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The monthly meeting of City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Council Member Jeanette Ard
Council Member Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Paige B. Sawyer, III
Council Member Peggy P. Wayne

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls was absent from the meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Eldridge, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann Mercer, City Clerk
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Mr. Paul A. Gardner, Chief of Police
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager
Mrs. Jessica Miller, Finance Director
Mr. Lane Mixon, Public Water Utilities Director
Mr. Joey Tanner, Fire Chief
Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, Director of Development

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times – Mr. Scott Harper
Sun News – Ms. Gina Vasselli

Mayor Scoville opened the monthly meeting of City Council at 5:30 PM and requested all cell phones or pagers be turned off or placed on silent with the exception of emergency responders. Council Member Barber rendered the invocation and Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Scoville called for a motion to amend the agenda to add Georgetown Police Department Commendations; Building and Planning Department first reading of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan; Finance Department a Resolution in opposition to proposed changes to the Accommodations Tax distribution formula and the proposed state collection of local Accommodations Taxes and Hospitality Fees, and an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS; BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT FIRST READING OF THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; FINANCE DEPARTMENT A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX DISTRIBUTION FORMULA AND THE PROPOSED STATE COLLECTION OF LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAXES AND HOSPITALITY FEES, AND AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A CONTRACTUAL MATTER, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY. There was no objection. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comment Section at 5:33 PM and recognized Coastal Animal Rescue to talk about feral cats. Ms. Angie Johnston, a volunteer with Coastal Animal Rescue of Murrells Inlet, addressed Council and said the group is a 501(c)3 organization. They are the only cage-free, no kill, 100% cat and dog sanctuary in South Carolina. Their mission is to place rescued cats and dogs into loving, permanent homes, to provide a safe and loving home for cats and dogs in a unique cage-free environment, to prevent pet over-population through spaying and neutering and to education the public about responsible pet ownership. She noted there is a significant problem with stray cats in the area, placing a burden on law enforcement, becoming a major nuisance to property owners and a burden to concerned individuals trying to assist these animals. She requested City Council consider funding the spaying and neutering of these free roaming animals in a TNR (trap, neuter, release) program.

The Public Comment Section concluded at 5:37 PM.

Police Chief Paul Gardner recognized Officer James Leewood, his wife Jackie and daughter baby Vivian and Sgt. Kyle Walton. He stated on September 12, 2010 Officer Leewood was responding to
an animal call when he observed a suspicious vehicle. What caught Officer Leewood’s attention was the time of morning, the industrial sized air conditioned unit in the back of the truck, as well as what appeared to be the overall condition of the truck. In light of all of the larcenies of metals we have had recently in the area, something just did not seem right to Officer Leewood. As a result of good patrol and investigative work, it was discovered the occupants of the vehicle were involved in stealing air condition parts from the old Wendy’s restaurant and the old Schofield’s Hardware Store. Chief Gardner said Officer Leewood should be commended not only for just doing his job, but for paying extra attention to detail. He was on his way with the dog truck to handle one call, but had the presence of mind to follow up on something different that didn’t look or feel right to him. As a result of Officer Leewood’s efforts, three suspects were taken into custody, and stolen property in excess of $50,000 was recovered.

Chief Gardner recognized City employee Samuel Green for his bravery and courage during an Armed Robbery. On the night of October 13, 2010 while making a routine delivery for Dominos Pizza, Mr. Green was approached by two individuals armed with a handgun demanding money. Mr. Green was able to remain calm, evaluate the situation and physically disarm the attackers to neutralize the threat. The subjects fled on foot and were later arrested and identified by Mr. Green. Mr. Green’s courageous efforts helped remove several dangerous criminals off the streets of Georgetown, therefore making Georgetown a safer place to live.

Mr. Green told City Council the Officer was very professional and he thanked Team 3 for their awesome work.

COUNCIL MEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY ASSOCIATION, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 3, 2010 AS ARBOR DAY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.
Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker requested first reading on an ordinance to approve the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan. A Public Hearing has been advertised to be held in December prior to Council’s monthly meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ARD. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

Mrs. Jessica Miller presented first reading of an ordinance to amend the 2009/2010 annual budget for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina in the amount of $729,340 to write off the internal loan from the Electric Fund to the Wastewater Fund. This is a noncash transaction.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009/2010 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE AMOUNT OF $729,340 TO WRITE OFF THE INTERNAL LOAN FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND TO THE WASTEWATER FUND, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Council Member Sawyer asked what will happen in the future if this department continues to operate in the red. Mrs. Miller said Council could use cash reserves until they are depleted and then look at the rates. Mr. Eldridge said a rate study is being conducted and should be completed soon. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

Mrs. Miller presented a Resolution for a Community Development Block Grant match for the West End Village Renaissance Program Phase III.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MATCH FOR THE WEST END STREETSCAPE VILLAGE RENAISSANCE PROGRAM PHASE III, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Scoville asked Mrs. Miller to explain. Mrs. Miller stated this project will extend the City’s Front Street streetscape efforts along Front Street to Alex Alford Drive. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley commented on the lighting from the globes not
being sufficient. He asked if this could be looked at if there is no negative effect cost. Council Member Sawyer asked about the amount of work in the previous phase compared to Phase III. Mr. Eldridge said some driveways were added and $20,000 for cameras in the park and at Front and Fraser Streets. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley questioned the purpose of cameras. Mr. Eldridge said for security and traffic. Council Member Ard stated some of the residents requested cameras in the park for safety reasons for the children playing tennis. Mr. Eldridge said cameras at private businesses are currently used and are very helpful to law enforcement. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley wanted the record to reflect his question of objectivity is with regard to the cameras at the intersection, not having anything to do with the security of the parks. Council Member Wayne asked if Fraser Street will be improved after the drainage project is complete. Mr. Eldridge said the City will have to fund the work for Fraser Street; this CDBG money is to be spent in neighborhoods instead of commercial corridors. Mayor Scoville asked for further discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

Mrs. Miller presented approval of a blanket purchase order in the amount of $30,000 and an Agreement with Charleston Mailing Services for utility bill printing and mailing services. Mrs. Miller stated four or five years ago the City was outsourcing utility bill printing and having a very difficult time with the vendor. A cost analysis was performed and it was determined the services could be done cheaper in-house and get a handle on some of the issues. The cost of printing supplies and the number of mail-outs have increased. Another cost analysis has been performed and a savings was recognized by outsourcing and also gaining back the ability to have stuffers.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,000 AND AN AGREEMENT WITH CHARLESTON MAILING SERVICES FOR UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Council Member Wayne said years ago the City used a post card for billing purposes which she said has to be a lot cheaper than the current method. Mrs. Miller said it is cheaper but HIPPA (the privacy law) prohibits using post cards. Council Member Wayne questioned what type of stuffers would be included. Mrs. Miller said the information would be all City-related unless Council wanted to make a policy decision to allow other entities to Approve $30,000 Blanket PO and an Agreement with Charleston Mailing Services
include stuffers. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley asked how many employees were performing the service when it was done in-house, Mrs. Miller answered three. Bills are printed and mailed weekly. Four hundred or more penalties and late notices are printed at least twice a month. A folder sealer was used; however, sorting was an issue because of the software system and had to be done manually to receive the best postage rate for sorted zip codes. Charleston Mailing Services has the necessary equipment, thus receiving the savings on postage which is passed on to the City. Council Member Ard asked the length of time the price quoted covers. Mrs. Miller said it was for a year. Mayor Scoville called for the question. **THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Mrs. Miller requested approval of expenditures for Phase II of the West End Village Renaissance Project (Front Street Streetscape). She said the remaining approvals and documentation need to be cleaned up in order to close this grant out and move forward to Phase III. This includes $116,059.50 for construction to Chandler Construction; $6,320.74 for additional engineering to Davis and Floyd and $39,447.00 for grant administration to Waccamaw Regional Council of Government. These have previously been discussed and staff needs to do the housekeeping to receive Council approval for the grant documentation which has to be turned in to the State. This will close this grant out and they will give us the next one.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR PHASE II OF THE WEST END VILLAGE RENAISSANCE PROJECT (FRONT STREET STREETSCAPE) WHICH INCLUDE $116,059.50 FOR CONSTRUCTION TO CHANDLER CONSTRUCTION; $6,320.74 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING TO DAVIS AND FLOYD AND $39,447.00 FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION TO WACCAMAW REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER.** Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley asked if funding for grant administration is included in the grant. Mr. Eldridge said it is part of the $500,000 grant, our match typically is the engineering cost. Council Member Barber said usually with grants whether federal or state the indirect cost is a line item which is the administration cost. Mr. Eldridge stated with CDBG’s you are expected to work through the COGs. Council Member Wayne said she serves on the Waccamaw Regional board and asked if she should recuse herself from voting. Mrs. Crosby stated Mrs. Wayne should recuse herself because the money for the
grant administration will be paid to the COG. Mayor Scoville called for the question. **MAYOR SCOVILLE, MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ARD, BARBER AND SAWYER VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1.**

Mrs. Miller presented first reading of an ordinance to amend the 2010/2011 annual budget for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina in the amount of $26,327, $26,044 remaining balance to WRCOG and $282.50 to Davis and Floyd, for expenses that were budgeted but not expended in 2009/2010 budget for Front Street Streetscape Extension Phase II.

Council Member Wayne serves on the Waccamaw Regional board and recused herself from voting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010/2011 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE AMOUNT OF $26,327, $26,044 REMAINING BALANCE TO WRCOG AND $282.50 TO DAVIS AND FLOYD, FOR EXPENSES THAT WERE BUDGETED BUT NOT EXPENDED IN 2009/2010 BUDGET FOR FRONT STREET STREETSCAPE EXTENSION PHASE II, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAWYER.** Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. **MAYOR SCOVILLE, MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ARD, BARBER AND SAWYER VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1.**

A Resolution in opposition to proposed changes to the Accommodations Tax distribution formula and the proposed state collection of local Accommodations Taxes and Hospitality Fees was presented. Mrs. Miller explained the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee that oversees State A-Tax money is recommending they also oversee the local expenditures. Local governments feel they have a better handle on where local money should be spent and how to best meet those needs as intended under Home Rule. The TERC would also like to make the Department of Revenue responsible for the collection and remittance of the monies back to the City. This would result in the DOR taking their cut before sending funds to the City. Staff is opposed to these proposals.
COUNCIL MEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX DISTRIBUTION FORMULA AND THE PROPOSED STATE COLLECTION OF LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAXES AND HOSPITALITY FEES, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley asked what the Municipal Association is doing about this and what legal grounds do the municipalities have with regard to this legislative (potential) enactment. Mrs. Miller said MASC is actively opposing this with the legislature and encouraging municipalities to encourage their Councils to do the same. A number of City’s have passed this Resolution. Council Member Sawyer recommended if this passes tonight a letter be sent from City Hall to our legislative delegation notifying them we are opposed to this change and we would appreciate their vote. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

Mayor Scoville called for a motion to simultaneously approve both second readings of an ordinance to remove the Purchasing Regulations Ordinance in its entirety from the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV and instead reference the Purchasing Regulations Ordinance under Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV of said Ordinance and second reading of an ordinance to removed the Flood Damage Prevention and Control Ordinance in its entirety from the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances under Chapter 8, Article I, II, III and instead reference the Flood Damage Prevention and Control Ordinance under Chapter 8, Article I, II, III of said Ordinance. He stated this is a cost savings matter.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER MOVED TO SIMULTANEOUSLY APPROVE BOTH SECOND READINGS OF AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE PURCHASING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV AND INSTEAD REFERENCE THE PURCHASING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV OF SAID ORDINANCE AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIREY FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES UNDER CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I, II, III AND INSTEAD REFERENCE THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I, II, III OF SAID ORDINANCE SECONDED
BY MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY. Mayor Scoville asked for
discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. MAYOR
SCOVILLE, MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY AND COUNCIL
MEMBERS BARBER, SAWYER AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR.
COUNCIL MEMBER ARD VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION
CARRIED 5-1.

Council Member Ard recused herself from the following item
concerning the Harborwalk renovation project due to the fact she
owns or has vested interest in principal or property.

Mr. Chris Eldridge presented a Change Order request from M.B.
Kahn Construction Co., Inc. for the Harborwalk renovation project in
the amount of $45,750. The City requested that the engineer look
into the installation of additional cable rail for private
gangways/walkways. After review, Collins Engineers recommended
the Change Order from M. B. Kahn in the amount of $45,750. Mayor
Scoville said the rationale for us doing this is by changing the
materials and design it throws the existing design out of sync. In the
public interest the City should pay for the cost of the change
over...Mr. Eldridge said this makes sense for the City, too. Instead
of having all the termination points and trying to tie in, it makes
sense for the overall project. Council Member Wayne asked if
someone has a porch and a ramp from the porch to the Harborwalk,
or the Fogel Building that has ‘those pretty little things up around
their windows,’ can they have their pipes changed. Mr. Eldridge said
this would not affect their building. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley wanted
the record to reflect that he ‘knows the conditions down there and
what they need downtown.’ His reservation is the definition of the
usage of the Hospitality funds for tourism and tourism related...He
said this request has the word private and when you think in terms of
tourism you’re thinking about public access. He is looking at public
and private with regards to legality. Mayor Scoville said he thinks
the ordinance regulations require the gangways and connections to
conform to the design and look of the Harborwalk itself. Technically
the City could require people to change out, as a result of our
renovations to the Harborwalk, to comply if they are going to
connect. If this is correct he said it is only fair that the City should
pay the cost for the change out. Mr. Eldridge said if any business
owners want to do their decking they will do it at the unit cost. Mrs.
Crosby said the ARB does have jurisdiction on what happens on the
back of the buildings. She said she does see a distinction between
the visual and what you’re walking on. If there is a gate and you’re
on the private property on the back, we are talking about allowing the
owner to purchase the material at cost. The City is not doing anything for them. Discussions continued. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley asked the record to reflect he ‘well understands the government obligation to the public and to its citizens, when he makes a vote he likes to be able to know in clear conscious when he looks his self in the mirror that he is right. At this point he has seen nothing that conveniences him this is legal.’ Mayor Scoville said in the early 80’s the State deeded the City a rectangular section where the Harborwalk is located that runs out about 20 or 30 feet from the high water mark starting at Rainey Park going to the town clock. Instead of the State owning below the mean high water mark, the City owns the property. Beyond the town clock is still owned by the State. Lengthy discussions continued. Mrs. Crosby said as a governing body City Council can state tonight you believe it makes these railings visually appropriate and is a public use. This would be part of the public record that Council has found this to be for public use.

MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FROM M.B. KAHN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE HARBORWALK RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $45,750 TO INCLUDE THE RAILING (ONLY), SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Council Member Barber wanted to make sure if the gates are adjacent to the boardwalk, the owners will be required to move the gates back to their property. Mayor Scoville called for the question and said if it is approved that ends the matter, if not, we’ll come back Tuesday. MAYOR SCOVILLE, MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BARBER AND SAWYER VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE VOTED AGAINST. COUNCIL MEMBER ARD WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-1-1.

Ms. Cindi Howard presented a Resolution to Increase the claim deductible amount with the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust Workers’ Compensation Fund from $2,500 to $5,000.

MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST WORKERS’ COMPENSATION FUND FROM $2,500 TO $5,000, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Ms. Howard reported that based upon our current averages, we estimate a cost savings by increasing the deductible amount. The SCMIT Deductible Analysis
indicates our deductible credit of $23,693 could be increased to $33,497, which could equate to a potential net premium savings of $9,803.92. If the claim numbers increase over the latest average figures, we could potentially pay more, but this is where an effective safety program effectively minimizes costs. Last year we changed the deductible from $1,000 to $2,500. The maximum the City will pay on a claim will be $5,000. Mayor Scoville called for the question. **THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Ms. Howard introduced members of the Safety Committee who were present at the meeting.

Ms. Howard presented a request for approval of an additional safety incentive bonus. She reported the City will experience significant premium savings on its workers’ compensation insurance coverage based on the 2011 S. C. Municipal Insurance Trust renewal quote. The upcoming premium savings will be over $200,000. Ms. Howard thanked all the department heads, the safety committee and especially the workforce. They were tasked and challenged to do this in 2006 and they rose to the occasion. She informed Council the City experienced an $87,000 savings on the SCMIRF insurance. Mayor Scoville thanked Ms. Howard and the committee for their hard work. Based on the above, staff requested Council approve an increase to the safety incentive bonus for this year to $250.00 per full-time employee and $125.00 per part-time employee. The appropriation could be absorbed in the current budget through these insurance savings. Council Member Barber commended staff for working hard to save the City money. He said they earned this safety bonus. Employees have not received any raises and he was real disappointed they lost their Christmas bonus, which he stated that personally he feels employees should receive.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AN INCREASE TO THE SAFETY INCENTIVE BONUS FOR THIS YEAR TO $250.00 PER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE AND $125.00 PER PART-TIME EMPLOYEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ARD.** Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. **THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.** Mayor Pro Tem Bradley requested that Mayor Scoville direct staff to look at the Christmas bonus Mr. Barber was talking about. He said it would be nice if we could see our way clear to do it. Mayor Scoville said we could look at it at the next meeting.

Ms. Howard announced there was a three-way tie for the 3rd Quarter.
Mr. Eldridge reported 1) the Electric Department has been putting up Christmas lights all over town. One issue has arisen concerning lights in the trees along Front Street. Several merchants have asked that the City not place lights in the trees this year because they burn out, hang down creating a hazard and are not installed uniformly. He asked Council if this could be avoided this year and suggested they consider up-lighting the trees with permanent fixtures after Christmas. Council Members Wayne and Ard like the idea of the up-lighting. Council Member Ard said lights on top of the buildings along with the up-lighting would be a very dramatic look downtown. Mr. Loveless said his department increased the number of lights in the garland wrapped around the poles. 2) Drainage Project – Sheet pile work continues next to City Hall. The foundation for the pump house on the other side of Dozier Street has been poured. The contractor is also working on the outfall structure at the end of Wood Street. In talking with the inspector for Davis and Floyd and SCDOT, line work in Front Street shouldn’t begin until after the first of the year. The same holds true for the excavation of the pond next to City Hall. 3) Community/Business Investments – The Certificate of Occupancy has been issued to Tractor Supply Company. The store is scheduled to open Saturday. 4) Boardwalk – Decking and rail posts are being installed. Work began at the Kaminski House end of the boardwalk. 5) Utilities – The Whitten Street water line has been installed. It will be pressure tested and chlorinated. If all goes well with the tests, the new line should be in service in four weeks. The broken brush aerator has been replaced at the Wastewater Plant. It was two months past its warranty when it broke. 6) Mr. Eldridge updated Council on the following item he said could be discussed now rather than Executive Session. The City is buying pumps for the drainage project which was part of our contribution. He said there has been a dispute on the pump building itself. The design was done by Davis and Floyd but they did not plan for double-walled fuel tanks or a sprinkler system. The contractor wants payment for changes to the building; however, Mr. Eldridge does not recommend the City pay for any design shortcomings. The pump contractor was trying to solve the problem; they want prepayment. He does not recommend the City putting their cash out there for a product we do not have on hand yet. He said he would keep Council informed. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley questioned the cost of repair of the Vac truck pump. Mr. Eldridge said the contractor drove sheet pile through an 18-inch sewer line and as a result the City was bypass...
pumping all night long. Due to the amount of time it was running the pump on our Vac truck blew up.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL DATED OCTOBER 5, 2010 AND OCTOBER 12, 2010 AND MONTHLY MEETING DATED OCTOBER 14, 2010, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

There was no old Business

Mayor Scoville said in light of the problems we have with feral cats and other wild animals in the City, Council needs to look at an animal control officer in the next budget cycle.

MAYOR PRO TEM BRADLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARBER. Mayor Scoville called for the question. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 12/16/10
VERIFYING INITIALS: _______