



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor David P. Merchant.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Thomas J. Lowery	Mayor Pro-Tempore, Ward 1	<i>Deceased (11/02/2022)</i>
James B. Blessingame	Councilman, Ward 2	Present
Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.	Councilman, Ward 3	Present
Steven H. Corley	Councilman, Ward 4	Present
Colin C. Davis	Councilman, Ward 5	Absent
Gifford M. Shaw	Councilman, Ward 6	Present

City Staff:

Attendee Name	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Mark Partin	Organizational Improvement Director
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Shelley Kile	Communications/Tourism Director
Kyle Kelly	Senior Transportation Planner
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
CC Newman	Records Mgmt. Administrator
Michael Geddings	Public Services Director
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
Danny Crowe	General Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council is asked to approve the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Approved**

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ratifications	Board/Commission
None	



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NEW BUSINESS

1. ANNEXATION (FIRST READING)

Consider **First Reading** of an Ordinance to annex by 100 percent annexation petition approximately 7 acres of land located at 2771 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-01-01-003). **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Shaw Second: Councilman Hastie Vote: 5-0

2. ANNUAL EVENTS

Consider **Resolution No. 892** authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only) at several annual events. **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Corley Second: Councilman Shaw Vote: 4-1

3. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

a) Consider **Resolution No. 893** authorizing a contract for the Lafayette Elevated Tank Interior Rehabilitation/Exterior Washing Project.

Motion: Councilman Corley Second: Councilman Blassingame Vote: 5-0

b) Consider **Resolution No. 894** authorizing the purchase of a Wastewater Clarifier Drive Unit.

Motion: Councilman Shaw Second: Councilman Hastie Vote: 5-0

c) Consider **Resolution No. 895** authorizing a contract for the Secondary Aeration Basin Cleaning and Rehabilitation Project at the Pochaligo Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion: Councilman Hastie Second: Councilman Blassingame Vote: 5-0

d) Consider **Resolution No. 896** authorizing a contract for the Plowden Pond Boardwalk and Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion: Councilman Hastie Second: Councilman Corley Vote: 5-0

4. POLICE REPORT

Postponed to a later date due to a police emergency.

5. SUATS UPDATE

Received updates from Transportation Planner regarding active SUATS (Sumter Area Transportation Study) projects.



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COUNCIL REPORTS

- Steven H. Corley
- Several Council members attended the Chamber of Commerce’s State of Sumter breakfast.
- Gifford Shaw
- Expressed appreciation for the City Staff’s presentation to his Morris College personal finance class.
- James B. Blassingame
- Attended the funeral of Mrs. Pat C. McDonald.
 - Read at “Read Across America” events at Kingsbury Elementary.
 - Attended Westend Community Association meeting on March 6, 2023.
 - Expressed appreciation for improvements being made on Council Street and Newberry Avenue.
- Mayor David Merchant
- Thanked Council members that participated in the “Read Across America” events in Sumter School District.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Deron McCormick
- A draft budget will be presented at the April 4, 2023, City Council meeting.
 - Announced the passing of two community leaders (1) former Councilwoman Colleen Yates; and (2) Major General (Ret) James William Hyatt.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

03/03/2023 Certification of Public and Media Notification