

Town of Iva, South Carolina

MINUTES

**Special Called Meeting of the Town Council
Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

A special called meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT – Mayor Bobby E. Gentry, Mayor Pro-Tem Elmer Powell, Councilmember Dwayne Kelley, Councilmember Mary Forrester, Councilmember Paul Hart.

STAFF PRESENT – Mary McCormac, Town Attorney; Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gentry

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Mr. Taylor. Following the Invocation, everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Special Called Meeting on September 9, 2019 were presented for approval. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Following the Approval of Minutes, Mayor Gentry recognized Ms. Ruby Cain. Ms. Cain reported that the Antique Body Shop is continuing to run well. Ms. Cain also invited the Mayor and Council to their annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Cam's Café. Ms. Cain reported that 203 cars participated in the Depot Day Car Show this year.

Mayor Gentry also recognized the work of the Municipal Elections Commission during the recent election. He commented that the MEC did a very good and professional job.

4. Business Matters

- a. Bobcat Mini-Excavator Buyout to Keep – Mayor Gentry and Mr. Taylor presented to the council a buyout to keep quote regarding the mini-excavator the town currently leases. Mr. Taylor commented to the Mayor and Council that the equipment could be purchased through refinancing the current vehicle loan the town has. Council was favorable to the option. Mayor Gentry commented that the council will formally approve the buyout through a resolution later in the meeting.
- b. 10th Circuit Public Defender Office Agreement through 06/30/2020 – Mayor Gentry and Ms. McCormac commented to council the need for the agreement – which is annual. The public defender provides indigent defense on behalf of the town as needed. Mr. Kelley

made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

- c. State Accident Fund Worker's Compensation Premium – Mr. Taylor provided a copy of the invoice for Mayor and Council review. Mr. Taylor pointed out to the Mayor and Council the drastic reduction in the premium from prior years – indicating that it is a reflection in reduced payroll and overtime spending.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

- a. Ordinance 2019-009 – Relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act.

Motion to approve by Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Forrester. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)

- a. Resolution 2019-009 – Rescinding the previously adopted Resolution authorizing a hiring freeze.

After discussion, Mayor and Council unanimously agreed that the Resolution will be approved with the following conditions:

- The Resolution permanently rescinds the hiring freeze as it relates the fourth position of a uniform patrol officer for the Iva Police Department only
- The staffing will not increase to more than four full-time uniform patrol officers in the Police Department
- There will be no part-time positions added to the Police Department.
- All officers will work a regular shift.
- Employment for the fourth position is to be offered to certified officers only.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Forrester. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

- b. Resolution 2019-010 – Authorizing the buyout offer for the Bobcat Mini Excavator.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS – (Discussion only)

- a. Town of Iva Building and Codes – Mayor Gentry commented to council that he and Mr. Taylor met with a firm that can offer third party inspections on behalf of the town. There was unanimous consent from council to proceed with the town taking over the building and codes inspections. Mayor Gentry commented that in order for the town to take over inspections, there will be a series of ordinances and policies that will need to be approved. Mr. Taylor commented that council will ultimately decide who the third-party inspection company will be.
- b. Traffic Calming (proposed by Mr. Kelley) – Mr. Kelley suggested the town look into installing traffic calming measurers, such as speed bumps, etc. Council gave unanimous consent to further look into costs and procedures for installation.
- c. Residential Trash Containers (proposed by Mr. Hart) – Mr. Hart suggested the town look into providing customers with trash receptacles. Council gave unanimous consent to proceed with studying the possibility more by getting costs and other information.

- d. 110 E. Broad Street Commercial Lease – Mayor Gentry commented that the town needs to get the building ready to market for a commercial use. Council gave unanimous consent to further marketing initiatives, including making needed light repairs to the building.
- e. Dime Store – Mayor Gentry commented that he has the keys to the building. Mayor Gentry commented that a full assessment of repairs and maintenance of the building is needed.
- f. Goals and Priorities of Town Council – Mayor Gentry commented on goals and priorities of the Town Council moving into 2020.

8. Council Meeting Schedule for 2020

There was no decision made on the schedule for 2020. Council unanimously agreed to cancel the meeting for December 2019. The council will meet again for its regular meeting in January 2020 and will decide future meeting dates at that time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.



Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer

11-19-2019
Date