

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Gary B. Fordham, Mike Sutton, Mike McFee, and City Manager Scott Dadson.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d) as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Councilwoman Beer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the mayor.

#### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee made a motion to approve the proclamation. **The motion was approved unanimously.** Councilwoman Beer read the proclamation and presented it to a Red Cross representative.

#### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 20-26, 2011 AS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WEEK**

Councilman Sutton, second by Councilwoman Beer made a motion to approve the proclamation. **The motion was approved unanimously.** Councilwoman Beer read the proclamation and presented it to representatives of the Boys and Girls Club.

#### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee made a motion to approve the proclamation. **The motion was approved unanimously.** Councilwoman Beer read the proclamation and presented it to representatives of Disabilities and Special Needs.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the council work session on February 15, 2011 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, **council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.**

The minutes of the regular council meeting on February 22, 2011 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, **council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.**

#### **ORDINANCE REZONING TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 88 ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY, FROM LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. This property is currently used as the Stokes Honda car lot. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ORDINANCE ANNEXING FOUR PARCELS OF PROPERTY AT 88 ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Sutton, made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. This property is currently used as the Stokes Honda car lot. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ORDINANCE ZONING FOUR PARCELS OF PROPERTY AT 88 ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. This property is currently used as the Stokes Honda car lot. **Libby Anderson** said that four of the six parcels were in the unincorporated area. The other two that were in the city needed to be rezoned. These four were annexed above and are with this vote being zoned Highway Commercial. The public hearing is on March 22, 2011, as well as a potential second reading. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET BEAUFORT, USA TO SERVE ALCOHOL AND CLOSE STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL "A TASTE OF BEAUFORT" EVENT**

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to approve the request for the May 6 and 7, 2011. LF said nothing has changed from previous years. LF explained which streets were closed and why. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Councilman McFee said the Beaufort 300 fundraising is lagging a little bit and needs to raise more; they're at \$179,000 presently and it "could use a final push." Councilwoman Beer asked if people interested in being in the Beaufort 300 could pay incrementally. Councilman McFee said they can use a credit card and pay it off in installments.

Mayor Keyserling said volunteers are working to create 25 four-year scholarships for full-time USCB students, and "they're making very good progress." March 21 there will be a breakfast hosted by Jane Upshaw at 7:30 AM at the Outtakes Café at USCB. They have created a ceramics lab, put in a Macintosh digital studio, a small cafeteria with a Starbucks stand, and updated classrooms for the visual arts, the mayor said.

#### **REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman McFee said in cooperation with the Office of Civic Investment, the Redevelopment Commission has hosted a workshop in anticipation of the charettes, and he said he's been attending the subcommittee meetings as well as the regular Redevelopment Commission meetings. They've been "highly positive and forward-moving."

There's been no action on the old City Hall, Councilman McFee said. They are regrouping on the best use for the building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before City Council, Councilman Fordham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Beer. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK