

**MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WINNSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Present: Chairman Demetrius Chatman; Mayor John McMeekin; Jason Taylor, Town Manager; Assistant Town Managers Chris Clauson and Kathy Belton; Patti L. Davis, Town Clerk.

The Finance Committee met on October 18, 2022, at 6:00 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

Chairman Chatman called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried.***

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Kathy Belton – Monthly Finance Report. Mrs. Belton distributed to Council a corrected section of the report for cash on hand and investments.

- Section A – Finances are looking pretty stable. Any increases in investment accounts represent interest. On page 2, these increases represent the money required for the bond payment that is automatically drafted.
- Section B – General fund revenue is up compared to last month. At this point, the lost revenue/lost property is able to be reported starting in the month of September. Everything is looking according to where it should be at this time of the year. Most of the revenue comes in the months of June, July and August. On combined utility revenue, these are running about the same as in August, which is good for this time of the year. The expenses were down compared to last month. Looking at the combined utility expense along with combined utility revenue, the Town is doing pretty well. Chairman

Chatman inquired if payments are coming in, and Mrs. Belton assured him they were.

- Section C – No capital expenditures for general fund; however, there were some for the water department with the meters.
- Section D – Revenues are up compared to last year at this time for general fund. Expense was also up, which is coming from multiple payrolls. Combined utilities revenue is definitely up compared to last year at this time. A lot of billing and collections are being done. Mayor McMeekin and Chairman Chatman agreed that the numbers are looking much better.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request of Action – Public Safety Department. Request for Unbudgeted Item – Allocation of Funds to Allow the Contracting of Security Camera Services with Statewide Security Systems, Inc. in Support of Crime Prevention Efforts. Mr. Taylor stated this request is resulting from the shootings that have been happening in the Town and looking for something to immediately address this. There is a problem catching people and getting witnesses to cooperate. The attempt is being made to deter and stop these shootings and other crimes. If they do occur, the need is to get the criminal off the street and prosecute as soon as possible. As far as Public Safety goes, one thing being implemented across this industry is camera systems. This will assist to deter people from committing crimes in the community because they know, if there is a camera present, they are highly likely to get caught. The evidence from the camera gives a much stronger case for prosecution. Essentially, this would be a way to work smarter and not harder. Also, in today's world where it is hard to find officers, this is a way to put eyes on the street 24/7 and have that area covered. Mr. Clauson further stated a lot of the groundwork for this occurred prior to Interim Chief Lawrence joining the Town. Included in the packet are three different quotes, and these were obtained in conjunction with the County. Statewide Security Systems has a straightforward concept to include a box with four cameras that would collect the data in real time. This option is \$150 per camera which would be \$1,500 per month. This would be a lease with the company being responsible for the equipment. Set-up is free and would be done within a month. Therefore, this would be the most appealing option. Mr. Clauson then went into the pros and cons of the other bidding companies and cost. Chairman Chatman stated as long as the procurement policy has been followed, he is good with the information. Mr. Clauson stated this proposal is for 10 cameras to be placed strategically throughout the Town. Chairman Chatman inquired

concerning the ongoing grant. Mr. Taylor stated this would be a different system, and based on the grant requirements, the Town would have to own that system. This current request is above and beyond the grant and covers areas other than just Zion Hill. Mr. Clauson stated the representative from Statewide Security Systems has offered to link the grant cameras, but they would be owned by the Town once procured through the grant. Mr. Clauson stated this grant has been difficult, and the County is putting a bid package out to actually get the cameras covered in the grant. Chairman Chatman stated he is good with this request as long as the money is available. Mr. Taylor also stated the Sheriff's office is willing to partner with the Town on this decision, and they will add additional cameras outside of the Town. Motion made by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to approve the request. ***The motion carried.***

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. ADJOURN

At 6:16 p.m., it was moved by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to adjourn. ***The motion carried.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
TOWN CLERK



DEMETRIUS CHATMAN
CHAIRMAN