Minutes

Members Present: Mayor Will Haynie, Chair, Carl Ritchie, GM Whitley, Howard Chapman.
Staff Present: David Pagliarini, Corporation Counsel

1. Call to order
Mayor Haynie called the meeting to order 10:22 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting
Mayor Haynie called a motion for approval of the minutes from December 4, 2023, meeting. Mr. Chapman made the motion for approval of the minutes seconded by Ms. Whitley. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments
John Iacofano, 388 Overseer Place. Discussed his concern of the Town committee selection process and composition.

4. Police matters
   a. No agenda items

5. Judicial matters
   a. No agenda items

6. Legal matters
   a. Continued discussion and possible action related to proposed hate crime ordinances.

Mr. Pagliarini gave a summary of the proposed hate crime ordinances. He stated that there are two parts to the amendments. The first is the overriding declaration, a violation of our criminal code
that carries with it the hate enhancement. There were no comments related to this first section at the Council meeting.

Mr. Pagliarini discussed and clarified specific questions that Council members had at the last Council meeting regarding section amendment and the distribution of handbills.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Haynie asked if there be a motion. Mr. Pagliarini stated yes, the motion would be to recommend a further amendment to allow the handbills to be affixed to property, restricted to daylight hours. *Ms. Whitley called the motion and Mr. Chapman seconded.*

Discussion followed.

*All in favor, the motion was carried unanimously.*

**b. Discussion and possible action related to Town committee selection process and composition**

Mayor Haynie asked Mr. Pagliarini to explain the different forms of government within the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Pagliarini explained that our state law allows three forms of government that municipalities may choose. Council form of government, Council-Mayor form of government, Council-Manager form of government.

Mr. Pagliarini summarized the three types of government and their various powers.

Discussion followed.
Mr. Pagliarini presented an overview of the ordinance enacted in 1981, which states that standing committees shall be appointed by the mayor. Mr. Pagliarini addressed specific points of discussion at the Council meeting in December.

Discussion followed.

7. Adjourn
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectful Submitted:
Nancy Hanf