

**MINUTES  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WINNSBORO TOWN COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 7, 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 February 7, 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**

None.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Request of Action – Water Treatment Plant and Gas, Water and Wastewater Department. Request to Approve Allocation of Funds to Allow Payment to 120Water for the Service Line Inventory Project in Support of the Town Being in Compliance with the EPA Lead and Copper Rules (First Year Contract \$11,776.50 with Two Subsequent Years of \$10,276.50 with Discounted Rate of 15% with Membership to SCRWA). Mr. Taylor stated this represents an EPA requirement of the Town to do an unfunded mandate from the Federal government, which is passed down to the local governments. The Town must survey its whole system to be sure it is safe and does not contain lead or copper. If a certain threshold is met, some improvement to the pipe system will have to be done. We are attempting to consolidate this procedure with the installation of the meter system to make it as efficient as possible. There is a company that can be hired for assistance with this mandate, and this is an extension of an existing

contract because the Town is a member of the S.C. Rural Water Association. Per Mr. Peak, the EPA has made this requirement for all water systems throughout the country. SCDHEC will be handling this on the local level from the EPA. In looking at lead infiltration into water, the Town will be required to prepare an audit by October 2024 of what is in the Town system. That audit will include testing from the water treatment plant, testing service lines and identifying what type of services are on the system, including plastic, galvanized copper or copper with lead appurtenances attached. This contractor, 120Water, works through the S.C. Rural Water Association, and they will be assisting the Town with this audit. We will provide some information, but they will also be gathering information, to include letters to property owners to get feedback on what type of piping materials they believe they have. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman stated this is just a preventative method prior to the October 24 deadline, and Mr. Peak agreed. We will start compiling the data, and this company will make a presentation to DHEC of the Town's audit. We will provide maps of the system and dates of certain replacements. Most of the audit will include services to homes that were built prior to 1988. This information will be compiled, presented to DHEC, and then the Town will retain 120Water for two more years. After everything is identified, then we must look toward replacement. They will be our partner in terms of acquiring grants and things of this nature. Mayor McMeekin reiterated that this is a mandate. Mr. Peak stated this could be done in-house, but employees could not be hired for this price. Mayor McMeekin made a motion, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to approve the request and forward to full Council.  
***The motion carried.***

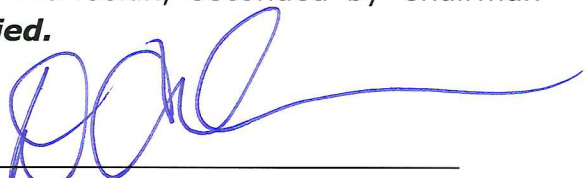
**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**6. ADJOURN**

At 6:07 p.m., it was moved by Mayor McMeekin, seconded by Chairman Chatman, to adjourn. ***The motion carried.***

  
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PATTI L. DAVIS  
TOWN CLERK

  
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DEMETRIUS CHATMAN  
CHAIRMAN