

MINUTES
TOWN OF NORWAY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020

1. Mayor Ann Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Johnson thanked all who supported her during her time as Mayor and wished Mayor Elect Clemons much success.
2. Members present: Mayor Ann Johnson, Mayor Elect Tracie M. Clemons, Councilperson Gregg Covington, Councilperson Bonnie Fogle, Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy, and Councilperson Elect Travis Golden.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
4. Invocation was led by Reverend Benjamin Harr.
5. Motion was made by Councilperson Gregg Covington to accept tonight's agenda. Seconded by Councilperson Bonnie Fogle. All in favor, so moved.
6. Motion was made by Councilperson Gregg Covington to accept December's minutes. Seconded by Elizabeth Murphy. All in favor, so moved.
7. Judge Derrick Dash swore in Mayor Tracie M. Clemons and Councilpersons Gregg Covington and Travis Golden.
 - a. Mayor Clemons elected Councilperson Bonnie Fogle as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was made by Councilperson Gregg Covington to accept the election; motion seconded by Elizabeth Murphy. All in favor, so moved.
 - b. Mayor Clemons appointed Dee Gore as Municipal Clerk. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept appointment; Councilperson Bonnie Fogle seconded. All in favor, so moved.
 - c. Mayor Clemons appointed Councilperson Gregg Covington as Police Commissioner. Councilperson Bonnie Fogle made a motion to accept appointment; motion seconded by Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy. All in favor, so moved.
 - d. Mayor Clemons appointed Councilperson Travis Golden as Water/Wastewater Commissioner. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept appointment; motion seconded by Councilperson Bonnie Fogle. All in favor, so moved.
8. The financial report was distributed and read by Council. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept the report as presented; Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy seconded. All in favor, so moved.
9. Police Department Report. Officer Anthony Blanchard presented for the Police Department. Nothing to report at this time.
10. Water/Wastewater Department Report. Mayor Clemons discussed an issue with a water pressure switch on the large water tank that is malfunctioning. Town is discussing repair possibilities with

DPU. There are no current leaks to report. Under the new administration, the Town will see new changes taking place in the Water Department.

11. Consideration of Communication: A message from Mayor Clemons: Mayor Clemons greeted all who attended. She thanked all for their support and encouragement. Her wish is that together we will forge a brighter future. Mayor Clemons thanked Mayor Johnson for her dedication and service to the Town of Norway. She also thanked her family and campaign team, friends, and supporters for their time, energy, and dedication to her campaign and wanted everyone to know how truly grateful she feels. Mayor Clemons is eager to begin her term and assume her new responsibilities. She feels that with faith, partnership, and collaboration we will be able to improve and advance Norway. She wishes all to know that she sees, hears, and thanks everyone as she begins her new journey; acknowledges the journey may not be easy, but she will do the best she can; and that she will put Norway first, above all agendas, politics, and self-serving ideas.

12. Old Business:

- a. SC House Bill 4430 – Business License Taxes: Mayor Clemons gave a brief recap of the bill. She reiterated neither small business nor the municipalities of South Carolina will benefit from this bill. Further discussion followed. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to sign a letter to Governor Henry McMaster opposing House Bill H4431. Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy seconded. All in favor, so moved.

13. New Business:

- a. 2020 Census Job Fair/Recruiting: Mayor Clemons shared information concerning employment opportunities with the US Census Bureau for the upcoming 2020 Census. Selected candidates may earn up to \$14.50 per hour and will be reimbursed .58 cents per mile. All work is to be completed by August. A motion was made by Councilperson Gregg Covington to allow the Orangeburg County Census representative to set up a job fair in Norway; motion seconded by Councilperson Bonnie Fogle. All in favor, so moved.
- b. Approval of New Town Hall Business Hours: Mayor Clemons proposed new business hours as follows:

Normal Business Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8am – 3:30pm, Friday: 8am – 5:30pm

Mayor's Office Hours:

Thursday: 5pm – 7pm (*subject to change*)

Friday: 7am – 5:30pm

Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept new Town Hall Business Hours; motion seconded by Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy. All in favor, so moved.

- c. Approval 2020 Council Meeting Schedule: Proposed schedule is attached. Brief discussion followed. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept 2020

Council Meeting Schedule; motion seconded by Councilperson Bonnie Fogle. All in favor, so moved.

- d. Appointment of Committees (see attachment): Mayor Clemons outlined the Standing Committees which included Police, Water/Wastewater, and Ways & Means. She then spoke about Special Committees which included:

- i. Community Events & Recreation

- 1. Christmas Parade: Chairperson Toni Hydrick
 - 2. Pennies for Presents: Chairperson Ann Johnson
 - 3. Memorial/Veteran Recognition: Chairperson Toni Hydrick
 - 4. Beautification Team: Chairperson Toni Hydrick
 - 5. Health & Wellness Program

- ii. Yes We Can Team (Millennials)

- iii. Revitalization Team

- iv. Communications & Marketing

- v. ~~Pennies for Presents~~

Councilperson Travis Golden made a motion to accept appointed committees; motion seconded by Councilperson Gregg Covington. All in favor, so moved.

- e. Acceptance List of Councilpersons and Updated District Map: Information sheets were distributed by Ms. Qwanda Hart showing updated district representatives and contact information. An updated district map is currently being printed. Mayor Clemons introduced all district representatives. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept the information presented; seconded by Councilperson Travis Golden. All in favor, so moved.
- f. Acceptance List of Organizations in Norway (see attached). Mayor Clemons shared information about the different organizations that call Norway home. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept the list; motion seconded by Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy. All in favor, so moved.

14. Public Comments:

- a. Former Mayor Ann Johnson suggested Mayor Clemons consider assigning a Streets & Sanitation Commissioner and a Parks & Recreation Commissioner. Mayor Clemons thanked Mayor Johnson for the suggestion and wants to include this discussion during the February 3, 2020, Council meeting.
- b. Former Mayor Johnson also asked Mayor Clemons about including the AA Organization in her organization list. A brief discussion followed. No action taken.

15. Announcements:

- a. Mayor Clemons said a group of 10-15 teen males were seen picking up trash on Hwy 321 on Sunday, January 5, 2020. She would like to get in touch with the group or anyone

who knows about the group so that she can acknowledge and thank them for their generosity.

16. Executive Session: A motion was made by Councilperson Gregg Covington to enter into executive session to discuss personnel employment. Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy seconded. All in favor, so moved. Council entered Executive Session.


Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to end Executive Session and resume public Council Meeting. Councilperson Travis Golden seconded. All in favor, so moved.

Public Council Meeting resumed with the following actions taken:


- a. Ms. Marion Whetstone resigned her position of Office Assistant effective December 31, 2019. Suggested pay for a new assistant position will be set at \$10 per hour. Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to accept suggested pay; seconded by councilperson Elizabeth Murphy. All in favor, so moved.
- b. The Police Department will be taken in a new direction starting with hiring an interim Police Chief while Chief Ward is out on Family Medical Leave. One of the Police Officers will be released. And an Orangeburg County reserve officer will come in to assist with coverage. Court will be moved from a day court to a night court schedule and we will be looking for another judge. Councilperson Bonnie Fogle made a motion to accept all suggested changes to the Police Department and Court; Councilperson Travis Golden seconded. All in favor, so moved.
- c. Mayor Clemons suggested anyone with a water bill that is at least 3 months overdue be given a warning letter advising them to catch up their account within 30 days or their water bill be turned off. Councilperson Travis Golden made a motion to accept and act upon the Mayor suggestion; Councilperson Bonnie Fogle seconded. All in favor, so moved.


With no more business to attend Councilperson Gregg Covington made a motion to adjourn with Councilperson Elizabeth Murphy seconding the motion. All in favor, so moved.

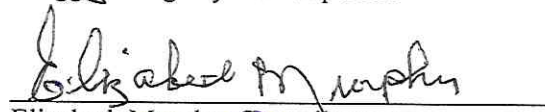
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Dee Gore, Clerk


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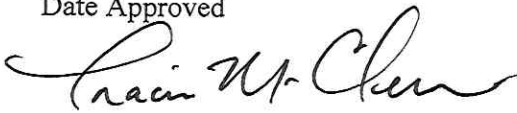
MINUTES
TOWN OF NORWAY SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2020

1. Mayor Tracie M. Clemons called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. This meeting is an information workshop. Four organizations were invited to share information about their available services and to show support for Norway.
3. Part I Presentations
 - a. Orangeburg County Sheriff Department
 - b. Blue Ink Sign
4. The meeting group broke for 30 minutes.
5. Part II Presentations
 - a. Community Tennis Association
 - b. ONE Orangeburg County: The 1000 Business & Industry Task Force
6. Announcements:

With no more business to attend the meeting was adjourned.

February 3, 2020

Date Approved



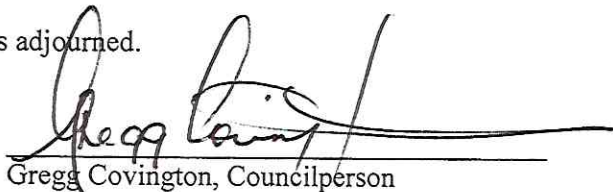
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