

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2019 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 7:03 p.m. and adjourned at 7:56 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, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were 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 Works; Lillian E. (Libby) Hodges, Director of Planning and Development; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk. Members of the public and media were also present.

Mayor Pettit announced Judge Newman had reversed his order in the Holcomb v. City of North Augusta Civil Action File No: 18-CP-02-02405; Aiken County Court of Common Pleas. The City will not post meeting back-up materials until the case is concluded.

ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: Employee of the Quarter – July, Augusta, and September 2019 – Noland Koon

“The City of North Augusta Employee Recognition Committee would like to recognize the employee of the quarter for July, August, September 2019, Noland Koon, Grounds Worker II for the Property Maintenance Division of the Public Services Department.

Noland started working for the City of North Augusta in April, 2017 as a grounds worker II on the Riverview Park maintenance route. In 2018, Noland took over as the crew leader for this route.

Noland is in charge of the maintenance route that includes the Hammond Ferry Soccer complex common area, Hammond’s Ferry Road, the newly landscaped area at the Water Treatment Facility, the Boat Landing, Lions Field common area, the Riverview Park Activities Center common area, the disc golf course, and all common areas of Riverview Park. Noland does an excellent job at looking ahead and staying on top of the maintenance tasks at all of his job sites. He is excellent with time management, organization, and keeping his crew members on point to make sure the work tasks get completed. Noland never complains about carrying the extra responsibilities in spite of still being in the position of a grounds worker II. This attitude shows the care, dedication, and passion that Noland brings with him to work every day.

Noland has proven to be very conscientious about working around all the citizens that enjoy Riverview Park and all its amenities, whether it be kids playing on the playground or disc golf players out on the course fairways. Noland takes great pride in how the turf and plant material look at the park and if he sees a problem he immediately addresses it. Noland is always eager to learn new things as he has golf course background. He is learning more about ornamental plants and trees. Noland has been instrumental in preparing Riverview Park and the Activities Center to look its best aesthetic appearance for the annual Peach Jam basketball tournament.

Noland is always the first employee to arrive in the morning at 5:15 a.m., doesn’t hesitate to work Saturdays, and even works at the River Golf Club on Saturdays when he doesn’t work for the City.

Noland Koon is a tremendous asset to the Property Maintenance Division and the City of North Augusta workforce. Congratulations to Noland Koon, our employee of the third quarter of 2019.”

Mr. Noland was presented with a plaque and monetary award of \$50.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 6. ANNEXATION: Ordinance No. 2019-13 to Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Annexing ±1.45 Acres of Property Located South of Knobcone Avenue and Owned by the Aiken County Board of Education

On the motion of Councilmember Dickert, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to consider an ordinance to change the corporate limits of the City of North Augusta by annexing ±1.45 acres of property located South of Knobcone Avenue and owned by the Aiken County Board of Education. The ordinance was approved on third and final reading.

A copy of the ordinance is below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13
TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA
BY ANNEXING ± 1.45 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED
SOUTH OF KNOBCONE AVE AND OWNED BY THE AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Section 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina provides that: "Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, any area or property which is contiguous to a municipality may be annexed to the municipality by filing with the municipal governing body a petition signed by all persons owning real estate in the area requesting annexation. Upon the agreement of the governing body to accept the petition and annex the area, and the enactment of an ordinance declaring the area annexed to the municipality, the annexation is complete"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, by adoption of Resolution No. 2019-28 dated September 16, 2019, accepted a Petition for Annexation and wish to annex the below described properties; and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification recommended for the properties proposed for annexation has been reviewed for consistency with the Future Land Use Classification of the properties as specified in the Land Use Element of the North Augusta 2017 Comprehensive Plan;

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 following described property shall be annexed into the City of North Augusta:

A portion (± 1.45 acres) of that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated on a plat prepared for the Aiken County Board of Education by Hass & Hilderbrand, Inc., dated May 7, 2013 and recorded in Plat Book 57, Page 235 in the office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Reference being made to said plat which is incorporated herein as "Exhibit B" for a more complete and accurate description as to the metes, bounds, courses, distances, and location of the property.

A portion of the parcel (± 0.1588 acres) is currently inside the corporate limits of the City. The balance is sought to be annexed into the corporate limits.

Said property is identified as Tax Parcel Number 006-06-01-011 (portion).

The property to be annexed is also shown on a map identified as "Exhibit A" titled "Map of Property Sought to be Annexed to the City of North Augusta".

- II. The zoning classification shall be zoned P, Public Use, as shown on a map identified as "Exhibit C" titled "ANX17-002 Zoning of Property Sought to be Annexed to the City of North Augusta" dated August 16, 2019, and prepared by the City of North Augusta.
- III. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- IV. 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: _____

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 7. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2019-33 – A Resolution Executing an Option in the Amount of \$275,000 to Purchase Property for the Utilization and Construction of a Public Safety Facility or Facilities

On the motion of Councilmember McGhee, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to consider a resolution to execute an option in the amount of \$275,000 to purchase property for the utilization and construction of a Public Safety facility or facilities.

The text of the resolution is below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33
A RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN OPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000 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 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$275,000.00).

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 _____, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

Comments were made by the following citizens. (Speaker forms are attached)

Dave Leverett
Steven Bryant
Perry Holcomb
Allen LaFavor

Councilmembers Dickert, Brooks, and Carpenter shared they would not vote in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Presnell, McGhee and Toole spoke in support of the resolution.

The resolution was approved with a 4-3 vote. Councilmembers Dickert, Brooks, and Carpenter voted against the resolution. Mayor Pettit and Councilmembers Presnell, McGhee, and Toole voted affirmatively.

ITEM 8. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Please see the attached Speaker Forms, if completed, for the October 21, 2019 Council meeting.

A. Citizen Comments:

Perry Holcomb
William T. Kinney
Steven Bryant

B. Council Comments:

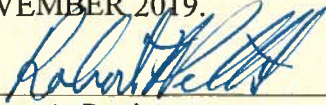
Councilmember Carpenter spoke about upcoming RECing Crew activities.

Eric Presnell congratulated the North Augusta High School Jackets Regiment on their recent winning performances that qualified them for state level competition at Noon on Saturday in Chapin, South Carolina.

Mayor Pettit reminded everyone that the Jack O'Lantern Jubilee is scheduled for Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26.


There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2019.



Robert A. Pettit
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk

#1

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 10/21/19

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

NAME: DAVE LEVERETT

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: RESOLUTION 2019-33

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

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

SUMMARY

PROCESS OF FIRE STATION DECISIONS SHOULD BE
CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED TO PRECLUDE CULPABILITY
ISSUES

#2

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 OCT 19

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

NAME: STEVEN BRYANT & JAYSON HINCKSON

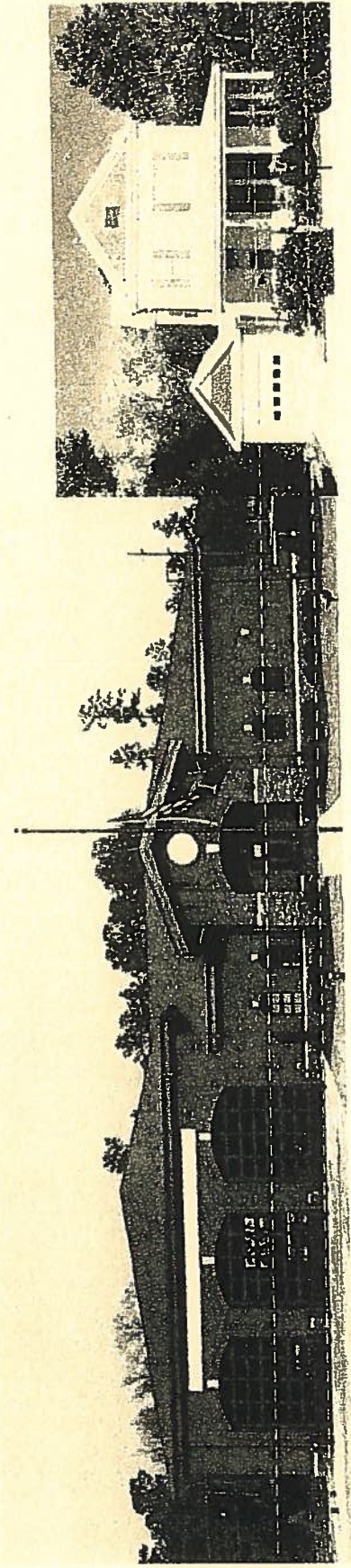
AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: PUBLIC SAFETY

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

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

SUMMARY

DO NOT SUPPORT DUE TO NUMEROUS CODE
INCONSISTENCIES, INCOMPATIBLE USE, OUT OF
SCALE W/ ADJOINING PROPERTIES



SCALE OF PROPOSED FUELS SAFETY

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STEVEN BRYANT

#3
#5

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Perry Holcomb

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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: 10/21/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Citizen's Comments

SUMMARY SC Code Sec. 30-2-20
" " " 30-2-40
" " " 5-7-160

#4

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 10-21-19

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

NAME: Allend, LA Favor II

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: change Item 7, Resolution 2019-33

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

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

SUMMARY Question About Change in Price of
Property From \$250,000 To \$275,000

#6

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 October 2019

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

NAME: Tom Kinney

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Traffic problems caused by excessive speed

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

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

SUMMARY Permission to attach "speeding is stupid" sign to a speed limit sign on Bunting Dr.

#7

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 OCT 19

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

NAME: STEVEN BRYANT

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

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

SUMMARY REC-ING CREW
THANK PAT CARPENTER, THE VOLUNTEERS
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS, ENCOURAGE
COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED