

A regular meeting of the Beaufort City Council was held on October 14, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road. In attendance were Mayor Bill Rauch, Mayor Pro Tem Donnie Ann Beer, Councilmen Frank Glover, Gary B. Fordham, Billy Keyserling, and City Manager John McDonough. In accordance with 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.

#### **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. with an invocation by Dr. Robert Cuttino, Retired Pastor of the Baptist Church of Beaufort. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor.

#### **COLORFUL SPACE AWARD**

Wendell Mulligan, South Carolina Department of Transportation resident Maintenance Engineer, presented the DOT Colorful Space Award to the City. For the last two years, DOT has partnered with the City to plant spaces around the community to help beautify the area through a federally funded program, he said. This year the planting was at the foot of the Woods Memorial Bridge on the Lady's Island side and received first place. He expressed his appreciation for the City's participation and support.

Isiah Smalls, Public Works Director, introduced the Parks Department employees who were involved in the program. Shirts and caps were presented to them by Mr. Mulligan. Ms. Eliza Hill, who was recently hired as the City's Parks Superintendent was also introduced.

#### **MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council suspended the regular order of business.

#### **MOTION TO ADD ITEM**

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council voted to add an item to the agenda.

#### **PROCLAMATION - BLOOD DONATION DAY**

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council unanimously adopted the proclamation designating October 15, 2003 as Beaufort Save a Life Through Blood Donation Day.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Libby Barnes**, President of the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City and Ms. Eliza Hill for assisting with the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Shrimp Festival this past weekend. The event was well attended and successful, she said. On another subject, Ms. Barnes personally invited Council to attend the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Legislative Reception on December 4, 2003 at Dataw Island from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed shortly, she said.

**Dick Andrzejcyk**, downtown merchant, asked Council to preserve the historically significant black

mercantile building on the corner of Port Republic and West Streets known as Tom's Shoe Repair. He stated the structure has become an eye sore and is in need of restoration. The City Manager replied that permits have been issued to begin repairs. The mayor asked to notify Main Street of the plans.

**Susan Chapman**, Outreach Director for Senator Lindsey Graham, said she helps municipalities with grants, projects, etc. and asked Council to contact her if she can be of assistance.

### **MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 23, 2003 were reviewed and the following correction was made at the end of the second paragraph on page two; the change to Subdivision Improvement Guarantees should be 125%.

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Glover, Council voted to adopt the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 23, 2003 as amended.

### **ORDINANCE AMENDING FY04 BUDGET**

The ordinance amending the FY04 City budget to provide funding support to the Drug Court in the amount of \$30,000 was presented to Council for second reading and adoption.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Keyserling gave second.

The mayor reminded Council of the letter he sent to Judge Smith regarding the Drug Court Training attended by the staff in Reno. He added that he has not received the information requested regarding the cost.

Councilman Glover moved to table the ordinance until the requested information is received from Drug Court Judge Manning Smith. Council Fordham gave second. Council members Beer, Glover, Fordham, and Rauch voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Keyserling voted nay. The motion passed 4 to 1.

### **ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY ON SCOTT STREET**

The ordinance rezoning a parcel of property on Scott Street identified as District 120, Tax Map 4, Parcel 103, from General Residential to General Commercial was presented to Council for second reading and adoption.

Councilman Glover made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Councilwoman Beer gave second.

Ms. Libby Anderson, City Planner, pointed out that the undeveloped parcel, located on the west side of Scott Street, is only 3000 square feet and is nonconforming under the current zoning. The property owner who requested the rezoning also owns the adjacent property and would combine this parcel with the other lots in anticipation of a larger development.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on second reading. (Copy of ordinance at end of the September 23, 2003 minutes.)

**ORDINANCE AMENDING UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

The ordinance amending Sections 2.7. "Historic District Review Board," 3.1 "Development Design Review," 4.9 "Overlay Districts," 7.1 "Streets," 8.4 "Subdivision Improvement Guarantees" of the Unified Development Ordinance was presented for second reading and adoption.

Councilwoman Beer moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Glover seconded the motion.

Ms. Libby Anderson, Planning Director, explained one of the revisions to the UDO pertains to the Historic District Review Board and two of the five members. Council requested the Main Street and the Historic Beaufort Foundation representatives' qualifications be the same. Currently the HBF representative does not need to be a City resident nor own a business in the City. With the amendment, both will be required to either be a resident of the City or own or operate a business in the City.

Council voted to adopt the ordinance on second reading. (Copy of ordinance at end of the September 23, 2003 minutes)

**RESOLUTION FORMING WATERWAY COMMISSION**

At the last meeting, Council discussed the formation of a committee to determine a better use of the Intracoastal Waterway as an economic development asset. A Resolution forming the Waterway Commission was prepared and presented to Council for adoption.

Councilwoman Beer made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Glover gave second.

The mayor pointed out the Commission will consist of ten members with one representative from the Town of Port Royal. After six months, a report on the committee's recommendations is to be submitted to Council.

Council voted to adopt the Resolution. (Copy of Resolution at end of these minutes.)

**REQUEST TO CLOSE STREET FOR BAZAAR**

A request was presented to Council from the Saint Helena Episcopal Church to close a portion of Newcastle Street between North and King Streets from Thursday, November 6 to Saturday, November 8, 2003 for their fall bazaar.

On motion by Councilman Glover, second by Councilwoman Beer, Council approved the request, subject to approval by the SCDOT with traffic control by the police department.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The City Manager reported to Council on the following items:

1. In September of 2001, Council approved the demolition of five structures in the Northwest

Quadrant. The total cost of \$21,500 was reimbursed to the City by the owners of the property.

2. The Police Department, temporarily located off Ribaut Road was recently notified by their landlord that the rent will be increased substantially. This item will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.
3. At the request of Council, a recommendation will be presented by staff on the Joyner Street property in the Hundred Pines area. At that time, staff will be prepared to answer questions related to the archeological survey.
4. The City Manager reminded Council of the workshop scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2003 in the Beaufort County Library at 5:00 p.m. to hear a presentation by the Community Design Group.

### **REPORTS BY COUNCIL**

**FORDHAM:** Councilman Fordham said there definitely needs to be a discussion on the Joyner Street property at the next Council meeting.

**BEER:** Councilwoman Beer reported she participated in the Candlelight Vigil at the Waterfront Park on October 6, 2003 as part of Domestic Violence Awareness month. She mentioned that Council has been invited to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, there will be a ceremony at the VFW Post on Castlerock Road in Burton. The family of the Marine that was killed at the MCAS will be at the Amvets that afternoon.

**GLOVER:** Councilman Glover commended staff for cleaning the Battery Saxon site on Ribaut Road.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Councilwoman Beer, second by Councilman Glover, Council voted to move into executive session for a legal briefing, a personnel matter, and a land acquisition.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon returning to open session and here being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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BILL RAUCH, MAYOR

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNIE ANN BEER

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COUNCILMAN FRANK GLOVER

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COUNCILMAN GARY B. FORDHAM

COUNCILMAN BILLY KEYSERLING

ATTEST:

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BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK