

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 18, 2021, 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Mayor Danny Edwards, Mayor Pro-Tempore Danny Woodward, Councilwoman Sarai Melendez, Councilman David Underwood, Councilman Keith Pace, and Mr. Timothy B. Burton, Interim City Administrator.

**Absent:** Councilman Josh Roberts

**Guests:** Emily DeRoberts, Duke Energy

Wylie Lipchik, Backwater landing concerned citizen

Wayne McCall

Family of former Councilman William Addis

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Danny Woodward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edwards called for Public Input.

Mrs. Emily DeRoberts from Duke Energy spoke about the municipal service agreement with Walhalla and Duke, "franchise agreement". The agreement will be for 10 years once approved by council.

Mrs. Wylie Lipchik from BackWater Landing spoke about concerns with no landscaping around the new water plant. There is concern with the decrease in sales in the community.

Mr. Pace made the motion to approve the April 20, 2021, council minutes. Mrs. Owens seconded. Motion to approve passed.

Interim Administrator Burton commented that construction prices and materials have increased but availability has been delayed. Met with the engineers regarding the water plant retaining wall. Business license is progressing, and we are moving forward to be compliant with the new state business license requirements.

Mayor Edwards called for reading of resolutions.

Mr. Burton read Resolution 2021-7 honoring Mr. Wayne McCall and designating May as Water Safety Month. Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve and Mr. Woodward second. All in favor of resolution 2021-7. Mr. McCall thanked council and others that were party to making the pool a success.

Mr. Burton read Resolution 2021-8 Honoring William Addis. Mr. Underwood made motion and Mr. Woodward second. All in favor of Resolution 2021-8.

Ms. Melendez gave second reading of Ordinance 2021-5 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 1994-8/2004-11/2017-11/2018-15 TO ADD A SUBDIVISION DESIGN GUIDELINES APPENDIX, KNOWN AS APPENDIX 2021-A, AND TO AMEND SECTION 202, 303E, 400.2, AND 403.4.

Ms. Melendez made motion, Mr. Pace second. Public (Mr. Randy Chastain) asked to explain the ordinance. Mayor Edwards explained them. Mayor called for vote and all in favor, none opposed. Ordinance passed.

Mr. Pace gave second reading of ORDINANCE 2021-6 AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Mr. Pace made motion, Mr. Underwood second. Mr. Burton noted a few corrections to the budget to add equipment to Rec Dept and grants to Police. Mayor called for vote, all in favor none opposed.

Mrs. Owens gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-7 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019-6, AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE, RESTRICT AND LIMIT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM MAINTAINED AND OWNED BY OR WHICH MAY BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WALHALLA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Mrs. Owens made motion and Mr. Pace second. Ms. Melendez discussed the requirements of a photo id. Mr. Pace clarified that the ordinance was changed to allow a government photo id. Mr. Parris acknowledged that. Mr. Burton affirmed that and gave page number. Discussion ensued regarding SSN and Tax ID number and the application of Debt Setoff. Mayor called for vote, all in favor none opposed.

Mr. Pace gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-8 AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA, WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Mr. Pace made motion and Mr. Woodward second. Mr. Underwood gave statement regarding the increase in sewer rates. Mayor called for vote 5 in favor with Mr. Underwood opposed.

Mr. Pace gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-9 AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA, A LOCAL 2% HOSPITALITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Mr. Pace made motion and Mr. Woodward second. Mr. Pace made amendment to the motion that the prior FY (2021) actual hospitality collections at 45% be used for operating Main Street program. Amendment was approved by unanimous vote. A vote was held on the amended motion; all in favor none opposed.

Ms. Melendez gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-10 AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 2013-9 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH ORDINANCE 2021-10 AND ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE FEE STRUCTURE INTO CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET DOCUMENT

Ms. Melendez made motion and Mrs. Owens second. Mr. Burton spoke that all this did was to add the fees for zoning to the current budget documents. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Pace gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2012-1 AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING GARBAGE, TRASH, AND REFUSE TO UPDATE FEE STRUCTURE

Mr. Pace made motion, Mr. Woodward made second. All in favor with none opposed.

Mr. Pace gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-12 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FRANCHISE FEE FOR DUKE ENERGY.

Mr. Underwood recused himself due to being a Duke employee. Mr. Pace made the motion, Mr. Woodward second. Mr. Burton explained that it raised the rate from 3.5 % to 5%. All voted in favor of, none opposed.

Ms. Melendez gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-13 AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 2019-01 REPLACE WITH AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES.

Ms. Melendez made motion, Mr. Pace second. Mr. Burton stated this addressed the fee structure only. Mr. Hayes discussed that this would make it easier to track. Discussion regarding the food trucks ensued. Mr. Chastain discussed the green at Arby's. Vote was taken with 5 in favor and Mr. Underwood opposed.

#### DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

GRANT APPROVAL FOR OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM- Ms. Hagerty made a request. Ms. Melendez made motion for \$8000 using HTAX funds. Mr. Underwood second. Vote was held and was unanimous.

JULY 3RD DATE SET- Already been taken care of.

UPLOAD/STREAMING OF MEETINGS TO YOUTUBE GOVERNMENT- Mr. Burton discussed that meetings would be soon uploaded to the internet.

Mayor called for Committee Reports

Fire and Codes- Ms. Melendez-Chair

Chief Burton gave April report:

109 calls for service

49 Fire, 60 medical/rescue

17 mutual aid

47 inside city, 62 outside

201 hours spent on incidents

238 hours of training completed

32 inspections completed

5 code enforcement issues addressed

151 business licenses renewed

13 new licenses issued

17 verifications/permits issued

All equipment is in working order again.

General Government- Mr. Pace, Chair

Chief Burton gave the administrators report

Zoning Map is now on website.

General Code is working on the codification.

Working on budget document. Budget Workshop was held on May 1.

CO was issued for the Old Fire Station. Lawyers will be working on documents.

Spending will be cut off on May 25, 2021

Working on cleaning up data issues in QS1.

May 17 is set for listening session on moratorium.

Stumphouse is very busy again.

WSPA filmed a segment at Stumphouse.

Engineer is working on design work for parking.

Public Works- Mr. Roberts, Chair.

Director Price reported:

For April:

172 -ton of residential garbage

162 -ton of commercial garbage

81-ton of recyclable brush

3-ton C&D

1 -ton of Mattresses

Delivered 33 roll carts

Picked up 6 roll carts

During the month of March our department continued picking up leaves, brush, cleaning storm drains, trimming trees and other routine maintenance tasks. Cleaned and repaired tiles in the City Pool.

Parks and Recreation- Mr. Woodward, Chair

Director Galbreath reported:

Covid vaccination took place at City Gym-had a good turnout

Blood Drive will be there as well on May 20.

Concert on Memorial Field

2nd COVID vaccination on June 2

Regular baseball and softball are currently being played.

Materials to change lights to LED on the backfield are about \$17,000

Ms. Melendez made a short presentation regarding the city pool with YMCA.

Police- Mr. Underwood, Chair

Mr. Underwood made a statement about the impacts that budgets have on LE.

Chief Brinson reported:

770 Calls for service

299 traffic stops

9 collisions

51 incident reports

314 citations issued

22 arrests

129 extra patrols

80 hours of training

Sgt. McCall is now certified to maintain agency rifles

Chief Brinson attended SCPCA training that discussed budgeting, grants, and effects of COVID on LEO.

Capt. Rice attended narcotics training

Participated in the Pin Wheel Garden dedication

PD participated in The Learning Center visit that talked with children and showed them the patrol cars.

Mr. Woodward asked about drug cases, Chief responded there is a definite increase in drug cases. The narcotics investigator will help with this.

Ms. Melendez and Chief Brinson reminded everyone that May 19 at 630pm at WPAC the PD will have a community education event.

Chief Brinson discussed that its important to have the necessary tools to maintain the progress of the police department in salaries and equipment. LE is under intense scrutiny. They are spending a lot of time to onboard new officers to ensure they get the right person for the job.

Chief Brinson promoted the second annual community event regarding internet safety and scam awareness.

Utilities- Mrs. Owens, Chair

Director Parris gave report:

For April:

20- new water taps

8- new sewer taps

65- new water contracts

4- emergency locates

35- sanitation delivery work orders

6- sanitation pickup work orders

4-meter box changes

9- meter change outs

5-new development service inquires.

Mill Street waterline is almost complete.

Cane Creek sewer work is progressing with pipe lining.

Waiting on comments from SCDOT on Westminster Hwy project

Would like to continue on throughout the Cane Creek trunk line.

Discussed the rate increases and proposed budget of the OJRSA

Mr. Pace discussed an amendment to the Water Ordinance asked that the language go to council. This will allow city to install water lines in certain instances inside City limits.

Main Street (General Gov't)- Mr. Pace-Chair

Director Imbody gave report of upcoming events and noted the Main Street Board had a 5-year workplan. The MSW board did approve the 5-year plan. Attended training with members of the board.

Been busy telling stories of businesses. The first story reached 25,000 people. The April 17 event went very well and had around 1500 people attended.

#### Executive Session

Mr. Woodward made motion and Mr. Pace seconded. All voted in favor to enter into executive session.

Documents were presented to Council regarding contracts with a new city administrator, Agreement with West Union for Water and Sewer, and Agreement with Public Defenders office. Council agreed to move these items to the Regular Council.

Council Voted to re-enter into regular session

Mr. Pace gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-14 AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE 10<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE.

Mr. Pace made motion, Mrs. Owens second. All voted in favor. None opposed.

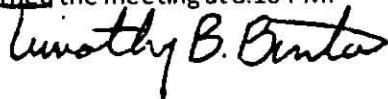
Mr. Pace gave first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-15 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA, SOUTH CAROLINA TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Mr. Pace made motion, Mr. Woodward second. All vote in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Pace gave first reading of Ordinance 2021-16 AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF WEST UNION FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES.

Mr. Pace made motion, Mr. Woodward second. All voted in favor.

Mr. Underwood made motion to adjourn, Ms. Melendez second. All in favor. Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.



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Timothy B. Burton, Interim City Administrator

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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April 20, 2021, 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Mayor Danny Edwards, Councilwoman Sarai Melendez, Councilman David Underwood, , Councilman Josh Roberts, Councilman Keith Pace, and Mr. Brent Taylor, City Administrator.

**Absent:** Mayor Pro-Tempore Danny Woodward

**Guests:** Media and guests of Mrs. Owens

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Josh Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edwards swore in councilwoman-elect Gwen Owens. The oath was given, and Mrs. Owens became councilwoman and took her seat.

Mayor Edwards read proclamation that designated the Month of April as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Mayor Edwards appointed Mrs. Owens to the Utilities-Chair, Police, and General Government committees.

Mayor Edwards called for Public Input, there were none.

Mr. Pace made the motion to approve the April 20, 2021, council minutes. Mr. Underwood seconded. Motion to approve passed.

Mr. Pace provided second reading of Ordinance 2021- 2 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE GRANT TO VOTGA HOLDINGS, LLC. AND TOTGA HOLDINGS, LLC. Mr. Pace made motion and it was seconded by Mr. Josh Roberts. Mayor Edwards called for public comment on proposed ordinance. Question from the public- what was it for: Lana Justice asked. Mayor Edwards explained it was to give an incentive to do repairs on the old davenport building and to run fire lines to that building and to behind the building that little Japan is in. Amy Welch asked for the amount Mayor Edwards, responded up to \$7000. Mayor called for vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Pace provided second reading of Ordinance 2021-3 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY EMPLOYEES TO ABATE NUISANCES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, ESTABLISH FEES FOR SUCH SERVICE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Mr. Pace made the motion and Mr. Underwood made the second. No comments from public or council. Mayor called for vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Melendez gave second reading of Ordinance 2021-4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 501.2 (K) 2 OF ZONING ORDINANCE 1994. Ms. Melendez made the motion and Mr. Roberts provided the second. Mayor called for any discussion. Mr. Underwood asked that it be read aloud. Ms. Melendez read the motion aloud and Mayor called for vote after no discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Melendez gave first reading of Ordinance 2021-5 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 1994-8/2004-11/2017-11/2018-15 TO ADD A SUBDIVISION DESIGN GUIDELINES APPENDIX, KNOWN AS APPENDIX 2021-A, AND TO AMEND SECTION 202, 303E, 400.2, AND 403.4. Ms. Melendez made the

motion and Mr. Underwood asked for explanation, Interim Administrator Burton gave an overview of the Subdivision Regulations and verified the Planning Commission moved to send this to council. Mr. Pace gave second. Interim Administrator Burton mentioned that it covered definitions of tiny homes/container homes and applications would only be allowed in GR with a special exception. Ms. Melendez asked what a container home was; it is a metal shipping container. A tiny home is 500 sf or less regardless of construction. Mayor reiterated that this places restrictions for this type of construction as we have none now. All voted in favor of motion.

Mayor called for Committee Reports

Ms. Melendez gave Fire Committee report;  
115 calls for service 62 fire related and 53 rescue/ems related calls 15 mutual aid 43 inside the city 72 outside the city spent 356 hours on incidents and spent 439 hours of training. 30 inspections were completed. The Codes and Zoning Administrator is now full time in Walhalla and office is in City Hall. BZA met to issue a variance on a property and working with DHEC for COVID vaccination sites.

Mr. Pace- General Government and Finance  
City wide dept head meeting April 7  
General Code working on codification  
Budget documents are being developed  
Spending cut off is May 25  
SMBP use on the upswing and met with SCDNR  
Pay Station is being working  
Ross Mtn parking design is being worked on

Mr. Roberts- Public Works  
We picked up over 500 pounds of garbage on the trash pickup day.

Mr. Woodward was absent; Ms. Melendez gave the report for the Parks and Recreation Committee. For 2021 there are 194 participants had 293 last year. 21 teams this year. Began Jan 4  
Ms. Melendez thanked the partners for the Pin Wheel garden at the City Pool.

Mr. Underwood gave police report  
860 calls for service  
251 traffic stops  
Took part in EVOC with OC  
Completed MASC survey with 100%  
2 new officers are being trained  
May 19 is the Community Police Event at the WPAC. Topics include internet safety.

Mr. Pace gave Utilities report  
Waiting on SCDOT for permit on the Westminster Walhalla Highway project  
Cane Creek sewer work is progressing  
Hydrant will be installed at Pool  
Looking at landscaping issues at the WTP  
Addressing overflow issue at Harrison St Tank  
Reducing valve at Tanglewood area is in process



Executive Session

Mr. Roberts made motion and Mr. Pace seconded.  
No action was taken.

Council Voted to re-enter into regular session

Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at 705 PM.



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Timothy B. Burton, Interim City Administrator

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 16, 2021, 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Mayor Danny Edwards, Councilwoman Sarai Melendez, Councilman David Underwood, Mayor Pro-Tempore Danny Woodward, Councilman Josh Roberts, Councilman Keith Pace, and Mr. Brent Taylor, City Administrator.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Players, Coaches, and Parents of the 2020 and 2021 8 and under girls' basketball teams

Luther Lyle, Museum of the Cherokee

Leslie Haggerty, Oconee History Museum

Mark Thompson, WPAC

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mr. David Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Woodward read Resolution 2021-4 honoring the City of Walhalla Parks and Recreation 8 and under all-star basketball girl's teams for winning the state championship in 2020. Mr. Woodward made this in the form of a motion and was seconded by Mr. Pace. All voted in favor of the resolution 2021-1

Mr. Woodward read Resolution 2021-5 honoring the City of Walhalla Parks and Recreation 8 and under all-star basketball girl's teams for winning the state championship in 2021. Mr. Woodward made this in the form of a motion and was seconded by Ms. Melendez. All voted in favor of the resolution 2021-1.

Each member of the teams was given a copy of the resolution. Mr. Woodward congratulated all the girls, and they were given an ovation and made pictures.

Ms. Melendez announced there would be a special congratulations to the girls next to Arby's Saturday from 730 am to 730pm.

Mayor Edwards opened for Public Input there were none.

Leslie Haggerty Director of the Oconee History Museum gave an update for 2020. Spoke of the March to Memorial Day shutdown due to COVID-19. Increased their digital presence during the shutdown. Assisted OCPRT during the Seneca Tornado. Saw a large request for genealogical studies. Cut non-essential spending. Now they are recovering, they hope to have more interaction and with D&I committee to promote MLK and Black History Month and assisting the Main Street program. 1 and 3 museums won't survive the pandemic. They are feeling good about their program and asked for continued support. Traffic is completely recovered to their museum.

Luther Lyle of the Cherokee Museum spoke about the interns from Clemson University. Both interns got jobs afterward. A Clemson professor has been working with the museum. Working with the D&I Committee planting flowers at the west and east end main street stone monuments. Blue Hills Garden Club provided the flowers. Gave a handout on the Heritage Corridor starts in Charleston and ends in Walhalla. Palmetto Trail also comes to Walhalla. Working on another trail initiative that comes from Cherokee NC through Franklin to Walhalla. The trail wants to put up a kiosk in the next month or two denoting the path of the Cherokee. Gave out a story from a member of the EBCN that noted ties to Walhalla. Another article noted that the Cherokee loved to come to Walhalla. Doing activities with Main Street. Helping with the Kituwah Event (Earth Day). Mr. Underwood thanked Luther for bringing this and having pride in Walhalla. Luther stated they are working on expanding upstairs. He said they had steady traffic in the museum. Mr. Roberts asked if he had been on the Cherokee Trail, Luther said it was a driving trail. Walhalla was the railroad stop and the Cherokee came here to get supplies. Ms. Melendez asked if the interview in the Garnet and Black would be out, Luther said it would be out in the month. And she would like to have it on the internet.

Mayor asked for approval of minutes of the Feb 16 and March 2 meeting minutes. Mr. Underwood made motion to approve, Mr. Pace seconded, there were no changes or discussion. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Mayor called for reading of Ordinances.

Mr. Pace gave the second reading of Ordinance 2021-1 for the 6-month moratorium. Mr. Pace made this in the form of a motion with Mr. Roberts providing the second. Ms. Melendez asked if this was the revised one with updated and Mayor affirmed yes. Mayor opened this up for questions and comments. A public person asked that it this would be considered and researched during the period and an entity couldn't submit and would have to start over. Mr. Taylor stated that this would allow the city to research and look at zoning to see if city wants to limit or not limit these types of stores. The public person asked so they would go to planning commission and he confirmed it would and that it would take 2 readings and Mayor Edwards said he planned to have a town hall meeting so everyone could speak to the planning commission too. All voted in favor of the ordinance with none opposed.

Mr. Pace gave the first reading of Ordinance 2021-2 economic incentive to VOTGA and TOTGA Holdings. Mr. Pace made this in the form of a motion and Mr. Roberts provided the second. Mayor asked for discussion, none, and called for vote. All voted in favor, none opposed. Dick Mangrum from WGOG asked Mr. Pace to explain the difference in the address. The \$7000 is for the old davenport building for repairs and the other is for the old fire station to provide a water main for fire suppression.

Mr. Pace gave the first reading of Ordinance 2021-3 providing for the abatement of nuisance properties. Mr. Pace asked Mr. Taylor to explain. There are a handful of properties that are overgrown. Normally this goes to the code enforcement officer and give them time to clean up. This is for properties that we cannot get contact with the property owner. With this ordinance the city would be able to clean up the property. The city does not want to go on to private property but if we cannot contact the owner, we would clean the property and add the cost of the clean-up to the tax bill. Mr. Pace made the motion, Mr. Underwood seconded. Mayor Edwards explained this has been an ongoing problem for a number of years. This was not taken likely. Mr. Underwood said this would be last resort and Mayor stated when neighbors are worried about snakes and rats, we need to do something. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Ms. Melendez gave first reading of Ordinance 2021-4 to amend zoning ordinance relating to campaign signs. Ms. Melendez made it in form of a motion. Mr. XX provided the second. Mayor Edwards stated this was the rule several years ago and the rule got changed. This would change back to the old way. Ms. Melendez asked if there were penalties. Mr. Taylor said there were penalties codes would remove the sign. Mr. Underwood said codes called and told him he had to move a sign one time. Mayor Edwards stated that this was not a freedom of speech issue and that they could have a sign in their yard. This only pertained to city property and right of ways. Mayor called for vote, all voted in favor, and none opposed.

Mr. Woodward read Resolution 2021-3 authorizing the city administrator to enter into an agreement with YMCA to manage the city pool. Mr. Taylor has managed in the past. The YMCA would now purchase the chemicals the city has in the past. This agreement would provide that neither party receives any money from each other. Mr. Woodward made the motion; Mr. Pace made the second. Mayor Edwards asked Mr. Taylor that nothing would change, and the pool could still be rented by private groups or church groups. Mr. Taylor affirmed. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Roberts read Resolution 2021-6 to authorizing the city administrator to enter into an agreement with GMC for greenway project design. Mr. Taylor stated this would provide the engineering and design work starting at Coffee Road and continue to the depot. The City has an existing relationship with GMC including work at the Water Treatment Plant, drainage projects, and other projects. GMC was considered to be best, and work would start right away. Mr. Roberts made the motion and Mr. Pace seconded. Mr. Pace and Mayor Edwards said they were excited to see this start. Mr. Roberts Ms. Melendez asked if they could meet with the design team. Mr. Taylor stated there would be and also be public input. Mayor Stated this would be good for city residents and all could ride bikes like other city trails. It's the kind you can ride with grandchildren. Vote called for by Mayor and all voted in favor of, and none opposed.

Mr. Roberts stated that he mentioned in the budget meeting the Walhalla Performing Arts Center had some plumbing issues. Mr. Mark Thompson spoke about the issues they have with the sewer lines. They had this issue last year and again a few weeks ago in the downstairs bathroom and they had to close the bathroom and the concessions. They are not a full capacity due to covid. Mr. Thompson spoke with Brent, and they had 300 people and had issues. They found a broken cleanout and drainage system was filled. Utilities snaked the lines and WPAC got it repaired. Mr. Thompson considers himself a viable part of the city and running on a shoestring due to covid. He appreciates the help. Wants to know he can count on the city to help. Last year the city invested \$6000 for the back part of the sewer issue. The WPAC pays for 2 lights on city property. There is a power box that they don't use but the city uses it for lights. WPAC has 7 power bills and wants to shift those to the city. Wants to know what we could count on. Mayor Edwards said they voted Saturday to use Utilities camera to see what the issue is. Mr. Underwood said the camera would tell exactly where the block is. Mr. Thompson said they did that last year. Mr. Underwood said there's a jet machine if the cleanout is away from the building. Mr. Roberts wants to help them cause the bring a lot into Walhalla. We don't want to lose them. Mayor Edwards said no one wants to lose them and we are behind them, but we had to find out what the problem was. Mr. Thompson said the numbers can support, but lost shows due to covid. One of the few in the southeast that kept the doors open. With the county they can apply for ATAX money, and don't want to beg for city money. But they can provide economic data and want to apply for city money. Mayor stated last year city budgeted \$25000 for WPAC and there is money this next budget. Mr. Thompson

appreciated it and wanted to be informed. Mayor said rest assured that the WPAC would be in the budget, no one would not be in favor of not supporting. Mr. Thompson thanked the city.

Fire and Codes- Ms. Melendez read the department report as follows:

100 calls for service

56 Fire calls

44 medical calls

17 mutual aid calls

256 hours spent on incidents

254 hours of training

24 inspections

20 preplans

13 code violations

4 zoning verifications

6 zoning permits

Planning Commission met and discussed subdivision regulations, livestock, and political signage.

Ms. Melendez encouraged people to stay in tune with social media. Ms. Melendez read the introduction of the 2020 Annual Report of the fire department.

General Gov/Finance- Mr. Pace read the department report as follows:

Libby Main Street met with state team about buildings downtown and the effect of discount stores and historic designations.

City administrator briefed on S Catharine, Stumphouse pay station, greenway, budget process, and moratorium on discount stores.

Streets and Sanitation- Mr. Roberts read the department report as follows:

For February :

Picked up 157 tons residential garbage

137 tons of commercial garbage collected

66 tons recycled brush collected

1-ton of mattresses

27 roll carts delivered and picked up 12

For January:

107 tons of residential garbage collected

128 tons commercial garbage collected

59 tons of brush picked up

3 tons of mattresses

Dept continued with cleaning storm drains and trees and normal tasks

On Feb 6 crews cleared roads during the snow event.

Recreation- Mr. Woodward read the department report as follows:

8 and under girl's basketballs team was honored, they won district and state tournaments

Baseball and softball have 210 participants with 15 teams

Having callouts

Updated on electronic registration

Police- Mr. Underwood read the department report as follows:

30 incidents

15 arrests

220 tickets

8 collisions

696 calls for service

160 extra patrols

Jennifer Kelley was named officer of the quarter

Hired 2 new officers,

Mr. Underwood thanked the dept in that they worked hard being down officers

Discussed future community meeting

Utilities- Mr. Pace read the department report as follows:

Updated 183 crossing

Sewer authority considered changes fees to the municipalities

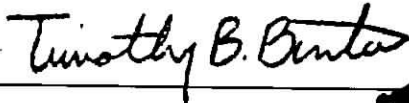
Discuss waterlines in the downtown for fire suppression

Open city hall lobby back up for payments

Mayor Edwards mention groundbreaking event on Apr. 3 at 10 am for the community garden. The residents of Walhalla along with volunteers are helping. Got a \$3000 grant for the and Mayor thanked the partners for their financial support. Mayor thanked Ms. Melendez for heading this up and it would be a good thing.

Ms. Melendez made motion to adjourn. Mr. Pace seconded.

Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.



Timothy B. Burton, Interim City Administrator

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March 2, 2021

5:30 pm.

**Present:** Mayor Danny Edwards, Councilwoman Sarai Melendez, Councilman David Underwood, Councilman Danny Woodward, Councilman Josh Roberts, Councilman Keith Pace and Brent Taylor, City Administrator.

**Absent:**

**Reading of Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Mr. Pace made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-1 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FOUR (4) MONTH MORATORIUM TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE ACCEPTANCE AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND BUSINESS LICENSES FOR DISCOUNT STORES PENDING THE CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and was carried unanimously.

Discussion: Mr. Roberts made a motion to amend the ordinance to establish the moratorium from 4 months to 6 months. Mr. Pace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Pace said, "We could finish getting our work done sooner."

The Mayor made a motion to change the ordinance from small discount stores to all discount stores. Mr. Pace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Melendez made a motion to change the ordinance from the Downtown District to City-Wide. Mr. Underwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Roberts stated, "This is a pause to see what we want to do." Mr. Pace stated, "We want the public's input."

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Brent Taylor, City Administrator

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL  
February 16, 2021  
5:30 pm.

**Present:** Mayor Danny Edwards, Councilwoman Sarai Melendez, Councilman David Underwood, Councilman Danny Woodward, Councilman Josh Roberts, and Brent Taylor, City Administrator.

**Absent:** Councilman Keith Pace

**Guest:** Luther Lyles, Museum of the Cherokee

Councilman Roberts led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

**Presentation**

Luther Lyles gave a presentation of monuments inside the City. After describing and providing history of many of the monuments, he announced he was seeking volunteers for project he called "Monuments on Main." The primary object is to have volunteers support the maintenance and care of them. The Council supported the project and wished him well on it.

**Public Input:** Lana Justice, Alisaun Crenshaw, Lynn McClain, Shirley, Francois, Cliff Powell all spoke in opposition to small discount stores locating in downtown. The encouraged Council to adopt a moratorium on them. Councilman Underwood said, "We should consider a moratorium. We need to listen to the people and let them decide." The Mayor said, "We will consider all the information and get back with you."

**Approval of Minutes:** On a **motion** by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Woodward and unanimously carried, the minutes for the regular meeting on January, 2021 meeting were approved.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

**Reading of Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Ms. Melendez made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-2 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCATION OF THE WALHALLA COMMUNITY GARDEN.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Underwood and was carried unanimously.

Discussion: Ms. Melendez read the entire resolution. The Mayor recapped a meeting that took place at the site. He said, "We looked at a number of locations, and the space in front of the pool building appeared to be the best location." Mr. Roberts asked, "If there would be any conflict with the YMCA?" The Mayor said, "I don't think so." Mr. Underwood said, "I think security will be better in that location."

**Other Business:**



## **Committee Reports**

### **Fire**

Ms. Melendez reported:

The Department had

118 calls for service.

51 Fire calls

16% of the time on multiple calls

67 Medical Rescue

15 Incidents of mutual aid

44 Inside the City

74 Outside

Spent 281 hours on incidents an average 32 minutes.

Staff trained for over 254 hours.

27 business were inspected by the Fire Marshall and received 18 pre-plans.

Codes and Zoning 4 violations are being addressed. 2 zoning verifications. 3 sign permits.

Updated on Stumphouse Park visits and collection.

Updated on some vehicle and equipment issues.

Informed of Planning Commission meeting.

### **Police**

Mr. Underwood reported

Department had

40 Incidents

18 Arrest

159 tickets

9 collisions

725 calls for service

249 extra patrols

Updated on revisions of the department's mission statement.

Updated on department's transition to a new uniform.

Updated on various training activities from the department.

## **Street**

Mr. Roberts reported

Most of the collection data wasn't available at the time of the meeting. Although, we took 96 mattresses to the landfill.

The department took down the Christmas decorations. Coordinated removal of Antenna off the police station. Continue leaf collection with the new leaf collection truck.

## **Parks and Recreation**

Mr. Underwood reported:

The Department is currently working on online registration.

Updated on Basketball All-Stars schedule. Practice starts the 13<sup>th</sup>. District games Feb. 26& 27 and the State Tournament is March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Updated on the creation of a Facebook page.

Baseball and Softball registration will be Feb. 8-19.

## **Utilities**

Mr. Roberts reported:

Updated Council on the meter reader collection system.

Informed Council getting pricing and information for line installation projects.

Decided to continue to close City Hall to the public due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in the County.

Updated some water plant issues.

## **Utilities**

Mr. Woodward reported:

- 1) Libby Imboddy updated Council on the Main St. program. She recapped the Main St. resource team meetings that took place during the end of January. Also, informed Council of potential events for the upcoming year and other business activity.

- 2) Informed us that we got the permit from SCDOT to move forward with making S. Catherine St. one way.
- 3) Should be selecting a Greenway engineering firm this month.
- 4) Informed us that Department Heads are working on their budget request.
- 5) The pay station for Stumphouse Park has been ordered.

### **Mayor's Remarks**

The Mayor commented on the progress of getting the Greenway engineering contract signed and moving forward on that project. We are working vigorously on the Cane Creek project. We are experiencing growing pains, but we are making progress.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss a contractual and personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodward.

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Brent Taylor, City Administrator