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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
Iva Town Hall – 204 E. Jackson Street

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The Town Council of the Town of Iva met on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iva Town Hall, located at 204 E. Jackson Street. Public Notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The following members of Council were present for the meeting:

Mr. Bobby E. Gentry, Mayor  
Ms. Mary Forrester, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mr. Elmer Powell, Council Member  
Mr. Kenneth Norwood, Council Member  
Mr. Paul Hart, Council Member

The following staff members were also present for the meeting:

Mr. Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Mr. Jason Hawkins, Chief of Police

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gentry called the meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was offered by Ms. Forrester. Following the Invocation, everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Sara Gray addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Ms. Gray expressed her appreciation to Council Members Powell and Norwood for visiting to New Street to determine what can be done with dilapidated properties.

Ms. Ruby Shaw addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Ms. Shaw commented that the proposed Burning Ordinance is a good idea. Ms. Shaw also commented that she is proud of the Iva Police Department. She commented that they are always there when she needs them.

Ms. Debbie Witherow reported that she will be meeting with Tonya Stevenson to begin working on a transition plan in coordinating Depot Day for October.

Ms. Ruby Cain reported on the Antique Body Shop. Ms. Cain asked if anything has been done in regards to roof damage at the Antique Body Shop. Mayor Gentry commented that quote was received, but the town more than likely move in another direction in repairing the roof.

Mr. Talmadge Shaw addressed the Mayor and Town Council. Mr. Shaw commented on the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Mr. Shaw commented that the church would like to donate the cemetery to the town and some time has passed since the offer was made. Mayor Gentry thanked Mr. Shaw and commented that the town has been gathering all of the necessary information needed to prepare for closing.

#### RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL (First & Final Reading)

##### Resolution 2016-014

Resolution 2016-014 was presented for approval. Mr. Taylor commented that the Resolution approves an agreement with the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Public Defender to provide indigent defense for the town. The agreement approves a fee of \$1,409.00 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – to receive public comments regarding the FY 2016-2017 Annual Budget

There were no public comments

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES (Second & Final Reading)

##### Ordinance 2016-004

Ordinance 2016-004 was presented for second and final reading. Mr. Taylor commented on budget highlights. Mr. Taylor commented that water, sewer and garbage rates are all increased in the budget. Mr. Taylor also commented that fees association with the Iva City Cemetery are also increased in the budget. Mr. Norwood commented on Section 3 of the Budget Ordinance. Mr. Norwood commented regarding language in Section 3 allowing the Mayor only to negotiate franchise rates and fees. Mr. Taylor commented that the language can be changed with an amendment to read “The Mayor and Town Council”. Mr. Norwood also commented on Section 6 of the Budget Ordinance. Mr. Taylor commented that the Mayor and Council Member salaries will be increased, applicable to Section 6 of the Budget Ordinance.

There was no further discussion of the Budget. Ms. Forrester made a motion to approve the Ordinance, with an amendment to change the language in Section 3 (Sentence 2) to “The rate or amount of any franchise fee, user fee, service charge or other fee or fine to be charged during FY 2017 which is not specifically set forth in the Budget shall be as may be approved and determined by the Mayor *and Town Council* of the Town in accordance with the Code and the Constitution and all other applicable laws, in compliance with any agreements regarding, or ordinances or resolutions regulation, the applicable service(s) to be provided within or without the corporate limits of the Town, applicable”. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

##### Ordinance 2016-005

Ordinance 2016-005 was presented for approval. Mayor Gentry commented that the Ordinance will be the final reading regarding the Burning Ordinance. Mayor Gentry commented that the Ordinance prohibits the burning of leaves. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Forrester. The vote was 4-1. (Powell, Gentry, Forrester, Hart *for*; Norwood *opposed*).

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN STAFF

Mayor Gentry commented that Consumer Confidence Reports regarding water quality are available online on the town's website and are also available at Town Hall for anyone who would like one. Mayor Gentry also reported that annual routine lead and copper monitoring results will be in soon. 10 houses are chosen each year to participate. (Same houses are chosen each year).

Mr. Powell asked for an update on the new Water Tank and Orielly. Mr. Taylor commented that the contract date for the construction of the new tank began on June 1, 2016. Mr. Taylor commented that Orielly is working on design plans and will submit them soon.

Mr. Powell also commented that he and Mr. Norwood went to the New Street area to determine what could be done to initiate a clean-up project in the area. Mr. Powell thanked the Police Department for also going over to the New Street and walking the street and speaking with residents about clean-up. Mr. Powell commented that Back Alley Road needs some attention from the town – it has become a one-lane road.

Mr. Norwood expressed his appreciation to everyone over his tenure. This will be his last council meeting. Mr. Norwood commented that he met with residents and property owners needing an apron on Johnson Street (400 East Green Street). Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the installation of the Apron, contingent upon the property owner meeting certain requirement to have the property cleaned-up. Ms. Forrester seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mr. Hart asked for an update on W. Cruette Street and Washington Street repairs. Mayor Gentry commented that he received notice that the W. Cruette Street should be repaired the second week in July. There is no set time period for Washington Street repairs. Mr. Hart expressed his appreciation to Mr. Norwood and commented that he has enjoyed working with him on council.

Mr. Norwood commented that an Executive Session was needed. Mr. Taylor commented that an emergency needs to exist in order to have the Executive Session due to it not being on the agenda. Mr. Norwood commented that it was an emergency due to this being his last meeting. Mr. Norwood made a motion to add the Executive Session to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Contractual (Emergency)

Mr. Norwood made a motion to enter into an Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hart. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mr. Norwood made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor Gentry commented that a contractual issue was discussed the Executive Session. Mayor Gentry commented that no votes or decisions were made during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Norwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Powell. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

  
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Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer

07-01-2016  
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