



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2024; 6:30 P.M.
Bennettsville Public Safety Complex

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Fowler
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 26, 2024 [\[attached\]](#)
5. PUBLIC REQUESTS/ PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS
 - A. Employees Anniversaries
 - Tammy King (Human Resources) – 27 years of service
 - Angela Ward (Administration) – 26 years of experience
 - Lori O’Tuel (Purchasing) – 12 years of service
 - Jerusha McArthur (Tourism, Parks & Recreation) – 5 years of service
 - Jaharra Graves (Tourism, Parks & Recreation) – 3 years of service
 - Donald Morgan (Water Treatment) – 3 years of service
 - Robert Tryon (Police) – 2 years of service
 - B. New Hires & Promotions
 - Tracie Lee – Accounts Payable Clerk
 - Jerry McClain – Custodian at Tourism, Parks & Recreation
 - David McClain – Sanitation/Motor Equipment Operator
 - James Johnson – Sanitation Worker/Operator
 - Jason Tompkins – Police Corporal

 - Morris Patrick Smith – Gas Line Foreman (Promotion)
 - C. Crooked Creek Study Update - Hanna Engineering (Verbal Update)
 - D. One (1) Year in Review: Address to the Community (Verbal Update)

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
7. SECOND READING AND PASSAGE IN FULL OF ORDINANCES
No Business
8. FIRST READING AND ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCES
No Business
10. GENERAL BUSINESS DISPENSED BY MOTION
No Business
11. REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRESENTATION
 - A. Natural Gas Rate Increase Update **[attached]**
 - B. Grants Update **[attached]**
 - C. Finance Committee Update **[below]**

Notes from our Finance Committee Meeting on 8/13/2024
Attendance : Mayor Fowler, William Simon, Myself:

Discussion of the now fully staffed Finance Department. This fine group is to be expected to take ownership of their diligent tasks of "righting Our ship" in this much needed performance. We plan to support them with training the first month by Mr. Millhouse and his staff to understand the City's accounting practices , accounts in place, bank reconciliations of all accounts , and general practices of the duties required by the City, the State, and Grants requirements. With our support, the committee present feel good about the plan.

Our Annual Audit is expected to actually begin in late September and hopefully goes smoothly with report completed in late December. This is a progressive schedule.

Forensic Audit – at this time, this decision on delay will be discussed .

- D. Audit vs. Forensic Audit (Information Only) **[attached]**
- E. Business Report (Information Only) **[below]**

Name of Business	Type of Business	
Ice Age Management dba McDonalds (new owners)	Restaurant	108 W. 15-401 Bypass
Othell Fowler	Landlord	McColl, SC
Just Closing Out	Retail Store	108 E. Main St., Bennettsville, SC
Samuel Dial	Food Truck (snow cones)	Gibson, NC
Brazen Roofing	Contractor	Myrtle Beach, SC
F.T. Zerman	Contractor	Marion, SC
Southern Home Repair	Contractor	Hartsville, SC
Juan's Roofing	Contractor	Hartsville, SC
Fouled Out, LLC	Entertainment	Bennettsville, SC
John McLeod, Jr.	Landlord	Fort Valley, GA
Penny Gainey	Remediation (pressure washing)	Darlington, SC
Carolina Pines Realty	Realtor	Conway, SC

12. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR
 - A. Salary Survey Implementation Plan of Action
13. NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCIL
14. ADJOURN

Public Comment Policy:

Citizens desiring to speak at any regular meeting must provide a written request to notify the City Clerk prior to the agenda deadline. Citizens interested in commenting at a regular meeting shall sign in to speak and limit comments to no more than 3 minutes.

Mission Statement: To utilize all available resources for the development of plans, programs, and projects to improve services to the citizens of Bennettsville and establish and maintain an active role in economic and community development.