

Regular Council Meeting
May 20th, 2024
Council Chamber – Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Members present: Mayor Halfacre presiding, Council Members Boatwright, Brookover, Ducworth, Fulmer, and Watt.

Absent: Council Member Smith

Notification emailed: May 16th to the Greenville News, the Journal, the Independent Mail, the Post and Courier, the Pickens Sentinel, the Easley Progress; WSNW Radio, WYFF Channel 4, WSPA Channel 7 and Fox 21 TV News.

Public Session: Mayor Halfacre presiding – No comments.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 6th, 2024 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss amending the animal cruelty ordinance to include shelter guidelines for weather and temperature. – Council Member Brookover stated that this is similar to the rental housing ordinance with adding the ability to cite a resident of the house. Clemson Paw Partners has offered to do training for officers on this issue. Council Member Watt asked Police Chief Jorge Campos about state law, and his concern was the guidelines limiting the police. Chief Campos was in favor of a discussion to refine the issue. Margaret Thompson, 117 Argon St, was in favor of changing the ordinance. MyCivic Comment from Elaine Maseceri, 204 Wren St, in favor of changing the ordinance.

Staff Reports:

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: On The Ave event and Public Works Day tomorrow.

Municipal Clerk Jeremiah Jackson: The Shred Day numbers were 11,720 lbs of shredded material. Staff collected \$1,580 and 538 lbs of food for Clemson Community Care. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 161, Mayor Halfacre, Council Member Ducworth, Sarah Wickham, Lindsey Newton and Lauren Gamrat for their help.

Policy Action

Ordinances:

Consider 1st reading of a supplemental bond ordinance for the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds.

–City Administrator Andy Blondeau stated this supplemental bond would be for 3 major utility projects.

1. The Pendleton Clemson Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion of which the City of Clemson's anticipated share would be \$16,701,406. 2. The Advanced Metering Infrastructure equipment for water meters with a project cost of \$3,000,000. 3. Replacing pump stations 5 and 7 along with the interceptor line between them with a project cost of \$8,500,000. This item will skip the next regularly scheduled council meeting in hopes of hearing back about grant funding in the interim. Ric Ware, 100 Holiday Avenue West, asked for clarification about the location of the pump stations. Council Member Brookover made a motion, seconded

by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 1st reading of a supplemental bond ordinance for the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of an amendment to Article III Sec. 13-73. d., to allow an occupancy violation to be issued to the property manager, person in charge, or resident, not just the property owner. – Planning and Development Director Nathan Woods stated the change will be very helpful for enforcement. Council Member Watt clarified that, when an offense happens, a letter would go out to all parties involved. Herb Tyler, 143 Folger Street, asked about “and/or” language in the proposed ordinance. The City Attorney clarified the language as requested. The change will now read “Property Owner, Property Manager, Person in Charge, Resident of the Property, or some combination of the forgoing.” Council Member Ducworth made a motion, seconded by Council Member Watt, to approve 1st reading of an amendment to Article III Sec. 13-73. d., to allow an occupancy violation to be issued to the property manager, person in charge, or resident, not just the property owner. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Action:

Consider a license agreement with Clemson University for the placement of public safety equipment at 204 West Lane. – City Administrator Andy Blondeau stated this will improve radio coverage for the City. Council Member Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve a license agreement with Clemson University for the placement of public safety equipment at 204 West Lane. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Council Member Boatwright: The Jersey Retirement at DWD High School was a great event.

Council Member Brookover: Had some good feedback from Council Member Boatwright’s career day visit to Clemson Elementary School.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: _____

G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor