PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019,
7 PM OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6 PM CALLED MEETING IF ADJOURNED AFTER 7 PM
REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES:

After due notice to the press, Mayor and Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Mayor and all Council were present.

The meeting began at 7:24 PM.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Crenshaw led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) COUNCIL UPDATES
There are no Council updates at this time. Everyone was referred to the reminders on the agenda.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 5, 2019, Regular Session Meeting
Scott Ward made a motion to accept the above minutes as read. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS – Comments only - no questions will be taken at this time – questions will be taken at the end of the meeting. 3 minute limit. No action will be taken on these items.
Mayor Frank Crenshaw stated he knows a lot of information has been going around about the Pendleton Fire Department. He stated it is a County Volunteer Fire Department and does not belong to the Town. He further stated the Town has no plans on the new proposed facility. He stated if you have questions about this, they should be directed to the Fire Department’s members, Chief and Committee’s.

Davie Kirkley stated she was here to promote the Town Wide Clean-up on September 28, 2019. She hopes to see everyone there.

Byron Edwards stated he is on the Design Review Board and he believes if the building is more than 200 feet from the road, the Fire Department will not go to the Design Review Board. He suggested some type of Master Plan for the complex.

Virginia Gaulin stated she is revoking the rezoning request that is on the agenda tonight for 105 W. Queen Street.

Ted Mauro stated the proposed fire department location is a green space and would most likely require a rezoning change. Community input has been limited. He has talked to the Fire Department and has received no responses from them. He further stated the design of the Department does not suit the Town.

Mayor Frank Crenshaw stated zoning would not have to be changed. It’s zoned R1 which allows for government buildings.

Edie Osborne stated there are two distinct differences going around town. The Community is very deserving of a Fire Department, and they are not against the Fire Department. She further stated the problem is the location.
5) REPORTS:
   a. PENDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT
Chief Burdett was on vacation. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, read his report. Scott Ward asked if we could remove the “No Parking” sign that is still on the Green side of Mechanic Street that no longer makes sense since the renovations. Denise Jackson asked to have Chief Burdette check into a complaint she received of no answer when trying to call the Sheriff’s Department at 260-4444. Mayor Frank Crenshaw stated we have had people try to contact us for a police officer through Facebook and reminded people we do not monitor Facebook for police calls.

   b. ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE & BUDGET REPORT
Steve Miller, Town Administrator, updated everyone for the month of August.

6) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
   a. CHANGING THE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION TO FULL-TIME
Sandra Gantt stated since the Duke Energy Franchise Fee has increased, she would like to make a motion to allocate the additional revenue and change the part-time Police Officer position to full-time and directed staff to make the needed budget amendment. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

7) ACTION ITEMS:
   a. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL TO REZONE 14.8 ACRES IN THE GROVE DEVELOPMENT FROM (AB) AREA BUSINESS TO (LI) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Scott Ward seconded. Unanimous.

   b. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL TO RELEASE THE TEMPORARY CASH BOND OF $17,381.87 FOR THE ONSITE IMPROVEMENT FOR THE PHASE 3A OF THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE FALLS AT MEEHAN
Scott Ward made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

   c. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AGREEMENT
Bruce Kalley made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Scott Ward seconded. Unanimous.

   d. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON AT 105 W. QUEEN STREET FROM (R-2) SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO (CB) CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR VIRGINIA GAULIN AND THE PROPERTY OWNER MR. BRANT ELROD FOR THE EXISTING BUILDING TO BE USED AS A THERAPY PRACTICE AND WORKSPACE, IMPROVING THE AESTHETICS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY RENOVATING AN OLDER UNKEPT BUILDING
This request has been pulled from the agenda. Scott Ward made a motion to deny the request based on the removal of the request by the applicant. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

   e. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS
Denise Jackson made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for first reading. Sandra Gantt seconded. Unanimous.

   f. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PENDLETON TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER BENEFITS IN SUPPORT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE DEVELOPED IN AND TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED THERETO
Sandra Gantt made a motion to accept the above Ordinance for first reading. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

g. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR’S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGARDING PLANTING TREES ON THE SQUARE
Scott Ward stated with Fall coming we are years from obtaining a tree plan. He further stated he thought we were doing both, replanting the trees and continuing with a tree plan. Discussions pursued regarding the understanding of planting the trees and the tree plan. Scott Ward made a motion to plant the trees back, directly where there were once trees, which should not impact infrastructure, and not affect the tree plan moving forward. Mayor Crenshaw seconded. Unanimous.

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS
Ms. Brown on Crenshaw Street stated something has to be done about the trailer on the other side of her. It needs attention.

Mike Seef commented on the new Fire Station. He stated he was recently involved with Leadership Pendleton Class. This year, their project was to assist the fire district and try to educate the public on fundraising for the station.

Mike Brown stated let’s get back to the tree thing, we are spending $10,000 for five trees and asked how big the trees were. Scott Ward stated no real cost has been obtained yet but approximately $500 per tree would be spent.

Vince Gaulin stated he was providing an update to the Town on Ward 3. He stated a few weeks ago they had a great Community cook-out at the Keese Barn site. He thanked the Town for a great event. He further stated he hopes this was the first of many yearly events held on the site.

Melissa Jones stated she spoke at the last meeting regarding an issue on property and is still waiting for Code Enforcement.

Audrey Brown stated the high grass and dead trees across from her are a continued problem. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, stated it was a process that would have to take place. The Town is going through the legal process on the property in order to have it demolished.

Edward Giles stated he spoke last month about property owners not taking care of their property. (864-401-6985)

Edie Osbourne stated she understands it’s not within this Council’s power regarding the Fire Department, but she would like to know the Mayor’s opinion on the matter since he does represent the people. Mayor Crenshaw stated he’s not ready to form an opinion yet until he sees plans. He further stated he knows there is the need for a new building. It’s a wonderful thing to have a Fire Department within our Town Limits. He further stated the Fire Department can be made to look good. With the School Board giving the Department the property, that goes a long way to not have to purchase any. Edie further stated that someone should have walked across the street from the proposed Fire Department location and knocked on doors, letting the residents know what was going to take place.

Sandra Gantt asked if it was too late to sit down and speak with the citizens. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, stated we can’t make the Fire Department do what the citizens want done. They are truly their own governmental organization with their own governing body.

Scott Ward stated a lot of people are running around Town meeting with different parties but are not meeting with the Fire Department. The input needs to be going to the Fire Department. He further stated there is only one drawing and that drawing has not gone to engineers, stormwater or any type of permitting process.
9) ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business at 8:37 PM Denise Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Kalley seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted: _________________________________________

MAYOR: ___________________________________

COUNCIL:
WARD 1: ________________________________
WARD 2: ________________________________
WARD 3: ________________________________
WARD 4: ________________________________