

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Jeff George, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Lori Sondov, City Clerk, Phillip Tate, PW Director, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief, and Brennan Williams, Planning Director. The media were notified. There were twelve members of the public who attended.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Council and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. INVOCATION

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Byers

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

1. Reggie Small, Past President of the Foothills Rotary Club of Travelers Rest, made a presentation on behalf of the organization to the Travelers Rest Police Department of \$2,000 toward the purchase of a drone.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Byers provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report.

Chair Floyd provided a summary of the Public Safety Committee report.

Chair Bumgarner stated the Ways and Means Committee met to discuss the Ordinance to repeal and replace the Business License Ordinance.

Chair Vest provided a summary of the Planning and Development Committee report.

H. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

1. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to consider an Ordinance to adopt a revised Business License Ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176). Councilmember George seconded the motion and discussion was held. Councilmember Bumgarner explained the Ordinance, which is necessitated by a state standardization of the business license and the classification system, recognized Administrator Vinson's work on the issue, and stated some business licenses may decrease while others may increase. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Amidon and Administrator Vinson also recognized Business License and Permitting Specialist Renee Smouse for her work on the business license standardization process.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Boards and Commissions – Ways and Means Committee Chair Bumgarner made a motion to recommend the following people for appointment to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee:
Crystal Calhoun, for a term of 2021-2023
Wendy Lyman, for a term of 2021-22
Kristen Heiselman, for a term of 2021-23
Michelle Evett, for a term of 2021-22
Kristin Laroy, for a term of 2021-23
Dave Smits, for a term of 2021-22
Kem Theisen, for a term of 2021-22
Councilmember Criss seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. Mayor Amidon presented a proclamation in recognition of Upstate Young Marines for their efforts during for Red Ribbon Week to Georgette "Ali" Owens, a member of the UYM.
2. Administrator Vinson discussed the following: He thanked the Travelers Rest Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting an employee appreciation picnic at Trailblazer Park for all City employees and stated the City was recently approved for the Poinsett Project funding request by the Greenville County Legislative Delegation Transportation

Committee in the amount of \$2.25 million, which will go toward the Poinsett Corridor Revitalization Project including streetscaping and working on the roadway. City Clerk Sondov provided the following updates: the United Way drive will conclude on Monday, October 25, and the City's Christmas Toy Drive began taking applications for assistance as well as donations of cash and toys on October 18.

3. Mayor Amidon recognized Councilmember Gilstrap as this meeting is her last one due to her moving out of city limits.
4. Mayor Amidon attended the groundbreaking for Ace Hardware Company as well as Councilmembers Floyd and George.
5. Councilmember Choplin and Chief Ford reminded Council there will be a "Night Out" style event at Athens Park on October 28 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with a bounce house, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Chief Ford stated the event is a good opportunity to meet the neighbors in the community.

L. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Brandy Amidon Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by Lori O. Sondov Lori O. Sondov, CMC, City Clerk and Treasurer

Eric Vinson Eric Vinson, City Administrator