

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2019

*Robert A. Pettit, Mayor*

*J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember  
Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember  
Fletcher L. Dickert, Councilmember  
David W. McGhee, Councilmember  
Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember  
Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember*

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of August 5, 2019 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 7:04 p.m. and adjourned at 8:11 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 Building 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 Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were B. Todd Glover, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Cammie T. Hayes, Director of Finance; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; James E.

Sutton, Director of Public Works; 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 July 15, 2019 and the minutes of the study session of July 22 were approved by general consent.

Opening Comments: Mayor Pettit reminded citizens that there would be an opportunity during the meeting for citizens to speak to Council on any subject. He requested that those who wish to address Council complete a Speaker Form and hand the form to the City Clerk when coming forward. He also reminded citizens of Council's podium security policy, (1) Any person addressing Council may bring paper documents, handouts, etc. to the Podium. If desired, such handouts may be delivered to the City Clerk or if requested, a City staff member will distribute to Council members. (2) If the speaker desires to utilize non-paper items for demonstration purposes, any such items **MUST** be cleared by Public Safety before being taken to the Podium area. (3) Items requiring this clearing by Public Safety would include but not be limited to pocketbooks, briefcases, sacks, boxes, or any similar containers. This requirement would apply whether or not such items are to be utilized in the presentation.

**ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: Employee of the Quarter – April, May, and June – Karolina Viquez**

Mayor Pettit recognized the City of North Augusta Employee of the Quarter for April, May, and June.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The City of North Augusta Employee Recognition Committee would like to recognize the employee of the quarter for April, May, June 2019, Karolina Viquez, Customer Services Representative with the Department of Finance & General Services.

Karolina started her employment with the City of North Augusta in March of 2018.

Karolina's main duties of her position require her to interact with customers both in the office and over the phone. She is the front line for the majority of our utility related phone calls as well as face-to-face interactions in the office for our 12,000 + utility accounts. She interacts with a full spectrum of customer personalities while providing service to our citizens. She provides counsel to customers who are new to the City or need additional information to understand our services. Karolina does a great job at deescalating situations that involve disgruntled customers. She is diligent in returning messages each day before she leaves even if it means staying past closing time. She provides each customer with the level of assistance they need. Karolina is fluent in Spanish, which has allowed the Department of Finance & General Services to better serve customers where English is their second language.

Karolina has learned the duties of her position very quickly and carries them out efficiently with minimal rework. Due to her diligence, the Finance & General Services Department has been able

to allow for additional opportunities for cross training within the utilities function, which allows us to operate more efficiently as a department. Karolina is currently cross training on cashier responsibilities as well as utility billing.

Karolina is often the first person that new citizens of North Augusta interact with as they establish their utility service. She brings her vibrant personality to the department and to her customers daily. She is a wonderful “first face” for our citizens and tremendous asset to the Department of Finance & General Services and the City of North Augusta workforce.

Congratulations to Karolina, our employee of the second quarter of 2019. We have a plaque for you and a monetary prize of \$50.

**ITEM 6. CITY RECOGNITION: Municipal Association of South Carolina’s 2019 Achievement Award for Economic Development –**

MASC Field Service Manager, Charlie Barrineau, congratulated the City of North Augusta for their recent award of the 2019 Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Achievement Award for Economic Development. Following a brief video of the award announcement, Council gathered for a photo opportunity with Mr. Barrineau and the trophy.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ITEM 7. CITY PROPERTY: Ordinance No. 2019-10 – To Grant Easements to Dominion Energy for Underground Conversion along W. Five Notch Road. Ordinance; Third and Final Reading.**

On motion of Councilmember Presnell, second by Councilmember Toole, Council considered granting an easement to Dominion Energy for underground conversion along W. Five Notch Road. The third and final reading of the ordinance was approved unanimously.

The text of the ordinance is below:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10**  
**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EASEMENTS TO**  
**DOMINION ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND CONVERSION ALONG**  
**W. FIVE NOTCH ROAD**

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy has indicated to the city its intent to underground utilities along W. Five Notch Road; and

WHEREAS, as part of the construction, Dominion Energy has requested that the City grant to it easements upon and across City property that would allow for the provision of electric services; and



WHEREAS, the placement of such equipment is necessary to underground the utilities; and

WHEREAS, this area has traditionally been an area where storms have caused substantial power outages and the undergrounding of utilities in the area would help reduce the power outages from fallen trees, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed this matter, to include the proposed Deed of Easement and find that it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Augusta that such easement be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

- I. The City grant to Dominion Energy an easement over and across City property known as Tax Parcel Number 005-19-13-002.
- II. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Deed of Easement and any other documents necessary in order to complete this matter.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

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

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ITEM 8. CITY PROPERTY: Ordinance No. 2019-11 – To Grant Easements to Dominion Energy for Extension Conversion at Bergen Place West Subdivision**

##### **A. Ordinance, First Reading**

On motion of Councilmember Dickert, second by Councilmember Brooks, Council considered granting an easement to Dominion Energy for extension conversion at Bergen Place West, Phase IV. The first reading of the ordinance was approved unanimously.

**B. Ordinance, Second Reading**

On motion of Councilmember McGhee, second by Councilmember Toole, Council approved the second reading of the ordinance with no dissenting votes.

The text of the ordinance is below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11  
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EASEMENTS TO  
DOMINION ENERGY FOR EXTENSION CONVERSION AT  
BERGEN PLACE WEST SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy has indicted to the city its intent to underground utilities at Bergen Place West, Phase IV; and

WHEREAS, as part of the construction, Dominion Energy has requested that the City grant to it easements upon and across City property that would allow for the provision of electric services; and

WHEREAS, the placement of such equipment is necessary to underground the utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed this matter, to include the proposed Deed of Easement and find that it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Augusta that such easement be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

- I. The City grant to Dominion Energy an easement over and across City property known as Tax Parcel Number 005-09-10-002.
- II. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Deed of Easement and any other documents necessary in order to complete this matter.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

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

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

**ITEM 9. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2019-22 – To Execute an option in the Amount of \$250,000 to Purchase Property for the Utilization and Construction of a Public Safety Facility or Facilities**

With a motion by Mayor Pettit, second by Councilmember Dickert, Council considered a resolution to execute an option for \$250,000 to purchase property for the utilization and construction of a public safety facility or facilities. The resolution was approved with Councilmember McGhee, Councilmember Presnell, Councilmember Toole, and Mayor Pettit voting affirmatively. Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember Carpenter, and Councilmember Dickert voted against the resolution.

The following made citizen comments. Speaker Forms are attached.

Jayson Hinkson, 1210 Observatory Avenue, North Augusta, SC  
Steven Bryant, 129 Butler Avenue, North Augusta, SC  
Ken Powell, (No Speaker Form was provided.)

The text of the resolution is below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22**  
**A RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN OPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR THE UTILIZATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY OR FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary that additional Public Safety facilities be constructed in order to maintain the ability of the department to provide services at a high level; and

WHEREAS, for several years, the City has considered this need and attempted to locate adequate locations that could be utilized for the construction of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the City that property located at 311 W Martintown Road, identified as Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 007-07-01-002, 007-07-07-001, 007-07-07-003 be purchased by the City for purchase price of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof,

that the City Administrator is authorized to provide such notice as necessary to exercise the City's option on the above referred to property as attached hereto marked Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

The City Administrator is further authorized to execute all closing documents necessary to complete the transaction and purchase property in accordance with said contract. The funds for the purchase of said property shall come from the Sales Tax III Funds.

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

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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

**ITEM 10. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Resolution No. 2019-23 – To Authorize the City to Enter into a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS) to Acquire and Process Light Detecting and Ranging (LIDAR) Images and Data**

On motion of Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember McGhee, Council considered a resolution to authorize the City to enter into a joint funding agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS) to acquire and process light detecting and ranging (LIDAR) Images and Data. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The following made citizen comments. Speaker Forms are attached.

Jimmie Crawford, 1132 Terrace Circle, North Augusta, SC  
Elizabeth Jones, 1 Hammond Place Court, North Augusta, SC

The text of the resolution is below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23**  
**AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH**  
**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES**



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO ACQUIRE AND PROCESS LIGHT DETECTING AND RANGING (LIDAR) IMAGES AND DATA.

WHEREAS, the City is partnering with the USGS and multiple South Carolina Counties and Municipalities to implement the South Carolina Savannah Pee Dee 2019 B19 County LIDAR Acquisition project; and,

Whereas, through the project, the City and other partners will acquire a high-resolution digital elevation data set of mixed QL1 and QL2 data developed from LIDAR; and,

Whereas, the City will contribute \$10,000 towards the costs related to obtaining the QL1 data from the LIDAR imaging; and,

Whereas, the City will benefit from acquisition of the QL1 and QL2 data for future flood control modeling, building footprint documentation, grading plans and other urban planning projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, have determined the following:

1. That it is in the best interest of the City to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement to acquire and process QL1 and QL2 LIDAR data.
2. That the requirements of the Joint Funding Agreement related to obtaining the LIDAR images and data are reasonable and the City is capable of complying with such requirements.
3. That the City's financial contribution for this project shall not exceed \$10,000.
4. That the City Administrator is specifically authorized to execute any and all documents required by USGS for the purpose of obtaining LIDAR data.

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

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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk



**ITEM 11. PARKS, RECREATION, & TOURISM: Resolution No. 2019-24 – To Authorize the City of North Augusta to Award a Contract with R.D. Brown Contractors for the Riverside Village Amphitheater**

On motion of Councilmember Presnell, second by Councilmember Carpenter, Council considered a resolution to authorize the City of North Augusta to award a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors for the Riverside Village Amphitheater. Councilmember Dickert moved to table the resolution until Council could review the contract further. Councilmember Toole seconded this move. Council voted six to one to table the resolution. Councilmembers Carpenter, Dickert, McGhee, Presnell, Toole and Mayor Pettit voted to table. Councilmember Brooks voted in opposition.

The text of the proposed resolution is below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA  
TO AWARD CONTRACT WITH R.D. BROWN CONTRACTORS  
FOR THE RIVERSIDE VILLAGE AMPHITHEATER

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta allocated funds from Sales Tax 3 for the purpose of financing the cost of a new park development at Riverside Village; and

WHEREAS, ON April 9, 2019, sealed bids were received from R.D. Brown Contractors and R.W. Allen Construction, publicly opened and read aloud for the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the low bid by R.D. Brown is in the amount of \$3,185,000; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations through value engineering an offer of \$1,972,535 will be presented to R.D. Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta find that the awarding of such contract for the PROJECT is in the best interest of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding sources for this contract shall be as follows:

Sales Tax 3  
Series 2017B Bond Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator shall be authorized to enter into a contract with R.D. Brown Contractors in the amount of \$1,972,535 to approve change orders, to make payments, and to sign all other documents relating thereof.

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

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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

**ITEM 12. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** Please see the  
attached Speaker Form completed for the August 5, 2019 Council meeting.

A. Citizen Comments:

William T. Kinney, 1848 Robin Road, North Augusta, SC

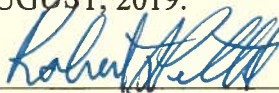
B. Council Comments:

Councilmember Dickert encouraged Council to begin working promptly to sale the Flythe and Seven Gables properties.


Councilmember Carpenter spoke in reference to a letter that Council received from a citizen who requested lift assistance.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF  
AUGUST, 2019.

  
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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Nguyen Hien  
ADDRESS: 1210 Observatory Ave  
TELEPHONE: 805 270 3321

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: 8/5/19  
AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Resolution 2019-22  
SUMMARY: I do not support!

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SPEAKER FORM

NAME:

STEVEN BRYANT

ADDRESS:

129 BUTLER AVE

TELEPHONE:

803-279-8688

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:

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AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC:

RESOLUTION 250,000 CLAY ST

SUMMARY

CONCERN PROPERTY VALUES FOR THE SURROUNDING AREAS (OWNERS). HAS THE CITY CONSIDERED THE LOSS IN VALUES TO THESE HOMES? THE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO ENVIRONMENT & HOMES?



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SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Jimmi E Crawford

ADDRESS: 1132 TERRACE CIRCLE  
NASC

TELEPHONE: 514 0013

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: 8/5/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Public Safety Facilities

SUMMARY \_\_\_\_\_

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SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Elizabeth Jones

ADDRESS: 1 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: 8/5/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Senior Center Update

SUMMARY \_\_\_\_\_

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## City Council Speaker Form

### City Council Meeting Date & Time

\*Full Name

Mr. William T. Kinney

\*Full Address

1848 Robin Rd  
North Augusta SC 29841

Phone

(803) 349-5111

### Agenda Item & Topic

Protecting property values in North Augusta

### \*Summarize Your Comment

Why does the city own unproductive property?