

The Town of Winnsboro Council met in regular session on October 20, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. at the Town of Winnsboro Old Armory (due to the Covid-19 virus). Following standard procedures, copies of the agenda were provided to Council, The Voice and The Country Chronicle. 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
Chief John Seibles, Public Safety
John Fantry, Attorney
Lorraine Abell, ATM
Jennifer Edwards, Human Resource Director
Johnathan Goode, Chief Judge
Guest
Gene Stephens
Officer Angie Ingram
Office Mike Carrell

Call to Order:

Mayor Gaddy called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Invocation:

Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather offered the Invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Pro-tem McMeekin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Finance and Town Council Meeting of September 15, 2020, be approved as written. Councilwoman Bartell-Prather seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Public Comments: Mr. Gene Stephens addressed Council concerning Pumpkin Fest will not be held in Fortune Springs Park. The merchants will hold it downtown in their stores. There will be no Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and Council will decide about the Christmas Parade at the next Council meeting on November 3rd.

Presentation: None

New Business:

- a. Old Armory Gratis Use Request: American Red Cross: Allison Balash
Ms. Abell stated the American Red Cross had requested use of the Armory for a blood drive to be held on December 21, 2020. Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather made a motion to approve the request with social distancing and sanitizing requirements. Councilman Demetrius Chatman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

- b. Old Armory Gratis Use Request: SC Department of Social Services: Jeffery Sanders DSS requested use of the Armory for their annual Toy and Food Drive. Councilman Chatman made a motion to approve the request stating that the items could be placed in the building but the clients would have to drive by to pick the items up. No clients inside the Armory. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and all voted aye.

- c. Municipal Court Operations Re: Covid 19- Judge Johnathan Goode
Judge Goode explained the requirements being placed on municipal court by the state court systems and the needs that the court would have to do in order to have Jury trials. Judge Goode explained a plan has to be submitted to the court system by November 9th and be approved before jury trails may begin. The building will need WiFi, a metal detector wand, and disinfecting between each trial. Along with mask and social distancing. Mayor Gaddy made a motion approving use of the Armory and the requirements needed for Court operations. Mayor Pro-tem McMeekin seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Old Business: None

Other Business:

- a. Mayor Pro-tem McMeekin presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee for the purchase of a Mitsubishi 18 SEER Ductless Mini Split Heat Pump complete with installation would be \$2,900.00. This would be for the Personnel Office; the office has been using a residential window unit and the units are not lasting very long. Council approved the purchase of the unit. Councilman Chatman requested that a study be done on all the town's heating and air systems so that replacement and repairs could be a budget item.
- b. Mayor Pro-tem McMeekin presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee presented to Council a request to increase Public Safety salaries in order to keep the salaries in line with the county's salary. The increase would be across the board and each officer would receive a \$3,000.00 increase. All voted aye.
- c. The finance committee held a discussion on Employee Appreciation however the committee agreed to wait until the November 3, 2020 meeting to make a decision.
- d. Mr. Trip Peak presented to the Finance Committee a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for an automated meter reading system. Mr. Peak will present addition proposal in the near future.

Executive Session: Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2):
Possible Actions by Council following Executive Session
None

Questions from the Media:
None

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-tem John McMeekin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Demetrius Chatman . All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lorraine Abell
Assistant to Town Manager/Town Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor Roger Gaddy

