



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.  
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers  
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Council	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Anthony Gibson	Councilman-Elect, Ward 1	Absent
James B. Blassingame	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	Present
Gifford M. Shaw	Councilman, Ward 6	Present

**CITY STAFF**

Attendee Name	Title
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Mark Partin	Organizational Improvement Director
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilman Blassingame

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Councilman Shaw      Second: Councilman Blassingame      Vote: 6-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Consider appointments expired June 30, 2023, and other vacancies. **No action taken**

**REZONING – FINAL READING**

**RZ-23-13, 16 LYNAM ROAD**

Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2819* rezoning an approximate .55-acre parcel of land located at 16 Lynam Road (Tax Map No. 206-03-02-004) from Residential-15 (R-15) to Residential-6 (R-6). **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Davis      Second: Councilman Hastie      Vote: 6-0



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**ANNEXATIONS – FINAL READING**

**ANN-23-04, 2560 BROAD STREET**

Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2820* annexing (by 100 percent annexation petition) one (1) parcel of land approximately 3.38 acres and located at 2560 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-08-01-011). **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Corley      Second: Councilman Davis      Vote: 6-0

**ANN-23-05, 2581 and 2587 BROAD STREET**

Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2821* annexing (by 100 percent annexation petition) two (2) parcels of land totaling approximately 5.2 acres and located at 2581 and 2587 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-07-01-001 and 203-07-01-002). **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Hastie      Second: Councilman Corley      Vote: 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION**

Consider *Resolution No. 901* declaring the intent of the City of Sumter to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be incurred by the City.

Motion: Councilman Shaw      Second: Councilman Hastie      Vote: 6-0

**PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION**

Consider *Resolution No. 902* authorizing the purchase of an Automated Garbage Truck.

Motion: Councilman Corley      Second: Councilman Blassingame      Vote: 6-0

**ANNEXATION – FIRST READING**

**ANN-23-06, 799 LANG JENNINGS DRIVE**

Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) one (1) parcel of land approximately 0.93 acres and located at 799 Lang Jennings Drive (Tax Map No. 203-11-03-018).

Motion: Councilman Davis      Second: Councilman Blassingame      Vote: 6-0

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Councilman Shaw
  - Thanked Shelbie Goulding from *The Sumter Item* for her service to the community. Today will be her last council meeting covering as Editor.
  - Enjoyed attending the Municipal Association of SC Annual Meeting. Greatly appreciated the keynote speaker, Chris Singleton, and his message regarding unity.
- Councilman Blassingame
  - Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Birnie Hope Center Expansion. Expressed his appreciation for the number of council members in attendance.
- Mayor Merchant
  - Excited about all that is happening in Sumter.



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- Urged the community to stop by the Tuskegee Airmen Monument which was recently completed in Veterans Park. A formal event celebrating the completion will soon be announced.
- Presented Shelbie Goulding, Editor from *The Sumter Item*, a gift from the City as an expression of thanks for her contribution to Sumter. Shelbie introduced her replacement, Bryn Eddy.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Deron McCormick

- Project updates are coming soon regarding the many things occurring in Sumter.
- Announced Global Leadership Summit this Thursday and Friday.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned for Executive Session at approximately 1:30 p.m. **No action taken**

Motion: Councilman Blassingame      Second: Councilman Davis      Vote: 6-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:06 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Corley      Second: Councilman Shaw      Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

  
Linda D. Hammett  
City Clerk

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