

City Council Minutes
November 19, 2019

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with Mayor Butler presiding. 2863

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor
Bernard Haire
Jerry Hannah
Dr. Kalu Kalu
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Richard F. Stroman

ABSENT:

Sandra P. Knotts

A motion was made by Councilmember Stroman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to approve the November 5, 2019 City Council Minutes as distributed. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Administrator Yow explained that in response to Ms. April Richardson's visit at the October 15, 2019 meeting concerning the 2020 Census and Complete Count Committee that each member of Council nominated two individuals to be included in the slate of candidates for the Committee. Mr. Yow distributed the full listing to all Councilmembers and asked them to review the information for accuracy. The listing included the following candidates:

Ellen Zisholtz-nominated by Mayor Butler
Davion Petty-nominated by Mayor Butler
Tom Bonnette-nominated by Councilmember Stroman
Emily Scoville-nominated by Councilmember Stroman
Cynthia Noble-nominated by Councilmember Kalu
Dr. Joseph Onyeocha-nominated by Councilmember Kalu
Cammie Grate-nominated by Councilmember Hannah
Sandra Scott-nominated by Councilmember Hannah
Dannie Keepler-nominated by Councilmember Haire
Dr. Valerie Fields-nominated by Councilmember Haire
Willie Brown-nominated by Councilmember Keitt
Evelyn Brown-nominated by Councilmember Keitt
Georgene Hightower-nominated by Councilmember Knotts
Pamela Baxter-Sweeper-nominated by Councilmember Knotts

A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates for the Complete Count Committee by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt and seconded by Councilmember Kalu. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler inquired, "Does this listing mean that we cannot add candidates?"

City Administrator Yow indicated that additions could be made, but he did recommend that any additions come back before the full Council to be approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Keitt asked, "Will this be applicable if the selected candidate will be unable to serve?"

City Administrator Yow replied, "We will come back to the specific Councilmember that made the nomination if that occurs. Staff will be reaching out to the selected candidates as soon as possible to coordinate the required training with Census Officials. So, if any additions are requested, they would need to be done as soon as possible."

Public Works Director Dean Felkel presented a review of the Apron Expansion project at the Orangeburg Municipal Airport citing the Federal Grant already received for \$153,000 or 90% of the total projected costs to complete. He explained that to cover the additional costs, a grant request was submitted to the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission in September 2019. The City has been notified that we were successful with an award of up to \$8,500 to total 95% of the

total projected costs. Director Felkel asked Council to approve City Administrator Yow to sign the agreement to receive these funds.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Kalu and seconded by Councilmember Haire to allow the City Administrator to accept the South Carolina Aeronautics Grant Award on the City's behalf. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Stroman passed along a pilot's concern regarding the condition of the terminal at the Orangeburg Municipal Airport indicating that a coat of paint, new carpeting, and new ceiling tiles are needed. Director Felkel will look into the issue and have the needed work addressed.

Councilmember Stroman also inquired on the delay of repair of the damaged hangar door. City Administrator Yow explained that this item was submitted to the Insurance Reserve Fund for possible payment; however, it was recently denied. A purchase order has been issued for the repair.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Keitt to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session concerning 1. Contractual Matter, Contracts for Health, Dental Insurance, and Stop Loss Insurance and 2. Legal Matter, Railroad Corner Property. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted,



Tricia Phillips
Finance Coordinator

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