial Resources Needed**

- Facility – identified
- Part-time Senior Activities Coordinator
- Supplies and Equipment

▪ **Proposed Partnerships**

- Churches
- Aiken Area Council on Aging
- Civic Groups
- High School Students/College Students
- Volunteers
- Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts/Youth Groups
- Grant Writer/Grant Administrator
- Pharmacies

▪ **Proposed Services/Sessions/Workshops**

- Safety at home and away
- Scams via telephone, social media, emails
- Banking Safety
- Medication Management
- Board games, trivia, line dance, cards, book clubs, arts and crafts
- Professional services: sessions on long-term care, Medicare, fraud prevention, power of attorney
- Live music, drumming, writers groups
- Computer, technology sessions
- Sessions /Opportunities to interact with companion animals
- Trips and special events
- Lifelong learning opportunities
- Evidence Based Programs such as A Matter of Balance – reduce fear of falling; Chronic Disease Self Management – helps people with conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and arthritis learn how to reduce their symptoms, eat well and communicate with their doctors.
- Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks

▪ **The North Augusta Citizens Advocacy Committee for Senior Citizens**

1. Annette Lint
2. Margaret Freyermuth
3. Kevin Hunt
4. Teresa Huling
5. Carolyn Willis Williams
6. Laura Norton
7. Stephen Enns
8. Ulah Batchelor
9. Rach Ann Harris
10. Melba Miner
11. Bruce Milheim
12. Lindsey Nicole Steele
13. Christine Ross Christine Ross
14. Martha Rush Martha Rush
15. Terry Jenkins
16. Lisa Gail Lisa Gayle Sistare-Harkins
17. Martha Rush Martha Rush Suell
18. Terri Turner
19. Bruce Milheim
20. Linda Moody Perry
21. Delisa Hamilton-Currie
22. Emma Hiott Ellis
23. Randy Bradberry
24. Angie Creswell Carlton
25. Mary Baird Davis
26. Pam Hayes Jenkins
27. Becky Kiser
28. Blackwood Imani
29. Fred Ilardi
30. Loy Butler
31. Lori Smith
32. Alice Twiggs Vantrease
33. Galen Galan Kilgore Potter
34. Loren Fields
35. Rebecca Ansley Ward
36. Raven Nobles Acosta
37. Anita Stephens Fields
- 38. Elizabeth Jones