

**PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 5, 2019, 7 PM
REGULAR SESSION**

MINUTES:

After due notice to the press, Mayor and Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. All Mayor and Council were present with the exception of Bruce Kalley who was absent by prior notice.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Crenshaw led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor Crenshaw stated Councilman Kalley is absent this evening due to a trip out of Town. Mayor Crenshaw also stated Bobby Pruitt, Fire Chief, has been transferred to Hospice and appreciates everyone keeping Bobby in your prayers and thoughts.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 3, 2019, Regular Session Meeting & June 12, 2019, Called Meeting

Scott Ward made a motion to approve the above minutes. 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.

Vincent Gaulin, 211 Keese Street, stated it's come to their attention that there have been a couple meetings regarding beautification efforts in the neighborhood. He gave Council a flyer asking for more time on the plan for N. Mechanic Street and West Queen Street. He has seen printouts from Terrance Hassan regarding drafting of images and the plan seems far along and the neighborhood ask for more time for the neighborhood to get together to have an adequate response to the planning process. They would like time to have the neighborhood surveyed to get more input and ask for some funding of the publication and plan and process. If the plan is going to be a printed document, there should be enough available for any resident who wants a copy. He further stated he would like a quorum from the neighborhood to be able to attend the meetings. He stated they would like to be able to get a neighborhood bulletin board that could go in the The Hundreds area. He further stated that the neighborhood in general ask to be included in every stage of the process.

Audrey Brown, 217 W. Queen Street, stated there is property in front of her that the grass needs cut.

Charles Swaney stated he supports Mr. Gaulin. Further stating he needs to know what is going on and would like some feedback.

Tommy Lee Jones, 317 North Mechanic Street, stated he has a problem with flooding on his property. He further stated he is located beside Bethel Church. He also stated he tries to keep his property tidy and his neighbor not so much.

RichaRi Sancho, 402 W. Queen Street, whatever neighborhoods are being put together, information about gentrification projects need to be found out and shared with all residents so everyone is aware of all meetings taking place whether it's a Town meeting or neighborhood meeting.

5) PUBLIC NOTICE – GENERAL ELECTION 2019

Mayor Crenshaw read the Public Notice.

6) REPORTS:

a. PENDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Burdette gave his report for the month of July.

b. ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE & BUDGET REPORT

Steve Miller, Town Administrator, updated Mayor, Council and citizens on the Town's previous fiscal year.

7) DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. n/a

8) ACTION ITEMS:

a. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 2019 PARD GRANT AWARD

Denise Jackson made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Scott Ward seconded. Unanimous.

b. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA CLARIFYING SECTION 7.29: "DRIVEWAYS" OF THE TOWN'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Sandra Gantt made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

c. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE PENDLETON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A ZONING CHANGE FROM (R-2) RESIDENTIAL TO (CB) CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR THE APPLICANT MRS. VIRGINIA GAULIN AND THE PROPERTY OWNER MR. LAWRENCE BRANTLEY ELROD FOR 105 WEST QUEEN STREET

Scott Ward made a motion to accept the above Resolution. Denise Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

d. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE THREE PARKING SPACES ALONG MOUNTAIN MADE SIDE OF E. MAIN STREET

Sandra Gantt made a motion to accept the above request. Scott Ward seconded. Unanimous.

e. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 2019/2020 ANNUAL CATBUS CONTRACT

Denise Jackson made a motion to allocate additional funding for CATBus services. Scott Ward seconded. Unanimous. A budget amendment will be made and brought back to Council prior to ending fiscal year 2019/2020.

9) PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Edward Giles, 248 Winston Street, asked if there was a regular schedule for picking up bulk trash. He also stated that the trees on Winston Street near Winston and Keese Streets limbs are overhanging the street. A school bus is using the road and there is not much room for a school bus. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, stated that bulk pick up runs every day. It depends on what is being put curbside for pickup as to how much room the truck has on it before having to dump the truck. This can cause the truck to get behind on their normal routes. Mr. Giles also stated the Town needs to look at a tree that appears to be dead near 221 Winston Street.

Melissa Jones, 302 Thompson Street, stated she spoke to Ms. Jackson about a trailer frame left on a piece of property and she has not heard anything else back. The trailer base is on property located beside Mt. Sinai Church. She purchased the property and thought she purchased the trailer and the property but had not. When she realized she had not purchased the trailer she tried to get the property cleaned up. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, took her phone number to see what he can find out and contact her back about the trailer situation. He also stated he did not know exactly what was going on with the trailer. He knows Code Enforcement has looked at it. Mr. Miller stated if it was on

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her property, she is the responsible party as the property owner. Melissa Jones: 864-646-2530. She further stated there is not a lot of drainage on the West side for water when it rains near the above address. Especially at 302 Thompson Street, stating there is a drain there, but the water does not have a place to go.

Hattie Cobb, 219 Winston Street, stated something needs to be done with the forrest across the road from her.

Cynthia Adger, 404 N. Mechanic Street, stated everything someone has said tonight has been on Thompson Street, West Queen Street and North Mechanic Street. She said as soon as you get past the red-light everything goes downhill. She stated there is flooding, vacant properties and run-down properties. She also stated between 10 pm and 12 am at night, the N. Mechanic Street turns into a speed track and further stated she never sees the speed reader on N. Mechanic Street. She further asked what is going to happen to her side of Town. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, stated the Town was working on the small area plan, adopted the International Property Maintenance Code and purchased the properties on West Queen Street, all to try to improve the area. He further stated W. Queen Street was paved along with a few other small roads on her side of Town. Ms. Adger asked what was going to be done on her side of Town now? She invited the Police Chief to ride through their streets and stop and knock on doors.

Linda McCuen, 132 S. Mechanic Street, stated she is on the South side and has drainage issues. She showed pictures showing areas of unsafe sidewalks and stairs in the downtown area. She further stated there is a lot of stairs and sidewalks that are not handicap accessible. Ms. McCuen also stated all drains are filled with dirt. Who is responsible for making the Town ADA compliant and who is responsible for the drainage and right of way that is now rocks? Steve Miller, Town Administrator, stated some of her drainage is SCDOT and he would need to come out and look at it. He further stated legally you don't have to touch infrastructure just to bring it up to ADA. If the Town were to make improvements, we would have to bring the improvements to ADA compliance.

Robert McClary, 420 Hamberg Street, stated they have the same drainage problem on Hamberg Street. He stated there is also a tree limb that is about to fall on the school bus route and needs to be looked at. He further asked how far along was the planning process with the plan for that area.

Mona Fleming, 201 Plantation Drive, she is interested in the beautification project and asked if the International Property Maintenance Code was the letter about keeping streets to doors clean. She stated as leaders of the Town, you must lead by example. If we are going to post a letter about beatification shouldn't the Town take care of its property too. Ms. Fleming further stated that when she moved to Town over 10 years ago, her brush was picked up every Tuesday and it is not anymore.

Cynthia Adger asked why Steve Miller told one lady he would come look at her property on S. Mechanic Street and not one time did he mention he would look at the properties on N. Mechanic Street. Steve Miller, Town Administrator, apologized stating he took notes on all to look at everyone's concern. (Cynthia Adger 864-646-9603)

Virginia Gaulin, 211 Keese Street, she asked where more information could be obtained for the beautification project for the area and how can they have their voices heard by the people making the decisions. The Mayor stated we would be happy to give her all the information we have on it and she is more than welcome to come into Town Hall anytime. He further stated 221 E. Main Street is his store and he is there everyday and willing to talk to anyone.

Melissa Jones stated the first meeting she attended was because she saw it on the sign by the Post Office and when she got to the meeting, she was told there was no meeting. She further stated if you're going to do it, do it because people make plans.

Councilwoman Denise Jackson excused herself at 8:29 pm to pick her mother up from the airport.

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RichaRi Sancho asked how the members of the International Property Maintenance Code were put together. *Steve Miller*, Town Administrator, stated the members were appointed. She further asked how she would go about getting a property looked at for removal. *Steve Miller*, Town Administrator, stated to call Town Hall and file a complaint. You can email to info@townofpendleton.org and it will be forwarded to Code Enforcement. He further stated if the property owner cooperates the process can go fast. If the property owner does not cooperate it is not a short process.

Byron Edwards stated there were 22 people that showed up at one of the Design Review Board meetings to complain about a project near the Episcopal Church and the residents around there didn't know about the project and it had already been approved by the Planning Commission and Town Council.

Vanessa Terry, 459 W. Queen Street, stated she would like to see their taxes grandfathered since improvements are going to cost someone money.

Scott Ward stated we have an election coming up for Ward 4 and he is not running again and encourages anyone in Ward 4 to run. He is caregiving for his parents now and it is taking all of his time.

Robert McClary stated erosion is very serious and the drainage is causing erosion. He further asked how the Chief can do his job of enforcing speeding when all the signs are covered in brush. Someone from the Town needs to ride through the Town and cut all brush from signage.

10) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 8:44 pm *Sandra Gantt* made a motion to adjourn. *Sandra Gantt* seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

MAYOR: _____

COUNCIL:

WARD 1: _____

WARD 2: _____

WARD 3: _____

WARD 4: _____