

**TOWN OF IVA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Minutes

Special Called Town Council Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021 – 1:30 PM – 204 East Jackson Street, Council Chambers

A special called meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Iva Town Hall, located at 204 E. Jackson Street in Iva. Notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

The following members of Town Council were in attendance:

Mr. Bobby E. Gentry, Mayor  
Mr. Paul Hart, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mr. Elmer Powell, Council  
Mr. Dwayne Kelley, Council  
Ms. Mary Forrester, Council

Others Present for the meeting were: Mr. Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Ms. Mary McCormac, Town Attorney; Mr. Shuk Hamdan, Acting Chief of Police

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gentry at 1:30 p.m.

Invocation – The Invocation was offered by Mr. Hart.

Pledge of Allegiance – Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. November 10, 2020 Minutes – Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ordinance 2020-015 – Second and Final Reading. Mr. Powell made a motion approve, seconded by Ms. Forrester. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Unfinished Business  
None

6. New Business – Ordinances for First Reading  
None

7. New Business – Resolutions for First and Final Reading

- a. Resolution 2021-001 – Installation of Public Street Lighting on Charping Road. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Kelley. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hart commented that there is not adequate lighting in the Iva City Cemetery. Mr. Hart requested consideration of adding lighting to the cemetery. Council will discuss this further.

## 8. Motions

- a. Motion 2021-01 – To approve a lease agreement with Anmed Iva Family Medicine. Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the lease agreement, seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried unanimously.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor and Council discussed the following:

110 East Broad Street Property – Mayor Gentry and Mr. Taylor commented that repairs are in progress on the building. Roof repairs and plumbing have been completed. Repairs are currently being made to one of the restrooms.

Old Drug Store Property – Mr. Taylor commented that the property has been purchased. The owner has made minimal repairs to the structure of the building. Plans for major repairs are in the planning stages.

Former Epstein Building – Mr. Taylor commented that the property has been purchased and is currently being used by Fabric All of Iva.

PARD Grants – Mayor Gentry commented to the Council that the town still has three PARD Grants to be completed. 1) Gazebo/Flag relocation project, 2) Elsie Evans Memorial Park, and 3) East Lake Street Park.

Water Leaks – Mayor Gentry commented that a major water leak has been repaired at Tanglewood/Woodbine Circle.

East Broad Street Building for Condemnation – Mr. Hart commented on the building that has a tree growing through the side. Mr. Hart commented that it appears the building is a danger. Mayor Gentry commented that the Police Department has blocked off an area in front of the building. Mayor Gentry and Council asked Ms. McCormac to look into the possibility of the condemning the building and requiring the owner to immediately repair the building.

Council Meeting Dates – The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Iva Antique Body Shop – Ms. Ruby Cain provided an update to the Mayor and Council regarding gym use. There were 2,705 visitors to the gym during 2020.

Iva Acting Police Chief – Chief Hamdan provided an update to the Mayor and Council regarding the month of January 2021. Chief Hamdan also introduced Officer Jared McCoy. Officer McCoy was recently hired and will go to the academy in the summer for certification.

Hiring Freeze – Mr. Powell made a motion to temporarily rescind the hiring freeze to transfer employment of former office to public works. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Powell made a motion to place the hiring freeze back into effect upon employment transfer, seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried unanimously.

Ward Reports –

- Ward One – No Report
- Ward Two – No Report
- Ward Three – No Report
- Ward Four – Mr. Hart requested the ditch on Washington Street be cleaned. Mr. Hart also asked Chief Hamdan to address an issue regarding a take-home police vehicle with a town employee. Chief Hamdan addressed the council regarding the issue and gave an explanation as to the use.

Public Works Department – Mr. Hart raised concern regarding work performance in the Public Works Department. Mayor and Council discussed job performance and the need for improvement. Mayor Gentry and Mr. Taylor will work to improve the department.

ADJOURN

Ms. Forrester made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kelley. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Taylor  
Town Clerk/Treasurer