

# **MINUTES** Town Council Work Session Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 pm

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of this meeting. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Hallman, Fecas, Hook, and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kevin Reeley

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew "Bear" Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

### I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the July 19th, 2021 Work Session Agenda.

### **III.** Items for Discussion

A. Municipal Complex Renovations. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that Kevin Key of Lyn-Rich Contracting has worked on trying to trim down the project to get it as close to the budgeted figure of \$500,000.00. Mr. Key was present for the meeting and stated he has reviewed the project multiple times and it could not be completed for \$500,000.00. He stated the lowest figure he could get it to is \$650,000.00 to complete the front façade and office space of the building. Mr. Key stated that the cost for plumbing, electrical, doors, glass and HVAC would be near \$450,000. Councilmember Fecas asked if it would be more cost-effective to demo the building and rebuild and what would happen if the current building sat as-is for a long period of time. Mr. Key stated it is more costefficient to renovate the current building and that the building is fine to sit but the roof would need attention in a few years. There was a discussion of design changes associated with trimming the project cost and the funds budgeted for the project. Administrator Watkins stated that \$500,000.00 is all that is available for the project. Councilmember Hallman asked if the reserves would be depleted if the money was spent on the project. Administrator Watkins stated that the project would deplete the reserves. Councilmember Wilkerson asked Mr. Key when the project could begin if Council decided to proceed. Mr. Key stated that the project could begin in September and could be complete in the first quarter of 2022. Council thanked Mr. Key for the time and effort he has invested into the project.

### **IV.** Town Council Reports

A. Parrish Plantation. No report.

B. DOT. No report.

C. Elected Officials. Councilmember Fecas described a fundraiser by the Lexington County Blowfish baseball team to auction off Municipal Jerseys worn by players. She stated that funds raised will contribute to a Dickerson Center project. She stated that bids for the jerseys start at \$100.00 and that the jerseys will be awarded to the highest bidder during the last game of the season on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Bishop requested the information regarding the fundraiser be included in the next Mayor's Newsletter.

# V. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk