

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WINNSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

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

Absent: Danny Miller

The Winnsboro Town Council met in regular session on October 4, 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 called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Bartell Prather led the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Bartell-Prather made a motion, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Bartell-Prather made a motion, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 20, 2022. ***The motion carried 4-0.***

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Mrs. Yvette Howard spoke concerning the redistricting process.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awarded to Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science. The Clerk read the Proclamation into

the record. Mayor McMeekin opened the discussion concerning scheduling a time to present the Proclamation to the school. Next Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. was agreed upon.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Ongoing Projects

- AMI - Mr. Taylor reported the Town is in a holding pattern until the supply of radios are delivered. Everything is complete on the part of the Town such as bay stations, but we are waiting on the suppliers.
- Grant Applications – As Council is aware, there is a lot of Federal money coming down that will be available to local municipalities and counties. The Town has applied, through the Municipal Association, for a \$25,000 grant to hopefully put a new floor in the Women's Club building to make it more attractive to rent as well as for the Town Council to use. Also, the SCOR grant will be applied for, which does not have a match, to do some upgrades at Fortune Springs Park to primarily address the drainage issues that have undermined and caused a lot of problems for the hardscapes in the park. There is not a limit for this grant, so estimates are being received for this project.
- Code Enforcement – This ordinance is not on the agenda for second reading because a public hearing had to be scheduled prior to second reading. The second reading will be on the next agenda to move this ordinance forward since this is critical to the code enforcement efforts.
- Comprehensive Plan – Per Mr. Clauson, the consultants are still working on the County's plan.
- Utility Expansions – The Town is continuing to talk with Ridgeway concerning gas expansions. They are anxious to move forward; however, staffing has continued to be an issue at the present time.
- Ordinance Review and Update – Mr. Taylor reported that there will be a forthcoming Animal Control Ordinance for consideration. There have been a lot of conversations with the public concerning this along

with representatives from Hoof & Paw. This updated ordinance will be more in line with the County's ordinance which will make it easier to enforce. Mayor McMeekin stated the Town has discussed this in the past.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman requested an update on the redistricting process. Mr. Taylor stated there will be something upcoming for the next meeting. Per Mr. Clauson, there should be a draft available for review on October 14, which will be brought to Council on the 18th. This can also be put on the website to give the public time to absorb the information. The public hearing will be in November, which will need to start no later than 6 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman stated he has had discussions with several citizens concerning this process and that the County must be completed first. Mayor McMeekin stated this will be on the agenda next time for further discussion.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

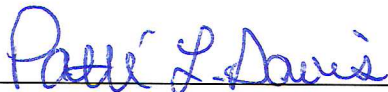
None.

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.)

No executive session needed.

13. ADJOURN

At 6:28 p.m., it was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to adjourn. ***The motion carried 4-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
TOWN CLERK



JOHN MCMEEKIN
MAYOR