

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WINNSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2022**

Present: Mayor John McMeekin; Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman; Janice Bartell-Prather, Jae Burroughs, Council Members; Jason Taylor, Town Manager; Patti L. Davis, Town Clerk.

Absent: Danny Miller

The Winnsboro Town Council met in regular session on July 19, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. at the Winnsboro Women's Club. In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date and location of this meeting: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle and four hundred ninety-two other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McMeekin began by stating that Fairfield County has now been listed in the high category with COVID infections, including the new variant, and the Town has a Resolution in place concerning the wearing of masks in municipal buildings to protect people at risk. Mayor McMeekin then called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor McMeekin led the invocation in Council Member Miller's absence.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor McMeekin stated an item is needed to be added to Item 12, Executive Session. Council needs to receive legal advice concerning the SCIIP grant. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman made a motion to amend the agenda to receive this legal advice, seconded by Council Member Burroughs. ***The motion carried 4-0.*** Council Member Bartell Prather then made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Council Member Burroughs. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman made a motion, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 5, 2022. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS

PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

No one signed to speak.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 59: An Ordinance Annexing into the Town of Winnsboro a 0.29 Acre Tract of Land, Located at 260 Oak Street, Winnsboro, SC, Owned by C. Michael LeGrand, in Fairfield County, Not Already Within the Winnsboro Town Limits, and Including All Adjacent and Abutting Rights-of-Way. Tax Map No.: 126-03-22-011-000. Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman, seconded by Council Member Bartell Prather, to approve Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 59. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

B. Second and Final Reading Ordinance No 60: An Ordinance Annexing into the Town of Winnsboro a 0.29 Acre Tract of Land, Located at 265 Poplar Street, Winnsboro, SC, Owned by Terry Hendrickson, in Fairfield County, Not Already Within the Winnsboro Town Limits, and Including All Adjacent and Abutting Rights-of-Way. Tax Map No. 126-03-22-010-000. Motion made by Council Member Bartell Prather, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to approve Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 60. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

C. First Reading Ordinance No. 61: An Ordinance Annexing into the Town of Winnsboro a 0.26 Acre Tract of Land, Located at 275 Poplar Street, Winnsboro, SC, Owned by Yuling Wu, in Fairfield County, Not Already Within the Winnsboro Town Limits, and Including All Adjacent and Abutting Rights-of-Way. Tax Map No. 126-03-22-012-000. Motion made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Bartell Prather, to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 61. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Taylor began by stating that Mr. Brad Douglas, Emergency Management Director, is here tonight to discuss the Code RED Alert System. Mr. Douglas thanked Council for the opportunity to speak tonight. This system is very

similar to reverse 911, and the purpose is to quickly and efficiently notify citizens throughout the County of any type of emergency incidents, such as missing persons, manhunts, traffic incidents such as the one recently on I-77 or other events such as the 911 lines going down. Currently, land lines are automatically included in this system; however, cell phones have to be signed up. Notifications can be sent County-wide or to specific areas. This program is obtained through the federal emergency management support in the form of grant funds. Information placed into the system will not be sold to telemarketers. Mr. Douglas brought flyers containing the information for the system and how to sign up, and also, he would be happy to speak at any other functions, such as churches, etc. in order to get this information out to the public. In addition, it is possible to call Mr. Douglas' office and be set up for the system during the phone call. The National Weather service is also tied into this system. Mayor McMeekin stated this is a very good program, and Mr. Douglas has a large task ahead of him with getting people signed up. Mr. Douglas agreed in that a lot of people are now getting away from land lines. He gets out any time he can with community events to get the word out for people to sign up.

A. Ongoing Projects

- AMI - The older part of the system is being approached currently. The bay stations that are being installed will relay the information to our offices. As meters start coming in as they are available, they will be installed. This will be over the next year. Mayor McMeekin inquired when the next tranche would be coming in, and he believes it is one year spaced apart and everything must be turned into the Treasury Department. Mr. Taylor did not know the exact date but will look into this.
- Armory - The floor project is complete with the final coat. We now have the baseboards out for bid. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman inquired when the building will be available for rental. Mr. Taylor stated it should be ready the beginning of September. Mayor McMeekin stated in looking at the ordinances, Council will need to discuss concerning gratis use as this is not legal by ordinance. There must be some kind of payment for a group to use it that will cover the basic cost. The Town is not competing in the private sector, and we must make sure to arrive at an appropriate charge. Mr. Taylor stated a comparison was done concerning this building and comparable buildings, and we are considerably cheaper than any other option. Mayor McMeekin stated we want to stay under, but we cannot just give the use of the building. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman inquired if people were paying for the price of the cleanup. Mayor McMeekin

stated this had been the practice, but the last few times, groups were not paying any amount. Again, we must cover the cost of use of the building.

- Grant Applications - The Town will be going after the SCIIP grant (the large grants that will be available) to counties and towns. Winnsboro's Administration will be attending a workshop in Florence to go over the particulars of the SCIIP grant. There will be an individual from Commerce present to speak with each town. We will start the process of presenting the project that we will be putting forth to get advice on the best way to approach it. We anticipate applying for money for the water plant and potentially the sewer plant. There are some questions that need to be answered before we know what the final project will entail. There is a potential for \$10M with a 15% match. The PER for the water plant is essentially done, so Mr. Taylor feels we are right where we need to be. The leftover bond funds should be the majority of any match that is needed. The projects should be ready to present to Council at the upcoming Council meetings. We will also be going for much smaller grants for downtown revitalization.
- Code Enforcement - Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman inquired concerning the brown paper falling in some of the windows downtown, and this is an eye sore. Mr. Taylor stated this goes back to the ordinance review that is needed. Once this is done, then a plan can be made to tackle these situations.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for Sponsorship - Ward One Community Association, Debra McDaniel (School Supplies and Food). Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman stated the Finance Committee approved this; however, it was reduced to \$750. Mrs. McDaniel provides her receipts for these activities and everything is always in line with what is required. Mayor McMeekin stated Council has done this every year, and it was agreed to increase this amount from \$700 to \$750 capped across the board. Motion made by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to approve the Request for Sponsorship in the amount of \$750. ***The motion passed 4-0.***
- B. Request of Action - Request for Approval of an Additional Allocation of Funds to Purchase a Used Comparable Vehicle to Replace Wrecked Vehicle. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman stated this item was brought before the Finance

Committee, and it was decided to table this item until the end of July when the bottom line of the financials is better known.

- C. Request of Action – Request to Purchase a New Bucket Truck for Electric Department. This item was also tabled to a later date, and also Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman would like additional bids or quotes for comparison.

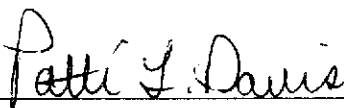
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

At 6:41 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Bartell Prather, to go into executive session for (a) Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Concerning Fairfield County Trash Dispute Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-5-70(a)(s) and, as amended, (b) Receipt of Legal Advice – Discussion Concerning the SCIIP Grant. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

At 7:14 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Bartell Prather, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman and Council Member Burroughs, to come out of executive session and return to regular session. No action was taken in executive session. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

13. ADJOURN

At 7:15 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman, to adjourn. ***The motion carried 4-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
TOWN CLERK



JOHN MCMEEKIN
MAYOR