

MINUTES
Town of North
January 11, 2010
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Drew, Jones, Lane and Washington. Also in attendance was Carrie Garrett, Town Clerk. Chief of Police, Mark Fallaw, was unable to attend due to illness.

Mayor Jeffcoat led council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jeffcoat declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2009 meeting, seconded by Councilman Washington, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:
None.

Water/Sewer Report:
Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for December, 2009 (copy attached).

Police Report:
Town Clerk Carrie Garrett reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Report was incomplete and will be supplemented and resubmitted to Council.

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for December, 2009.
- o Jeffcoat announced that the annexation of Morgan Lane property has been approved by the US Department of Justice.

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat discussed that the Community of Character Trait for November is Sincerity.
- o Jeffcoat noted that Councilman Julius Jones was named 2009 Employee of the Year for Columbia Area Mental Health, and commended Mr. Jones for his accomplishments.
- o Jeffcoat discussed the 2010 census and how to get the word out to citizens about the importance of every person being counted.
- o Jeffcoat discussed the next round of penny sales tax coming up next year and for Council to be preparing ideas for penny sales tax projects for the Town of North.
- o An annexation petition is being compiled to annex several blocks south of Town. The petition needs 15 more signatures, but several parcels are owned by persons who are deceased and estates not probated. Council discussed the issue and Mayor Jeffcoat has offered to assist any heirs of these property owners to probate the estates of these properties, and once a personal representative is appointed, that personal representative can choose to sign the petition at that time.

Mayor's Report:

- o Jeffcoat discussed that the Town is looking at a facility or structure to be placed in the playground area similar to the Pavilion, but smaller. Councilwoman Lane made a motion that the Town accept the lowest bid and approve the design (except to add a water fountain to the plans), motion was seconded by Councilman Washington, and upon vote carried.
- o Jeffcoat announced that he attended a meeting in Aiken regarding HUD money available for housing repair, and that a specific amount of funds will be allocated to each county.

- Jeffcoat discussed the Orangeburg-Calhoun Call-For-Ride System.
- Jeffcoat the possibility of a passenger train stop to be located in North in the future, that information had just arrived in the mail regarding their requesting a Resolution in Support of Transportation Options. Jeffcoat will review the material and report back to council next month.

Public Comments:

- A citizen expressed the importance of the census and that the government cannot release the information they obtain to any other sources.
- Reverend Wright offered gratitude for the Town's support of the North Day of Prayer which was a success.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion was seconded and council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. Reverend Murdock closed this portion of the meeting in prayer.

Council returned to session at 6:56 p.m. With no action to take from Executive Session, and there being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Garrett

APPROVED: JANUARY 11, 2010 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Harriett Lane: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Jeff Washington: _____