

Aiken City Council Minutes

October 19, 1998

Present: Mayor Cavanaugh, Councilmembers Anaclerio, Papouchado, Perry, and Price.

Absent: Councilmembers Clyburn and Radford.

Others Present: Steve Thompson, Gary Smith, Richard Pearce, and Sara Ridout.

Mayor Cavanaugh called the special meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and stated the meeting was set to hold public hearing on the ordinance setting tax penalty dates.

TAXES - ORDINANCE 101998Penalty Dates
1998-99

Mayor Cavanaugh stated this was the time advertised for the second reading and public hearing on an ordinance to adopt penalty dates for collection of taxes for fiscal year 1998-99.

Mr. Thompson read the title of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY AMEND CHAPTER 21, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, ENTITLED "TAXATION," BY AMENDING SEC. 21-9 THEREOF FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99.

Mr. Thompson stated due to delays in the preparation of the tax roll, the staff is recommending that Council change the tax penalty dates to allow the taxpayers to pay property taxes to the city through December 8, 1998, without penalty. The proposed ordinance temporarily changes the tax due dates for the current fiscal year only.

Generally the city tries to prepare the tax bills for distribution during the Labor Day weekend each year. The city received the tax roll from Aiken County last week and the staff has been reviewing the tax roll for accuracy. We plan to distribute the tax bills just as quickly as possible and hope to do so before November 1.

The ordinance received first reading at the meeting of October 12, 1998, and the special meeting was set for the second reading and public hearing.

The public hearing was held and no one spoke.

Councilman Anaclerio moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that the ordinance temporarily amending the Code setting the tax due date and penalty dates for fiscal year 1998-99 be passed on second and final reading and that the ordinance become effective immediately.

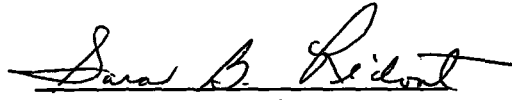
EXECUTIVE SESSIONPersonnel

Mayor Cavanaugh stated Council needed to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Councilwoman Papouchado moved, seconded by Councilwoman Price and unanimously approved, that Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Council went into executive session at 5:35 P.M. After discussion Council set an executive session for October 26, 1998 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss another personnel matter concerning resignation of the City Manager. Councilwoman Price moved, seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh and unanimously approved, that the executive session end.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sara B. Ridout", written over a horizontal line.

Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk