

Pendleton Town Council
September 6, 2005
Work Session
6:30 PM

Minutes

After due notice to the public, Pendleton Town Council met at Pendleton Town Hall in Council Chambers. Mayor and all Council members were present.

Mayor Burdette called the work session to order.

1. Council Updates

Mayor and Council discussed the request for the Homecoming Parade and the Diversity Proclamation from Anderson County. First Reading of the annexation of property on Lebanon and Westinghouse Roads Ordinance was also discussed, as well as the appointment to the Planning Commission. Teri Perry, Town Administrator advised that two items needed to be added to the agenda; Public Works requests to transfer funds for recycle bins and a request to waive connection fees for hurricane Katrina victims. Denise Jackson advised Mayor and Council of a letter she received from Mr. Merrill Needham. Sandra Gantt expressed her thanks to the Town for quickly removing a tree that had fallen on Brown Road. Kris Mechanical was discussed as well. Having a financial policy written for the Town was discussed as well as the forum in which public comments were taken. After further discussion Mayor Burdette advised that before public comments were taken she would give an overview of the agenda to the public.

Mayor Burdette adjourned the work session.

Regular Session 7:30 PM

Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order.

Mayor Burdette addressed the public regarding the Christmas tree purchase. She gave a brief history of events that led to the decision to purchase an artificial tree and apologized that they felt uninformed. She also advised that the purchase had been discussed for about a year. She

went on to say that the public is and has been invited to attend the work sessions as well as the regular sessions. Frank Crenshaw stated that he believed the purchase of the tree would bring more business for the merchants and also invited the public to attend the work sessions.

Mayor Burdette gave the public a brief overview of each item on the agenda and then opened the floor for public comments.

1. Public Comments

Ward Buzzell addressed Mayor and Council in respect to the forum of the Council meetings. He suggested a revision in that regard. He stated that he would like for comments to be taken after each item on the agenda.

Bill Kester addressed Mayor and Council and stated that he felt that the forum undermines the public's rights to comment. He also stated that he would like to see comments taken after each agenda item.

Rev. Lon Abrams addressed Mayor and Council as well. He advised that his church is in the process of making gift bags of necessities for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and invited everyone to participate as they have a goal of 1000 bags. He also stated that it was his opinion that Mayor and Council were doing a very good job.

Pam Rowland addressed Mayor and Council. She stated that she was very concerned about the future development of Pendleton. She also stated that it was her opinion that the current building standards should be reviewed.

David Norris, Assistant Scout Master addressed Mayor and Council. He advised that they had cancelled a retreat so that they could begin collecting items for hurricane relief. He also advised that his brother's family were victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Timothy Hume addressed Mayor and Council. He stated that it was his opinion that the new Comprehensive Land Use Plan conflicts with the previous one. He encouraged Council to review it.

Mayor Burdette stated that she had overlooked item 1 of the agenda and asked for the minutes to be read.

2. Minutes of Prior Meetings

The minutes of August 1, 2005 and August 16, 2005 were read and approved.

3. Police Report – Chief Dyar

Mayor Burdette advised counsel that Barbara Hensarling would be giving the Police Report for the month of August due to Chief Dyar having surgery. Barbara Hensarling read the Police Report.

4. Barrett's Place Playground Update – PPIM

Jo McConnell advised that Barrett's Place was on schedule and asked for volunteers to help with the construction which is to begin on October 5, 2005.

5. Pendleton High School Request To Hold Homecoming Parade

After briefly discussing the Request by Teresa Horton, Mayor Burdette asked for a motion to approve the request to have the Homecoming Parade. Frank Crenshaw made the motion to approve the request. Sandra Gantt seconded. Vote unanimous.

6. Proclamation – Diversity Month

Mayor Burdette informed Council and the public about the Diversity Proclamation. She then asked for a motion to adopt the Proclamation. Bruce Kalley made the motion to adopt the Proclamation. Denise Jackson seconded. Vote unanimous. Mayor Burdette advised that there would be a Diversity Workshop at the Anderson County Library on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

7. First Reading Of An "Ordinance To Annex And Zone Property Located On Lebanon And Westinghouse Roads Into The Town Limits Of Pendleton"

Mayor Burdette addressed Council and the public regarding the property to be annexed and advised that it would be zoned Light Industrial. She also stated that it had been in the Town limits in the past. She then asked for a motion to accept first reading. Sandra Gantt made the motion to accept first reading. Denise Jackson seconded. Vote unanimous. Mayor Burdette read the Ordinance. She then advised that the Second Reading would take place at the next regular session of Town Council on October 5, 2005.

8. Appointment To Planning Commission

Mayor Burdette advised Council and the public that the appointment to the Planning Commission would be addressed at the October Council meeting.

Mayor Burdette asked for a motion to add to the agenda, a request from Public Works to transfer money from the Debt Service to General Fund for the purchase of recycle bins, and a donation to Clemson Community Care for Katrina Victims that may relocate to this area. Bruce Kalley made the motion. Frank Crenshaw seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mayor Burdette explained that this was the first purchase of recycle bins. More are needed due to community growth. Sandra Gantt made a motion to transfer funds for the purchase. Denise Jackson seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mayor and Council discussed the amount of the donation to Clemson Community Care. The amount decided on was \$600.00, which would cover water deposits for 10 families. Mayor Burdette asked for a motion to approve the donation of \$600.00 to Clemson Community Care. Frank Crenshaw made the motion. Denise Jackson seconded. Vote unanimous.

9. Executive Session

Frank Crenshaw made a motion to go into executive session. Bruce Kalley seconded. Vote unanimous.

Bruce Kalley made a motion to come out of executive session. Denise Jackson seconded. Vote unanimous.
No decision was made in executive session.

Mayor Burdette adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor _____

Council

Ward 1 _____

Ward 2 _____

Ward 3 _____

Ward 4 _____