

City Council Minutes
May 4, 2021

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor
Dr. Kalu Kalu

PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:

Bernard Haire
Jerry Hannah
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Sandra P. Knotts
Richard F. Stroman

Mayor Butler called the meeting to order by roll call of Councilmembers.

Mayor Butler recognized "Dedication" as the May, 2021 Orangeburg County Community of Character trait. Dedication is the quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to approve the April 20, 2021 City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Hannah to approve the April 29, 2021 Special City Council Minutes. The motion was approved 6-0-1 by roll call vote. Councilmember Hannah abstained as he was absent this meeting.


Assistant City Administrator Singh updated Council on the roads in Pinetop Subdivision. He stated, "The City of Orangeburg is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified engineering firms for the neighborhood in Pinetop Subdivision. A mandatory site meeting will be held on May 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM and in case of rain an alternate date will be May 17, 2021 at 1:00PM. Proposals will be opened on June 7, 2021. This is a complex situation with a substandard roadway and a repair plan needs to be developed which will stabilize the road system and either include an overlay or repair in such a way that it will be stabilized in the future. This is just an update for Council's information."

City Administrator Evering updated Council on Railroad Corner. He stated, "This is a very important project to the City. We have been working with DFI of the University of North Carolina and they are providing us guidance. They have been engaging the community with surveys and held forums to get individual's thoughts on proceeding. There are a lot of good ideas with the design including historic preservation. DFI has also engaged Claflin and SC State Universities to be a part of this. The project is moving forward, and we are doing it the right way. The next steps are to select an architect and create guidelines for Council to adopt. Things are happening even though you may not see dirt moving. This is just an update for Council and the public."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to go into Executive Session concerning Personnel Matter: S.C Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a) (1). A. Proposed amendments to City Organizational Chart, separation of Office of City Clerk and City Treasurer, appointment of City Clerk and adjustment of compensation of Clerk and City Finance Director., Legal Matter: S.C. Code Sec. 30-7-70 (a) (2). A. Mask and "Gatherings" Ordinance enforcement, B. Covid-19 and employee leave time. Legal and Contractual Matter: S. C. Code Sec. 30-7-70 (a) (2). A. Railroad Corner: Singh Property on Russell Street and Treadwell Street and Contractual Matter: S.C. Code Sec. 30-7-70 (a) (2). A. Purchase of property for rehabilitation. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Carrie Johnson
City Clerk

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