

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Council Meeting on June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore; Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Rick Floyd Jeff George, Steve Waddell and Brantly Vest. Mayor, Brandy Amidon and Grant Bumgarner were absent. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Gail Braziel, City Clerk, Patrea St. John, Planning Director, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director, Jamie Richards, Building Official and Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief. The news media was notified of the meeting.

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore called the meeting to order. Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. INVOCATION**

1. The invocation was given by Council Member Dr. Shaniece Criss.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

1. Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Byers and carried unanimously.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Harvey Choplin called the meeting to order.

1. The floor was open to receive comments written or verbal concerning the General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. No comments were received.
2. The floor was open to receive comments written or verbal concerning the Sewer Fund Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. No comments were received.
3. The floor was open to receive comments written or verbal concerning the Local Hospitality and Local Accommodations Tax Fund Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. No comments were received.
4. The floor was open to receive comments written or verbal concerning the Victims Advocate Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. No comments were received.
5. The Public Hearing was adjourned.

#### **E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING**

1. Mr. George moved second reading of the ordinance before Council relating to the fiscal affairs of the City of Travelers Rest, making appropriations therefore, and levying taxes and fees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; to provide for budget control of said appropriations by the Travelers Rest City Council and such other matters related thereto effective July 1, 2019. There is hereby levied upon the taxable property within the City limits of Travelers Rest, South Carolina for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 an ad valorem tax of 90.1 mills on every dollar of assessed valuation combine with other anticipated revenue accruing to the City of Travelers Rest shall be sufficient to produce \$4,483,250.00 in revenues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waddell and carried unanimously.

2. Mr. George moved second reading of the ordinance before Council relating to the fiscal affairs of the Local Hospitality and Local Accommodations Tax Funds of the City of Travelers Rest, making appropriations therefore, and to provide for budget control of said appropriations by the Travelers Rest City Council and such other matters related therefore effective July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waddell and carried unanimously.
3. Mr. George moved se reading of the ordinance before Council relating to the fiscal affairs of the Sewer System of the City of Travelers Rest, making appropriations therefore, and to provide for budget control of said appropriations by the City of Travelers Rest City Council and such matters related therefore effective July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$319,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously.
4. Mr. George moved second reading of the ordinance before Council relating to the fiscal affairs of the Victims Advocate Fund Budget of the City of Travelers Rest, making appropriations therefore, and to provide for budget control of appropriations by the City of Travelers Rest City Council and such matters related therefore effective July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waddell and carried unanimously.
5. Mr. George moved second reading of the ordinance before Council to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) City of Travelers Rest, South Carolina General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series; to prescribe the purpose for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto. The motion was seconded by Ms. Byers and carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Waddell moved second reading of the ordinance before Council amending the zoning ordinance with respect to modifying the Section 6:9 Off Street Parking Requirements. The motion was seconded by Dr. Criss and carried unanimously.

## **G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Public Safety Committee – Rick Floyd**

- a. The Public Safety Committee Report was given by Mr. Floyd.
- b. Mr. Floyd moved to accept the monthly Public Safety Report for May as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vest and carried unanimously.

### **2. Ways & Means Committee – Jeff George**

- a. The Ways & Means Committee Report was given by Mr. George.
- b. Mr. George moved to accept the monthly Financial Reports for May as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously.

### **3. Public Works Committee – Kelly Byers**

- a. The Public Works Committee Report was given by Ms. Byers.
- b. Ms. Byers moved to accept the monthly Public Works Report for May as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Criss and carried unanimously.

### **4. Planning & Development – Steve Waddell**

- a. The Planning & Development Committee Report was given by Mr. Waddell.

### **5. Personnel Committee – Rick Floyd**

- a. The Personnel Committee Report was given by Mr. Floyd.

## **G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

1. Mr. Floyd moved first reading of the ordinance before Council to amend Section 8.20.020 Wrecker Service Rotation List. At no time shall the number of qualified wrecker services maintained on the list exceed five. In the event the number of wrecker services qualifying for the lists exceeds five, the city administrator or chief of police shall randomly assign to all such applicants, whether presently on the list or not, a number and shall drop one applicant from the list and add another applicant once every three months, based on the sequence of the numbers thus randomly assigned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waddell and carried unanimously.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. George moved to accept recommendation from the Ways & Means Committee reappointment of the following members for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2019.

- Joyce Mc Carrell – At Large
- Wendy Lyman - Lodging
- Dave Smits – At Large

In addition, the Ways & Means Committee recommend that existing Member, Chris Williamson, rotate to fill one hospitality slot for remainder of his term. Further, the Committee recommended to replace Mike Patel and appoint Kayla Britton with Hampton Inn to serve the remainder of a two-year term expiring June 30, 2020. Mr. Britton will represent the local Lodging industry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Byers and carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Floyd moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an updated employment agreement with City Administrator to include cost of living and merit adjustment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Byers and carried unanimously.

**J. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

1. Mayor and Council proclaimed June 20, 2019 as **GAIL BRAZIEL DAY IN THE CITY OF TRAVELERS REST.**

**K. Adjournment**

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Mr. George made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously.

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Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Submitted by

*Gail Braziel*  
Gail Braziel, City Clerk

Reviewed by

*Eric Vinson*  
Eric Vinson, City Administrator