A regular meeting of the Iva Town Council was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.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 Mary Forrest, Councilmember Paul Hart. Councilmember Dwayne Kelley was absent from the meeting.

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 and Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Hart offered the Invocation. Following the Invocation, everyone stood and pledged allegiance the flag of the United States of America.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the June 22, 2018 Special Called Meeting and July 9, 2018 Regular meeting were not available for approval.

4. Citizen Comments

- Ms. Sara Gray of New Street commented to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Gray commented that the sides of the road on Hwy 413 need to cut. Mayor Gentry commented that the road cutting is on schedule for today.

5. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the previous meeting.

6. New Business

a. Resolution 2018-005

Resolution 2018-005 was presented for first and final approval. The Resolution approves the Mayor and Town Clerk/Treasurer to seek funding/financing for a new backhoe, the purchase of a new backhoe and the sale the current backhoe. After discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

b. Resolution 2018-006

Resolution 2018-006 was presented for first and final approval. The Resolution approves the submission of a Hometown Economic Development Grant and commits the town’s match of 5%. After discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

c. Ordinance 2018-004
Ordinance 2018-004 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance approves the annexation of 306 Chaffin Road into the town limits. The approval is contingent upon legal review. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve first reading, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

d. Ordinance 2018-005
Ordinance 2018-005 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance approves the annexation of 308 Chaffin Road into the town limits. The approval is contingent upon legal review. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve first reading, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

e. Mayor and Council Comments
- Mayor Gentry commented that the SCDOT has requested maintenance and repair on some state roads in which water/sewer repair cuts have been made.
- Mr. Powell commented on the need for having a code enforcement officer and recommended Josh Bench to handle some of the duties. Mayor Gentry commented that he would consider the recommendation and speak with Mr. Bench.
- Mr. Hart asked for the status for having the large tree that was cut at Latham Street Mobile Home Park cleaned up. Mayor Gentry commented that he will contact the owner to get an update.
- Town Attorney/ Town Clerk Report – Ms. McCormac provided a legal update for Mayor and Council. Mr. Taylor reported that the Streetscape project bid opening will be Friday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor also commented regarding the town’s application for RDA funding.

Amendment to the Agenda
Mayor Gentry commented that an amendment was needed to the agenda for the consideration of the rescinding the hiring freeze to allow the Mayor and Chief of Police to fill a vacancy in the Police Department. Mr. Powell made the motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Ms. Forrester. All were in favor.

Mr. Hart made a motion to temporarily rescind the hiring freeze to allow the Mayor and Chief of Police to hire an officer, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, Ms. Forrester made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Taylor
Town Clerk/Treasurer
TOWN OF IVA, SOUTH CAROLINA