**Minutes of the**

**Pelzer Town Council**

**Monthly Meeting**

**July 12, 2016**

**Pelzer Community Building**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

**Employees & Staff;**

Brad West, Skip Watkins, Jimmy King-Town Attorney

**INVOCATION/PRAYER;**  Mayor Steve McGregor

**RESIDENT INPUT:**

1. Mike Matthews – Asked again (same request he made in June) if the town could bush hog the property behind the lower mill. He also asked the council to consider extending office hours to 5:00 p.m.
2. Earl McClellion – complained about rocks left in yards and lack of street repairs after J&M has performed work on Phase 2 sewer project.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM:**

June 6, 2016 – Roger Scott, Sr. made a motion to accept. Steve McGregor seconded. All approved.

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT:**

Steve McGregor asked that Skip Watkins be appointed to serve as clerk since Heather Holcombe in on vacation. Kim Wilson moved and Steve McGregor seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Skip serving as clerk during the meeting.

**Agenda Business (Old):**

1. Brad West delivered his monthly update on the Phase 2 Sewer Project. He detailed the areas of current work along CSX railroad tracks and projected the pipeline work is targeted to be finished in October 2016. Brad also promoted reducing fats, oils and grease (FOG) by having customer use ‘grease cans’ to pour cooking left-overs into instead of discharging FOG down a drain.

**Agenda Business (New):**

1. Harry Marchant (representing Friends of Pelzer or ‘FOP’) addressed the audience for approximately 30 minutes on the building at 100 Courtney Street, a property that FOP holds a lease on through mid-2019. Harry presented his speech on FOP and what they’ve done overall for Town of Pelzer over the last 7 or 8 years. Harry also talked on his efforts on restoring 100 Courtney Street. Harry asked to expand the use at 100 Courtney Street by utilizing Wardlaw Park property for features such as inflatables whenever the opportunity arises. Harry later fielded questions from the audience concerning FOP finances and efforts.
2. Jeff Harkey representing Anderson County Planning Commission talked on the county’s 10 year comprehensive plan. He also previewed upcoming meetings of the Commission.
3. Roger Scott (mayor pro-tem) announced he has discussed the formation of a Pelzer/West Pelzer joint force-main sewer system operating committee (Oversight Committee) with West Pelzer officials. The committee is referenced in a joint agreement by Pelzer & West Pelzer dated August 31, 2001.
4. Gilbert Garrett representing Pelzer Heritage Commission (PHC) highlighted their upcoming Fall Festival and Pelzer Reunion. PHC is requesting that Town of Pelzer provide $500 from their Hospitality Tax fund to support PHC’s Festival and Reunion. No decision by council was made at this time.
5. Jimmy King, Town Attorney asked the mayor and council to consider the swimming pool/deck addition request for Mr. Jared Downing of 43 Adger Street. Since the town has no zoning ordinances, Mr. King advised that the council authorize Mayor McGregor to have a letter written to Mr. Downing stating that the town has no objection to his proposal. Mayor McGregor moved, Mr. Scott seconded and Council unanimously agreed to have the mayor furnish the letter of approval.
6. Mayor McGregor moved to enter executive session to receive legal advice relating to a lease agreement. Kim Wilson seconded the motion and council unanimously voted to enter executive session.
7. At the end of executive session, Mr. Scott moved to leave executive session and Mayor McGregor seconded; all approved. Mayor McGregor then addressed Harry Marchant concerning FOP rentals of 100 Courtney Street. The mayor informed Harry that he had the town council’s blessing to rent the building to a ‘lodge’ group and use Wardlaw Park for an inflatable play feature. He also instructed Harry that the town expected the property to be cleaned up/policed afterwards and no debris left behind. Harry agreed and thanked the assembly.

**INFORMATION**

1. Larry Coker – Pelzer Heritage Commission – Not Present (see “D” above, Gilbert Garrett)
2. Beth Rostron – Pelzer Historical Society-Not Present

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Kimberly Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Steve McGregor seconded. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.