**Minutes of the**

**Pelzer Town Council**

**Monthly Meeting**

**February 9, 2016 7 pm**

**Pelzer Community Building**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Steve McGregor, Council Members; Roger Scott, Sr., Olene Bear, Kimberly Wilson, and Will Ragland.

 \*David Meade with The Williamston Journal was present

**INVOCATION/PRAYER:** Mayor Steve McGregor

**RESIDENT INPUT:**

1. Connie Tesnear – (37 Goodrich St.) Phase II Sewer Project
2. Jimmy Harrison – Street lights and shooting
3. Steve Holliday – Water tower loan
4. Eddie Waits – Adding 2 more seats to council

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2016 MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING:**

 Kimberly Wilson made a motion to approve. Roger Scott, Sr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Final reading of amended ordinance #2015-004 – transferring elections to Anderson County. Roger Scott, Sr. made a motion to accept. Olene Bear seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Phase II Sewer Update – (Brad West) Project is moving slow due to delay in railroad right of ways. A sub-contractor will be performing pipe burst test on several streets. Heather Holcombe continues to report complaints via email. Initial paving has begun. Final paving will be performed by the end of the project in July.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of changing council to staggered terms – Council instructed Municipal Clerk, Heather Holcombe, to proceed with an ordinance to make the necessary changes.
2. Neal Long and John Wright with McCoy Wright Realty – Asked Council to consider extending the listing contract for the lagoon property for two (2) more years. Neal Long said there is someone interested in the property. The contract expired on January 31, 2016. John Wright stated the property is grossly over-priced and that is the reason it has not sold. There was an offer made in September 2015 for ½ the list price, which was declined by the previous council.

Kimberly Wilson made a motion not to renew or extend the contract. Olen Bear seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kimberly Wilson thanked the realtors for their time.

1. David McCallister and Josh Garvin with Manley Garvin presented council with the 2015 fiscal year audit results summary. All aspects of the audit received an unmodified opinion. Financial statements were found fairly stated.
2. Roger Scott, Sr. asked council to consider changing resident input time from 2 minutes per person to 3, and moving it to the end of the agenda. Council agreed to lengthen the time per person to 3 minutes but to leave resident input at the beginning of the agenda.
3. Kimberly Wilson explained when the street lights were turned off, the contract with Duke Energy was broken. The old lights are no longer supported by Duke and will need to be upgraded, which will cost Town of Pelzer more money. The old price per light was $6.16 per fixture, per month. The upgraded price is $10.03 per fixture, per month. Town of Pelzer will need to agree to a new contract with Duke Energy. Resident, Jimmy Harrison, said during the annexation process, residents were promised that if it passed, the street lights would be turned back on. Kimberly Wilson responded that council is working with Duke Energy to come to a resolution.
4. Will Ragland stated all four (4) council members attended training in Columbia on February 2nd with the SC Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government (Session A). Will said they learned many new things and he is excited about future workshops to set and reach goals for Town of Pelzer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Olene Bear made a motion to adjourn. Kimberly Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 8:19 pm.

Heather Holcombe

Municipal Clerk

Town of Pelzer