

Aiken City Council Minutes

February 22, 1999

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Perry, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Clyburn, Papouchado, Price, and Radford.

Absent: Mayor Cavanaugh

Others Present: Roger LeDuc, Gary Smith, Bill Huggins, Pete Frommer, Terry Rhinehart, Larry Morris, Sandra Korbek, Sara Ridout, Carl Langley of the Aiken Standard, and 10 citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Gary Smith led in prayer which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 1999, were considered for approval. Councilwoman Clyburn moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONSCertificates of AppreciationBoards and CommitteesAnnexation Study CommitteeEpting, JanHarrington, RobertCommunity Development Committee on HousingEwing, AnnaAiken County Transit CommissionGraham, FayeEnvironmental CommitteeGrandy, RodBuilding Code Appeals CommitteeSapp, Bobbie

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated Council would like to recognize the service of several members of boards and committees who had completed service to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jan Epting for service on the Annexation Study Committee from 1991 to 1998; to Robert Harrington for service on the Annexation Study Committee from 1995 to 1998; to Anna Ewing for service on the Community Development Committee on Housing from 1994 to 1998; to Faye Graham for service on the Aiken County Transit Commission from 1997 to 1998; to Rod Grandy for service on the Environmental Committee from 1991 to 1997; and to Bobbie Sapp for service on the Building Code Appeals Committee from 1992 to 1998. Mayor Pro Tem Perry thanked the citizens for their participation and service to the City of Aiken and presented a Certificate of Service to each one.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCERosemary Drive 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14Aiken EstatesChick, MartinTimmons, HomerMcLellan, TomGilmer, WoodrowDuryea, MadelineTPN 30-035.0-08-003, 004, 013; 30-035.0-06-013, 014

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated an ordinance had been prepared for Council's consideration to annex five lots on Rosemary Drive.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) LOTS AND 1.65 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON ROSEMARY DRIVE AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1A).

Mr. LeDuc stated a request had been received from five property owners on Rosemary Drive for annexation under the R-1A zone. These lots previously were

approved for annexation by the Planning Commission on November 10, 1998, and denied by City Council on first reading on November 23, 1998.

The lots are contiguous to the city limits on the north and west boundaries and with this annexation, the city would be installing sewer within a one year period. The five parcels are at 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Rosemary Drive. This is a 100% annexation effort by the homeowners and is consistent with the zoning of the surrounding neighborhood.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Radford and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance to annex five lots on Rosemary Drive with R-1A zoning and second reading and public hearing be set for the next regular meeting of Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Two Notch Road 1416 and 1506

McGuire, Reed W.

Lackey, James M.

Hammond Drive

TPN 30-056.0-07-009 and 010

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated an ordinance had been prepared to annex 1416 and 1506 Two Notch Road.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF TWO (2) LOTS AND .85 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS AND LOCATED ON TWO NOTCH ROAD AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1).

Mr. LeDuc stated a request had been received for annexation of two lots. The first lot is at 1416 Two Notch Road owned by Reed W. McGuire and the second is at 1506 Two Notch Road owned by Maurine H. and James M. Lackey. These lots are single family units and both are owner occupied and are contiguous on the east and south boundary lines by the City of Aiken. The lots were a portion of a larger annexation brought to City Council on December 14, 1998, which was denied.

The zoning request for the area to be annexed is R-1 Single Family Residential which is consistent with the zoning and established land use of the neighboring property in the city. Both lots meet or exceed the minimum lot size for the R-1 zone. The proposed zoning is consistent with those of low density residential use for the property. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend annexation of this property.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved, that Council pass on first reading an ordinance approving annexation of property at 1416 and 1506 Two Notch Road with R-1 zoning and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Pine Log Road 1922

Carroll, Dendy Lewis

Huntsman Drive

TPN 00-106.0-01-031

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated an ordinance had been prepared to annex 1922 Pine Log Road.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF .68 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY DENDY LEWIS CARROLL AND LOCATED AT 1922 PINE LOG ROAD AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (R-1).

Mr. LeDuc stated a request had been received from Dendy Lewis Carroll to annex the lot at 1922 Pine Log Road. This lot is on the north side of Pine Log Road just east of Huntsman Drive and has a single family dwelling unit on the property.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend annexation to the City. The lot exceeds the minimum area and width required for the proposed R-1 zone.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved that Council pass on first reading an ordinance approving annexation of the property at 1922 Pine Log Road with R-1 zoning and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council.

ANNEXATION - ORDINANCE

Palm Drive 507
Johnson, Nile and Barbara
TPN 30-056.0-07-002

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated an ordinance had been prepared to annex 507 Palm Drive.

Mr. LeDuc read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AIKEN CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF .62 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY NILE AND BARBARA JOHNSON AND LOCATED AT 507 PALM DRIVE AND TO ZONE THE SAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (R-1).

Mr. LeDuc stated a request had been received from Nile and Barbara Johnson to annex their single family residential lot at 507 Palm Drive. Three sides of the property are contiguous to the city.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that this request be approved. This lot was part of a larger annexation proposal recommended for approval but denied by City Council on second reading on December 14, 1998.

The lot exceeds the minimum size area and width for the R-1 zone which is being requested for the annexation.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilwoman Papouchado and unanimously approved that Council pass on first reading an ordinance approving annexation of the property at 507 Palm Drive with R-1 zoning and that second reading and public hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council.

GARBAGE

Contract
North Augusta City of
Agreement
Commercial Waste

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated Council needs to consider a contractual agreement with North Augusta for processing commercial waste.

Mr. LeDuc stated employees within the Solid Waste Division have been working together through benchmarking to determine how we could bring better service to our residents at a lower cost. They have put together a contractual agreement with the City of North Augusta to have all of our commercial waste processed through their Materials Recovery Facility.

Mr. LeDuc stated North Augusta has a conveyor belt system that will pick off the garbage and the things that can be recycled. The City of Aiken has had a contract with North Augusta for Aiken's recycling program for several years. The proposed program would take all of Aiken's commercial waste which is picked up through the dumpsters and instead of taking it directly to Three Rivers as currently done, it would be taken to North Augusta and it would be run through their recycling system. It is felt that they would take out of the system around 50% of the garbage, cardboard, plastics, etc. and the rest North Augusta would take to Three Rivers. For the things that would be able to be recycled, North Augusta would charge the City of Aiken \$22.75 per ton. The City of Aiken would deliver around 800 tons to North Augusta. We currently are paying \$25 per ton at the Three Rivers Facility for them to bury the same waste. Through this contractual agreement the City will save \$2.25/ton or approximately \$10,000 per year by having the waste processed by North Augusta. The remaining material that is not able to be recycled would

be shipped by North Augusta to Three Rivers for them to bury it in the landfill. North Augusta would in turn bill the City of Aiken for this transfer at the same rate that is charged by Three Rivers or \$25 per ton.

Mr. LeDuc stated that in talking with personnel at Three Rivers it was pointed out that the commercial waste which comes from apartments which would be about 65 tons per month after recycling would be delivered to Three Rivers without charge as Three Rivers does not charge for residential waste since this charge is included in taxes paid to Aiken County. Due to this fact the City of Aiken will have an additional savings of \$20,000. The total savings would be about \$30,000. Due to the fact that North Augusta's recovery facility is twelve miles closer than Three Rivers to Aiken the city's vehicles will travel 20,000 miles less each year, saving the city more than \$20,000 in vehicular savings. In addition there will be approximately 600 man hours savings to the city. It is through these type of efforts by city staff that we are able to continue to keep our rates at the lowest level possible and the staff recommends this contract for approval. Altogether there should be about a \$50,000 savings per year. The contract is recommended by the staff.

Mr. LeDuc pointed out that during the proposed five year contract, there is an annual inflation rate based on the CPI.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved that Council approve a contract between the City of Aiken and the City of North Augusta for the processing of commercial solid waste at the North Augusta Materials Recovery Facility to be effective until January 1, 2004.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Whiskey Road
Contract
SC Department of Transportation
Signals
Maintenance
SCDOT

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated Council needed to consider approval of a contract with S.C. Department of Transportation for maintenance of traffic signals on Whiskey Road.

Mr. LeDuc stated the South Carolina Department of Transportation Traffic Division has asked if the city would accept maintenance of the traffic signals on Whiskey Road at Wal-Mart, Dougherty Road, East Gate, Aiken Mall, Brookhaven, and Stratford Drive. With our acceptance the State will reimburse the city \$17,200 which would pay for the utilities and upkeep of the system. Currently we have 52 other signals under our maintenance, and we feel this would fit in well under our current partnership with the State. With these additional signals the State will be paying the city approximately \$72,000 of which \$40,000 will be needed for maintenance, electricity and telephone modems for the signals, leaving \$32,000 to provide the necessary manpower for maintenance.

The City of Aiken currently maintains and operates the other traffic signals on Whiskey Road, and this will further enhance our capabilities of timing and maintaining these remaining signals with the others that we have from the Wal-Mart intersection north to South Boundary. All these signals have just been updated with new controllers and wiring and should be maintenance free for years to come.

Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Councilwoman Clyburn and unanimously approved that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of South Carolina for maintenance of six signals on Whiskey Road from the Wal-Mart intersection south to Stratford Drive with the State reimbursing the city \$17,200 yearly for this maintenance.

GRANT

Urban Youth Corps
Summer Workers
Public Works Department
S.C. Department of Transportation
Contract

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated Council needed to accept a grant from the S.C. Department of Transportation to hire summer youth workers.

Mr. LeDuc stated last year the Public Works Department entered into a contract with the South Carolina Department of Transportation to hire summer youth. We had the ability to hire summer youth to work on enhancing and improving the road right of way. The workers were used primarily in our beautification program, and we were reimbursed approximately \$12,000 for this labor.

This year we were able to increase the amount of our grant funding to \$24,000 which will allow us to hire up to eight summer employees. These employees again will be used to help with our beautification program, trimming of trees, and general maintenance throughout the right of way. We will match the grant by buying plant material and providing transportation and supervision for these individuals. Meanwhile, we will also give them some training on basic life skills such as CPR, First Aid, Defensive Driving, and other safety programs. This allows area youth to be employed by the city and yet will help us accomplish many of the programs that we have set out as far as beautification to our entrances and parkways.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council accept a grant from the South Carolina Department of Transportation for funding in the amount of \$24,434 to hire youth within our community for the summer.

AIKEN'S MAKIN

Chamber of Commerce
Parkways

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated Council had a request from the Chamber of Commerce to use the parkways for Aiken's Makin September 9 - 11, 1999.

Mr. LeDuc stated the Chamber of Commerce has asked for permission to use the parkways in downtown Aiken on Park Avenue on September 9 after 6 P.M. and all day Friday, September 10, and Saturday, September 11, 1999, for the Aiken's Makin' craft show. The City of Aiken has helped to support this for a number of years, and through cooperation of the city and the Chamber have been able to keep the disruptions in the downtown area at a minimum even though the event brings in over 20,000 visitors.

Councilwoman Clyburn moved, seconded by Councilman Anaclerio and unanimously approved, that Council approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to use the parkways for Aiken's Makin' on September 9, 10, and 11, 1999.

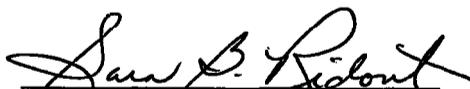
RECOGNITIONS

Boy Scouts

Mayor Pro Tem Perry recognized some Boy Scouts present from Scout 110 sponsored by First Presbyterian Church.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.


 Sara B. Ridout
 City Clerk