

The Town of Winnsboro Council met in a called work session on September 4, 2019, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Following standard procedures, copies of the agenda were provided to Council and The Voice. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Roger Gaddy, MD
Councilman Danny Miller, District #1
Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather, District #2
Councilman Demetrius Chatman, District #3
Mayor Pro-tem John McMeekin, District #4
Don Wood, Town Manager

Others

John Fantry, Attorney
Chief John Seibles
Officer Marvin Jeter, Code Enforcement
William Castles
Lorraine Abell, ATM

Guest from Fairfield County

Jason Taylor
Lauren Johnson
Chris Clauson
Jason Pope
Chris Netherton

Guests

Jeff Shacker
Gregory Sprouse
Richard Bailey
Yvette Howard

Call to Order:

Mayor Gaddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gaddy stated tonight's work session was for information concerning code enforcement of dilapidated buildings.

Presentation & Discussion:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Jeff Shacker, Field Manager for MASC. The Mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Shacker. Mr. Shacker gave a brief history of the MASC.

Mr. Shacker stated he was with the City of Newberry and shared his experiences with code enforcement when Newberry employed him.

Mr. Shacker stated the International Building Codes has Property Maintenance covered moreover, it is an excellent tool to use applying it to the property owners.

Mr. Shacker stated the first items Newberry enforced was general property maintenance which covered topics such as cars, furniture, uncut grass, etc.

Newberry stopped sending certified mail because certified mail was not being picked up by the property owners.

Newberry passed an ordinance requiring all rental properties must be registered, and the property owner must obtain a business license. All out of town property owners were required to have a local representative for the town to conduct property concerns. The ordinance allowed the City to note both the property owner and renter as violators.

When someone received a notice of violation, they were provided a copy of the enforcement code. If a property owner had another offense within the year, they did not receive a second notice; the violator was fined.

The town could set up a Livability Court, a unique system of the municipal court to handle code enforcement cases.

The town should establish a budgeted amount for demolition.

State Codes dealing with code enforcements were discussed and tax credits.

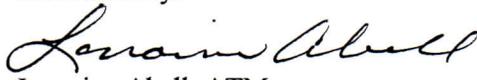
There was a brief discussion on how some other towns and counties were handling code enforcement.

Council and the Fairfield County Administrator discussed the two entities working together. The county will work on preparing an agreement.

Questions from the Media: None

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Councilman Miller made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Chatman seconded the motion.
All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Lorraine Abell, ATM

Approved: _____

Mayor Roger Gaddy