

**CHAPIN TOWN COUNCIL
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

**Town Council Chambers
157 NW Columbia Ave, Chapin**

Members Present: Mayor Skip Wilson, Council Member Robbie Frick, and Council Member Kay Hollis

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Clonts and Council Member Gregg White

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Chris Clauson, Utilities Director Andy Metts, Finance Director Laura Culler, Sanitary Engineer Dan Lambert, Police Chief Seth Zeigler, and Town Clerk Julie Hammond

Guests: Dan Goldston, Municipal Judge Gary Reinhart, and Senator Ronnie Cromer

Call to Order: Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., determined there was a quorum, and offered the prayer. Dan Goldston, American Legion Post #193, led with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor acknowledged the appropriate notifications in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Minutes: Council reviewed the December 19, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Frick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Hollis seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Wilson's Comments: Mayor Wilson stated it was truly an honor when he was elected 4 years ago. His objective was bringing Chapin into the 21st Century which included financial matters and transparency, regulatory compliance, technology, law enforcement, and communications to name a few. The Mayor knew it could be done through hiring qualified, experienced people with integrity in the eyes of others. Most people have already acknowledged that this objective has been accomplished. He thanked each and every employee by name for their commitment and service while he was Mayor. Town employees were here tonight to show their unity, support, and willingness to move the Town forward. Mayor Wilson thanked everyone and turned the time over for the change of administration.

Oath of Office

David W. Knight, Mayor of Chapin: Judge Gary Reinhart administered the Oath of Office for Mayor David W. Knight.

Al Koon, Chapin Town Council: Judge Gary Reinhart administered the Oath of Office for Council Member Al Koon.

Preston Baines, Chapin Town Council: Judge Gary Reinhart administered the Oath of Office for Council Member Preston Baines.

Members Present: Mayor David W. Knight, Council Member Preston Baines, Council Member Kay Hollis, and Council Member Al Koon

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Clonts

Mayor Knight's Comments: Mayor Knight acknowledged Senator Ronnie Cromer's attendance at the meeting. Senator Cromer thanked the outgoing Mayor and Town Council Members for the work they have done over the past four years and looked forward to working with the new Mayor and Town Council.

Mayor Knight thanked everyone for coming out and introduced Council incumbents and new members. He thanked everyone who voted for him as well as the people who supported him in the greater Chapin area. He went on to thank his wife and Chief of Staff Holly Knight, Campaign Manager Stan Shealy, Assistant Campaign Managers Ken King and Sam Delany. He also thanked all who hosted events during his campaign, Jim Lewis for driving the World War II Fire Truck, subdivision supporters, poll watchers, Leisha Huffstetler for help at Generations, and Bruce Coy who produced his campaign video.

Mayor Knight gave a short prayer for small-town administrators and moved on to the next agenda item.

Reports

None

Old Business

Ordinance – Historic Preservation: Council Member Koon moved to defer the 2nd Reading of the Historic Preservation Ordinance “Exhibit A.” Council Member Baines seconded the motion. The Historic Preservation Ordinance “Exhibit A” was deferred on its 2nd Reading by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Council understood that many are in support of this ordinance but as a new council felt they should have more time to educate themselves on the matter prior to moving forward.

Ordinance – Adopt “Bailey Bill” Property Tax Abatement for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties: Council Member Baines moved to defer the 2nd Reading of the “Bailey Bill” Property Tax Abatement Ordinance “Exhibit B.” Council Member Hollis seconded the motion. The Historic Preservation Ordinance “Exhibit A” was deferred on its 2nd Reading by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Council would receive more input on the “Bailey Bill” prior to moving forward.

New Business

Proclamation – Recognize January 21-27, 2018 “Town of Chapin School Choice Week:” Council Member Baines moved to remove item 9. a. Proclamation recognizing January 21-27, 2018 “Town of Chapin School Choice Week” from the agenda. Council Member Koon seconded the motion. Town of Chapin School Choice Week Proclamation “Exhibit C” was removed from the agenda by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Council felt municipalities had no authority to approve proclamations, only ordinances and resolutions, but would look further into the matter.

Resolution – Election of Mayor Pro Tempore: Council Member Koon moved to approve Michael W. Clonts as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Hollis seconded the motion. Michael W. Clonts was approved to serve as Mayor Pro Tem Resolution #001-01-2018 “Exhibit D” until January 2020 by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Resolution – Designation of Check Signers: Mayor Knight moved to authorize the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, the Finance Director, and/or the Utilities Coordinator to sign checks and negotiate instruments on behalf of the Town of Chapin. Council Member Koon seconded the motion. Resolution #002-01-2018 “Exhibit E” Designation of Check Signers was approved by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Resolution – Credit Card Account Authorizations: Mayor Knight moved to remove the outgoing Mayor and authorize the incoming Mayor and the Finance Director to the credit card account of the Town of Chapin. Council Member Hollis seconded the motion. Resolution #003-01-2018 “Exhibit F” Credit Card Account Authorizations was approved by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Ordinance – Amend Regular Town Council Meetings Date and Time: Council Member Baines moved to amend Regular Town Council Meetings date and time. Council Member Koon seconded the motion. Regular Town Council Meetings Ordinance “Exhibit G” amending meetings to the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. was approved on its 1st Reading by unanimous vote:

Mayor Knight:	Yes	Council Member Baines:	Yes
Council Member Hollis:	Yes	Council Member Koons:	Yes

Public Comments

Liesha Huffstetler read a blessing out of the Hebrew Bible.

Kim Murphy addressed the rate increase for existing users as well as another proposed rate increase for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Her concern was for existing customers paying for future development/growth and the tremendous amount of money set aside without disclosure to the public and sewer users. Ms. Murphy asked Council to review and protect the Town and surrounding area from development/growth.

Don Carlson and Jim Johnston indicated their appreciation of Town Council.

Adjournment: Council Member Baines moved to adjourn Town Council. Council Member Koon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

COUNCIL APPROVED: February 6, 2018