**Minutes of the Pelzer Town Council**

**Monthly Meeting**

**January 10, 2017 @ Pelzer Community Building**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Steve McGregor, Councilmembers Kimberly Wilson, Will Ragland, Olene Bear, & Roger Scott, Sr.

**Employees, Staff, others;**

Brad West, Skip Watkins, Jimmy King-Town Attorney. David Meade of the Journal

**INVOCATION/PRAYER;**  Mayor Steve McGregor

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM:**

Minutes from November 2016 were not acted on since they were not received prior to this meeting. They will be on the February 2017 agenda, per Mayor McGregor.

Mayor McGregor asked for a motion to appoint Skip Watkins to serve as clerk in Heather Holcombe’s absence. Kim moved, Roger seconded, all approved.

**Citizen Input:**

1. Cheryl Mardis- she presented her concerns about high water bill in the form of a question to council. Mayor McGregor commented that citizen input is for comments and/or opinions, not questions & answers. Ms. Mardis had no further comment
2. Jimmy Harrison-again he expressed his concerns and reservations about real & personal property taxes. His comments again turned to wanting to use Anderson County for services.

**Agenda Business (Old):**

1. Brad West- Phase II Sewer Project Update – Brad said that there are still cleanup complaints being made and that J&M Construction is making efforts to resolve them.
2. Roger Scott, Jr. & Joint Sewer Committee with W. Pelzer – Mayor McGregor asked council to vote to allow ReWa to do a feasibility study on taking over the collection system. Steve moved to proceed, Kim Wilson seconded, all approved.
3. Jimmy King – Jimmy voiced his concerns about whether Pelzer was committed to implementing a tax base. Jimmy asked, “…are residents really wanting (to pay for) the services that they annexed for? If not, perhaps they should consider reversing the annexation decision since they are heading for increased obligations and costs...” He suggested a workshop on the subject with Jeff Shacker of MASC to review their decision.
4. Skip Watkins & Updates - Skip was not called on to provide additional tax base information or other updates.
5. MASC Grant – Mayor McGregor began by talking about the master plan and the grant/match funds needed. He then asked council to approve spending $2,500 for a consultant for the MASC Grant for Hey 8 with West Pelzer. He did not inquire about funds (including a $12,000 match) for the master plan.

**Agenda Business (New):**

1. Council voiced approval (simultaneous acclamation) to hold council meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Pelzer Community Building in calendar year 2017. They announced the January workshop for January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the next citizen input workshop for Feb. 28th, both to be at the Community Building.
2. Councilmember Will Ragland discussed forming a group to raise money for rehabilitating the old hospital building. He wants for form a new non-profit called “Restore Pelzer” to raise funds. Will asked council to vote approval for the non-profit’s formation. Kim moved to approve, Roger seconded and all approved.

**INFORMATION**

1. Hazel Cartee – wishes to rent the gymnasium. Ms. Cartee was not present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council briefly allowed general questions to be presented from the audience, with answers following.

Olene Bear made a motion to adjourn, Kim Wilson seconded. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

L.K. “Skip” Watkins, serving for

Heather Holcombe

Municipal Clerk

Town of Pelzer