

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

April 3, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor  
Boyd Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Abbott L. Bray, Jr.  
Eric L. Fowler  
Casey Jordan Hallman  
L. Dale Harley  
Tommy Parler  
B.J. Unthank  
Teddy Wingard

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator  
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk  
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering  
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development  
Rick Hodge, City Treasurer

Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief  
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief  
Ken Ebener, Municipal Judge  
Stuart Jones, Building Official  
Charles Garren, Director of Public Works  
Members of the Public and Press

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Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. *The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, and The Columbia Star* were notified of the meeting by e-mail on March 30, 2012.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Parler gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – Requests for Appearance

- A. Mayor Owens recognized former West Columbia Fire Chief Barry Anderson, who spoke to Council about the National Day of Prayer. Mr. Anderson stated that nine area churches would be participating in the prayer service which will begin at 12 p.m. at the Springdale Town Park on May 3, 2012. The churches sponsoring the prayer service include Carpenter's Shop Church, Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Platt Springs Road United Methodist Church, Springdale Baptist Church, West Columbia Pentecostal Holiness Church, West Columbia First Baptist Church, West Columbia First Church of the Nazarene and Westside Baptist Church. Mr. Anderson said the National Day of prayer goes back to President George Washington who encouraged such a national prayer service and a specific day was officially established in 1952. Mr. Anderson invited council members to attend the 45-minute service.

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### Agenda Item III – Requests for Appearance (continued)

- B. Mayor Owens recognized Lexington Town Council Member Kathy Maness, who briefed Council on the Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) Annual Summer Conference in Charleston, SC, from May 17 through May 19, 2012. Ms. Maness said she was privileged to be the president of the national organization, which is a constituency group of the National League of Cities (NLC). Ms. Maness said she was raising money to help offset the cost of holding the conference in South Carolina. She noted that other municipalities and organizations, including the Town of Lexington, the Town of Springdale, and the Lexington County Municipal Association, have agreed to help by pledging monetary contributions. She asked council member to support the conference with a contribution and to consider sending a representative from West Columbia to attend the WIMG meeting Charleston.

### Agenda Item IV – Announcements by Mayor

- A. Mayor Owens stated he had no announcements to make.

### Agenda Item V – Approval of Minutes

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the following council meetings: the Regular Council Meeting held March 6, 2012 and a Special Council Meeting held March 19, 2012. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item VI – Old Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 2.86 acres of property located at 846 Chris Drive (TMS# 004599-10-006). Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex approximately one acre of property located at 176 McSwain Drive (TMS# 004597-01-002). Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a map amendment to change the zoning classification of 122 Hammond Avenue (TMS# 004627-03-020) from R-2 (medium-density residential) to C-2 (general commercial). Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item VII – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a map amendment to change the zoning classification of 1102 C Avenue (TMS# 004635-13-001) from C-1 (Intensive Commercial) to C-3) Restricted Commercial). Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item VII – New Business (continued)

B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration to approve a policy for employee password authorization on the City of West Columbia computer domain. Council Member Unthank so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration to appoint and reappoint following employees to the West Columbia Grievance Committee for three-year terms ending January 2015:

Reappointed Rex Adkins, Water Distribution /Sewer Collection Superintendent

Reappointed David Chaney, Assistant Water Plant Superintendent/Lead Operator

Appointed Brandon Field, Police Sergeant/Training Officer

Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn to Executive Session for a Personnel Matter and Contractual Matter

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter and a contractual matter. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Item IX – Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Owens stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Agenda Item X – Adjourn

Mayor Owens asked if there was any further business to discuss and received no response. Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC  
City Clerk