

**Special Called Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2016**

Location: Chapin Town Hall

Attending: Mayor Skip Wilson, Council Members Mike Clonts, Robbie Frick, Kay Hollis, and Gregg White; staff – Chris Clauson, Karen Owens, Carl Stevens, Inga Whelchel, and Chief Zeigler.

Call to Order: Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm, and determined there was a quorum. Mr. White offered a prayer and then Council proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wilson acknowledged that the appropriate notifications in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

New Business:

1. First reading of Ordinance to Amend & Reissue the General Obligation Bond. There was no discussion when Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Clonts to accept the Ordinance to Amend & Reissue the General Obligation Bond; 2nd by Mr. White. Mr. Clonts asked if Mr. Stevens would walk the Council through the financial aspect of this Ordinance at the 2nd reading. Mr. Stevens acknowledged he would do so, and that the bond attorney would also be present at that public hearing to answer any questions. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Request for Action to Pursue Grant Funding for the Sidewalk Project on Lexington Avenue. Mr. Clauson stated the Central Midlands COG, specifically COATS, announced funding availability for the Transportation Alternative Program. The allowable grant funds have increased from \$140,000 to \$180,000. Based on preliminary estimates, these grant funds could be used to extend the sidewalk on Lexington Avenue from the Methodist Church to the Firebridge neighborhood. The minimum local match for this project is 20% and more analysis needs to take place to gather the full cost share that would be required. Applications are due on April 15th and Mr. Clauson wanted Council's permission to submit an application to request funding for this project. Mr. White asked if there were any matching funds available. Mr. Clauson stated the Town Sidewalk Fund should be receiving \$19,000 from the Methodist Church, who opted to pay into the fund instead of installing sidewalks in conjunction with their building addition project set to begin shortly. Mr. Clauson stated he needs to get together with SCDOT to figure the project cost, as the totals he has now are rough estimates. Mayor Wilson stated that the Town is not under any obligation at this point, we are just asking for permission to apply for grant funds. A motion was made to pursue the grant funding for the sidewalk project on Lexington Avenue by Mr. White; 2nd by Mr. Frick. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Kim Murphy inquired where on the new website she could find the documents included in the Council's packets for tonight's meeting, as well as the documents from the last meeting. Ms. Owens stated there is a link to voterheads.com and she could click on "Town of Chapin" to view these documents.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Frick; 2nd by Mr. White. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:14 pm.