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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2008**

**Attendance: Mayor Snow Council: Gregg Gowan Others: Sandra Gowan, Clerk/Treas.
David H. Rogers, Jr. Bob Bourguignon, Planning
Charles Engroos Commission Chairperson
Evelyn H. Mull**

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Council Member Charles Engroos

HOUSE #35 REPRESENTATIVE KEITH KELLY:

Mr. Kelly says the 2008 legislation session has already begun. He will be in Columbia Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. I am still accessible by cell phone and e-mail.

Mayor Snow informed council that he had mailed Representative Kelly and Senator Hawkins a letter regarding the Main Street Streetscape project. In the letters it dealt with the money issues of the SPATS grant. Representative Kelly and Sinclair has placed C Funds into the streetscape project to be used as our 20% match. But after receiving the contract bid this money will be used up on the first phase and we were hoping to be able to have in reserve money for the other phases. The town first submitted \$216,000.00 for the entire project. The money had to be split with the other 9 grant applicants. We had to scale back our submitted fund request to \$79,000.00. The bid came in at \$105,000.00. This is over what the town can do. The town council could one of three things. Forget about the project or to go on with the project or request for bids again. We decided to go ahead. We met with the contractor and deleted the curbing, trees, and the number of lampposts. Lowering the cost to \$95,000.00 but SCDOT was not happy with these deletions.

PRESENTATION OF MAIN STREET STREETScape: BOB BOURGUIGNON

Our first estimate was around \$70,000.00. Since that time concrete has gone up about 30%, steel go up about 50% gasoline gone up about 300%. So with all the things increasing the bid came in at \$105,000.00 and that was after we negotiated some things out. DOT insisted we put the curbing in for safety reasons on College Street at the end of the sidewalks. So, we've got a short fall of about \$35,000.00. We had some money ear marked for this project and other little improvements in town from Representative Kelly and Sinclair but like we have already said we have used up all this money on the first phase and we will probably have three or four phases to this project. So with this next phase we have got to try and make up for the short fall. If we can get any part of the money or I'm not sure what's out there, I don't know what to ask for but I know we would like as much as we can get because the town has such a small tax base.

Mayor Snow spoke and said where the bid came in at \$105,000.00 and we negotiated down to \$92,000.00 but we had to go back and add the curbing and we had some boring done and that was \$95,000.00 and that still not adding the curbing and there is to be more boring done. This price here does not include any lampposts. Bob said the lampposts will cost about \$2,000.00 each. We had 14 ear marked for this project so the total will be about \$28,000.00 so this is where we figured that \$35,000 or \$40,000 that was ear marked for this project is going to go but now we've had to spend it and still we're left owing some. Mayor said where we had 14 lights but we're only going to purchase 8 but will have all bases for 14 installed. We'll go back later and purchase the remaining lights as soon as we can. Mayor Snow said about \$10,000 right now would get us through Phase I.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 10, 2007 was read and approved as written.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member Charles Engroos All in favor

The minutes of the Budget Public Hearing held December 17, 2007 was read and approved as written.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member Charles Engroos All in favor

The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 17, 2007 was read and approved as written.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member Charles Engroos All in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **POSTAL ROUTE:** No firm date on the meeting between the town, State District Manager of SC Postal Service and Congressman Bob Inglis office. Letters and packaging were mailed to US Senator DeMint and US Senator Graham office. Waiting on a reply from their offices. A citizen group is helping the town.
2. **ELECTION WARDS/DISTRICTS:** This topic was discussed at the last meeting. Everyone had maps and was going to study them and draw up their own proposal and bring them to this meeting. Mayor left a message with Mr. Wayne Gilbert. I thought it would be good if he would come to our meeting. Mayor presented his proposal to council. The Orchards and Reidville Crossing Subdivisions will need to be in the same ward or district, if they end up in the same district they could have 3 on council. The candidate would have to live in their district but be voted on at large. A workshop is needed with Mr. Gilbert.
3. **ZONING APPEALS BOARD:** No nominations were received.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report for December 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007 was read and approved as written.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member Charles Engroos All in favor

CITIZEN AGENDA:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member Charles Engroos All in favor