

**MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WINNSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2023**

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 January 17, 2023, 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 6:00 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.

- Section A – Cash and investments – Comparing December to November, there was an unbilled cycle. Increases represent interest added to the accounts. Page 2 – the bond information is recorded and transferred for the payment.
- Section B – Revenues are up compared to last month. Expenditures were also up compared to last month. Combined revenues were a little down compared to last month, but this is expected because of the billing cycle. Overall, for the year a profit is shown.
- No capital expenditures for general fund or revenue.
- Section C – Revenues were down in general fund when compared to last year, which is to be expected. Mayor McMeekin inquired concerning the revenue being significantly increased in licensing and permits. Chairman Chatman surmised this may be due to businesses operating during COVID as opposed to now. Mrs. Belton stated in the business license area, Fairfield Communication fee is also

recorded, and this was received in the amount of \$10,000. December expenditures were down by \$61,000. Once the billing is caught up, the revenues will be fine. Expenses are up when compared to last year, including having to purchase a lot more fuel.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request of Action – Gas, Water and Sewer Department – Request to Approve an Additional Allocation of Funds to Purchase a Pump Station to be Placed at PS#3 (\$42,834.50). Mr. Peak stated the sewer pump station #3 located on Highway 34 near the First Baptist Church and the Magnet School operates with two pumps, as do most lift stations. One of the pumps is out of service and cannot be repaired. Within the past year, it has failed around three times. When this pump fails, it causes problems with not only the environment but also DHEC. The request is to replace this pump. Chairman Chatman stated this is needed because the Town does not want to get violations, and Mr. Peak stated DHEC has been patient concerning this. Mr. Peak stated two quotes were received. He attempted to get more quotes. He can get more quotes for other types of pumps, but he could only get the two quotes for the type of pump that is already there. Mr. Taylor stated this is something that should be looked at in the future with standard specs. If someone hooks into our system, they should be required to put the same type of pump we already have in place so repairs can be done with parts the Town already has on the shelf. He also inquired the age of the pump being replaced, and Mr. Peak stated this pump is about 15 years old with the average life being 10-15 years. The pump has actually been rebuilt twice in its lifetime, and the motor has just outlived its life. Motion made by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Chairman Chatman to approve the request and forward to full Council. ***The motion carried.***

B. Request of Action - Gas, Water and Sewer Department – Request to Approve an Additional Allocation of Funds to Purchase a Used Vehicle to Replace Fleet Work Truck with Over 280,000 Miles with a Broken Head Gasket (\$27,000.00). Mr. Peak stated a vehicle was recently replaced in the fleet which had 300,000 plus miles. Within the past few weeks, a second truck broke down, and this truck has 283,000 miles. It was repaired but not recommended to be used as a service truck. Mr. Clauson assisted Mr. Peak in finding another vehicle at State Surplus. The asking price was \$29,500 and he got them down to \$27,000. This is a nice 4 wheel drive service truck and would be perfect for the fleet. Motion made by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to approve the request and forward to full Council. ***The motion carried.***

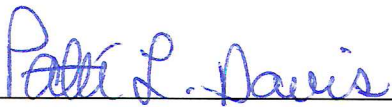
- C. Request of Action – Streets and Sanitation Department – Request to Approve the Allocation of Funds to Purchase a Used 2009 Ford F-750 Chipper Truck Request to Replace the 1999 GMC (\$74,980.00). Mr. Johnson stated he would like to purchase a used 2009 Ford F750 for the amount of \$75,470.00 (this amount includes tax) to replace a 24-year-old 1999 GMC chipper truck. This truck has about 200,000 miles and is in constant need of repairs. The brake system has been replaced numerous times, and there continues to be problems with this vehicle. It will, however, be used as a spare. An identical truck was found with the help of Mr. Clauson, and it has around 150,000 miles and is around \$70,000.00. However, this mileage is too high. A 2019 Ford F750 was also found at around \$89,250.00 with slightly less miles. The State is on a delay right now, and the price they are quoting is over \$200,000. At this point, we feel a used truck would be the best option. Chairman Chatman stated the mileage is not too bad. Mayor McMeekin made a motion, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to approve the request and forward to full Council. ***The motion carried.***

5. OLD BUSINESS

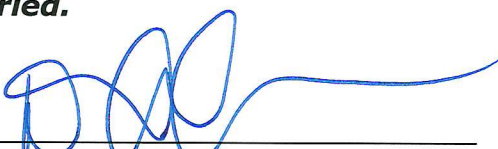
None.

6. ADJOURN

At 6:10 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