I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

Philip Cromer, Mayor


II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bishop Alden Hathaway, St. Helena’s Episcopal Church.

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Isaac Daugherty, Lady’s Island Middle Schoole.

   Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz

   All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

   Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz

   All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Proclamation proclaiming April 17, 2024 as Ray Stocks Day.

   Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

   All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. MINUTES

A. Worksession - March 19, 2024.

   Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.
Minutes approved as presented.

B. Worksession and Regular meeting – March 26, 2024.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz. Minutes approved as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an easement for the placement of utility infrastructure for real property known as Calhoun Street by the City of Beaufort to Dominion Energy of South Carolina, Inc. - second reading.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

First reading was held on March 26, 2024. There have been no changes made since first reading.

All were in favor, motion carried.

B. An ordinance to annex property on Harding Street, Parcel R100 029 00B 0057 0000 into the City of Beaufort pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 5-3-150(3) - second reading.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee and seconded by Councilman Lipsitz.

First reading was held on March 12, 2024. There was a second reading on March 26, 2024, where a motion to postpone the vote was made and passed. No changes have been made since these readings.

The following address Council:

Josh Tiller, JK Tiller Associates - Land Planner.
Angela Lopatka, 18 Harding Street.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Mayor Cromer was not in favor.

C. An ordinance amending the City of Beaufort Zoning District Map to include Parcel R100 029 00B 0057 0000, to be zoned T4-N, as noted herein - second reading.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Scallate and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

First reading was held on March 12, 2024. No changes have been made since first reading.

John Torrens, 62 Harding Street, addressed Council.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Mayor Cromer was not in favor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request from St. Peter’s Catholic Church to conduct a Eucharistic procession and co-sponsorship on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from the Catholic Church on Lady’s Island to the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, and then proceed to the Catholic Church on Carteret Street.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Scallate.
All were in favor, motion carried.

B. The Beaufort Jasper County Realtors request approval for a waiver of the food truck ordinance, a waiver of the noise ordinance, and a waiver for alcohol, and drinking in public, for a member only event at the Whitehall Park on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

     Motion to approve was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

     All were in favor, motion carried.

C. USCB requests a waiver of the food truck ordinance to host a food truck event for the students in the USCB lot at 1100 Boundary Street on Friday, April 29, 2024.

     Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

     All were in favor, motion carried.

D. Resolution adopting Priority Community Development Needs.

     Motion to approve was made by Councilman Scallate and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, McFee.

     JJ Sauve, Assistant City Manager, went over the order in which the City has prioritized the top 5 community development needs. This order is the same as last year. He stated that we have 3 block grants that are ongoing at this time and cannot apply for another until one comes off.

     All were in favor, motion carried.

VIII. REPORTS

City Manager’s Report

     Stated that the abandoned sail boat has been removed from the Waterfront Park Day Dock.

     Thanked all that helped in making the First Friday event a success.

     Said that the new Airport Road section at Lost Island Road is now operational.

     Reminded citizens that Hurricane Season is approaching, and now is the time to start thinking about their plans.

     The worksession on April 23, 2024, will be devoted to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. First reading on the budget is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

     The Taste of Beaufort will be taking place at the Waterfront Park, May 3 - 4, 2024.

Mayor’s Report

     Congratulated Ray Stocks on his upcoming 100th birthday.

     Updated Council on the various meetings he had attended.

Councilman Mitchell

     Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at TCL, the second annual Let History Speak Celebration will take place starting at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem, McFee
Nothing to report.

**Councilman Scallate**

Thanked citizens for attending tonight’s meetings.

Participated in cleaning up a property along with members of the Northwest Quadrant and Old Commons Neighborhood Association members.

**Councilman Lipsitz**

Went to the Ann Frank Museum in Columbia, SC. Would like to see the exhibit travel to Beaufort.

Members of Council attended the Robert Smalls Birthday Celebrations.

Members of Council attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Magnolia Cafe.

Members of Council attended Kid Fest.

Members of Council attended the First Friday event.

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**IX. ADJOURN**

7:52 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lipsitz and seconded by Councilman Scallate.

All were in favor, motion carried.

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