

**City Council Minutes**  
**May 3, 2022**

Orangeburg City Council held a meeting on Facebook Live via Zoom on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Michael C. Butler presiding.

**PRESENT:**

**Michael C. Butler, Mayor**  
**Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem**  
**Bernard Haire**  
**Jerry Hannah**  
**L. Zimmerman Keitt**  
**Sandra P. Knotts**  
**Richard F. Stroman**

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to approve the April 19, 2022, City Council minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler recognized Honesty as the May Community of Character Trait.

Interim Chief Charles Austin, Department of Public Safety made a presentation of Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Re-Accreditation. He stated, "The gold standard for law enforcement agencies is the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). I am delighted to announce that the City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (DPS) was awarded re-accreditation from CALEA. This represents the seventh DPS re-accreditation by CALEA. This speaks volumes for this agency and the City. I want to thank you for the support you have provided."

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning Finance Update. He stated, "Mr. Marc Wood is a CPA with the firm of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP, CPAs. I have asked him to present a brief financial overview of the City of Orangeburg. We are beginning the budget planning, I thought it would behoove us to share with you our latest financials."

Mr. Marc Wood, CPA, Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP, CPAs stated, "In your packet you should have an Income Statement and a finance memo. The City has received 38% of revenues compared to budget. The optimal amount should be 50%, but most of the variance is due to fire contracts going out later and not being collected until April. The City spent 54% of expenditures compared to budget. The optimal amount should be 50%, so expenditures are in line with the budget. The City received \$8,959,210.23 in revenues compared to \$12,482,061.12 in expenditures for a loss of \$3,522,850.39. The main reason for this is the revenue for lease purchase of the fire trucks in the amount of \$2.9 million, which should be received by the end of May, first of June. I plan to provide these financial statements, along with financial highlights to City Council monthly going forward."

Councilmember Hannah asked, "Will it be the same process of receiving reports as previous years?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "Previously, our Finance Director provided these monthly reports that were distributed in council packets. With the current personnel issues, we have asked Marc to come in and provide this."

Mayor Pro Tem Kalu asked, "What is the detail for the recycling fee of \$3,000 on page 4 as we are currently not recycling?"

Mr. Wood stated, "The \$3,000 is a budgeted number and we have received \$436."

Assistant City Administrator Singh stated, "This is a budgeted item showing we anticipated this amount, but we have not been doing recycling."

Councilmember Haire asked, "Where are we in the process of a Finance Director. Or is this a personnel matter?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "Yes, this is a personnel matter. I will be happy to explain to you where we are in detail in executive session."

Councilmember Haire asked, "So we have to wait another two weeks?"

City Administrator Evering stated, "No, I am happy to discuss that with you personally."

Councilmember Stroman asked, "What is the amount collected for fire contracts?"

Mr. Wood stated, "As of the date I ran this report, we had not collected any. We have collected Fire Contracts in April but have not run April numbers yet."

City Administrator Evering stated, "There was a delay in the Fire Contracts going out because we changed systems. The Fire Contracts have been mailed, and the collections have been coming in since April."

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to cancel the July 5 and July 19, 2022, City Council meetings due to budget meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Evering addressed Council concerning a Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as Official City Holiday. He stated, "We are asking Council to table this item as we are still working out the financial impact of what this holiday will have on the City. We received additional information recently that we want to further explore."

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Stroman to table the Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as Official City Holiday until further information is received as to the financial impact." The motion was unanimously approved.

DPU Manager Harley presented Council a proposed DPU Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. He stated, "The proposed budget calendar is in your packet for consideration. The Budget Planning Retreat is scheduled for May 12 and the Council Budget Workshop is June 16."

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve the DPU Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Keitt to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda McDaniel*

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City Clerk

