

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on June 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Beaufort Municipal Complex, 1901 Boundary Street. In attendance were Mayor Billy Keyserling, Council members Donnie Ann Beer, Mike McFee, and City Manager Scott Dadson. Councilmen Gary B. Fordham and Mike Sutton were absent.

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 6:09 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilwoman Beer.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion, second by Councilman McFee, to add an executive session to the end of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING HARLEY LAING FOR SERVING ON PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilwoman Beer read the proclamation to Mr. Laing. Mr. Laing accepted the proclamation and thanked council for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rose and Peter White of Southurn Rose Buggy Tours spoke to council about their desire to acquire a bus – the old Beaufort Tour Service bus – and offer bus tours. Ms. White said that she had spoken with Shirley Hughes to request a slot rotation for a bus tour and was told Ms. Hughes would research the availability of rotations. Ms. White said Ms. Hughes then told her that two slots were available. Evelene Stevenson was given one of the slots, and then Ms. White got a letter per Mr. Dadson’s instructions for the next step, only to find out that no slot was available. Her concern is that she took all the steps per the ordinance, which included going through city council, which is required “for someone without a license.” She began the process with a visit to City Hall on April 15, asking what to do, and ultimately didn’t get the slot. She feels that there should have been the opportunity to bid for the available slots.

Nan Sutton said that Councilman Sutton is in the Gulf working 14-hour days and “doing the best he can.”

MINUTES

The minutes of the work session on June 1, 2010 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

The minutes of the regular council meeting on May 25, 2010 were presented to council for review. On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

ORDINANCE SETTING ELECTION RELATED DATES AND FILING FEE FOR TWO MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

Mr. Dadson said council would not meet July 20, 27, August 3, 10, and 17. Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to approve the schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman McFee, made a motion to approve the nomination of Peter Cotter to the Military Enhancement Committee (MEC). The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman McFee, second by Councilwoman Beer, made a motion to approve the nominations of Greg Huddy and Alan Dehovitz to the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Keyserling said he was contacted about finding locations for a charter school in the city and suggested the council think about it. Mr. Dadson said the matter is on the work session agenda for next week.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman McFee said the Tricentennial Commission had selected a logo for the 300th anniversary. The unveiling will be in the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Beer, seconded by Councilman McFee, council voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for discussion of personnel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Beer, seconded by Councilman McFee, made a motion to come out of executive session and resume the regular council meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before City Council, Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McFee. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK