

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WINNSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 11, 2023**

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

The Winnsboro Town Council met in special called session on August 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Winnsboro Town Hall. 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 Special Called Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. INVOCATION

Council Member Burroughs led the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman made a motion, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried 3-0.***

4. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 83: An Ordinance of the Town Council for the Town of Winnsboro Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Sewer Infrastructure Agreement by and Between the Town of Winnsboro, Fairfield County, and the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System, and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman, to approve Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 83. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman inquired of the changes since the last reading. Mr. Taylor stated the agreement has been changed until almost the last minute, and he deferred to Mr. Elliott to further discuss. Mr. Elliott stated there have been no material changes. The Town will operate the lines, and the question has been how the Town's short-term and long-term costs would be handled to operate the system. At First Reading, this was to be handled on an annual basis. Since that time, a true-up has been discussed on a quarterly basis. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman stated this is mainly what he wanted to know, that the Town would be paid more frequently. Mr. Elliott stated the types of costs were negotiated, and we feel the best deal has been reached for recovery of costs. The key is to get this in the ground and get customers. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman inquired if

the Town would keep its existing customers with the potential gain of new customers. Mr. Elliott stated the Town will keep its existing customers, and any customers using the line will be the Joint System’s customers. There will be negotiations in the not too distant future concerning territories. Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman inquired of Mr. Taylor is comfortable with what is being proposed. Mr. Taylor stated he is, and as stated, there will be a lot more discussion about this in the future. **The motion carried 3-0.**


Mayor McMeekin then read the following statement, “Today, the Winnsboro Town Council has taken the first of many steps to build a regional wastewater treatment system to attract industrial, commercial and residential development. Winnsboro and Fairfield County are critically located to attract economic development. The Town of Winnsboro and Fairfield County Council have worked together to design and build a regional wastewater system. Winnsboro has the wastewater treatment skills necessary to operate a new regional system and has made its wastewater treatment facilities available to treat wastewater; but we cannot be guaranteed that developers will be lined up to connect to our system. Notwithstanding the risks, the Town Council has cooperated with Fairfield County Council to craft an operating agreement for the regional system while working to protect the interests of Winnsboro’s citizens. Any agreement requires compromise, and Winnsboro has worked to reach an agreement with the County understanding that neither side will get its way on every matter. We hope and trust that when Fairfield County Council meets on Monday that it will embrace compromise and approve this agreement. If we are to ensure the future of our citizens, we must all work together to bring progress to Fairfield County.”

5. 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.

6. ADJOURN

At 10:14 a.m., it was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chatman, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, to adjourn. **The motion carried 3-0.**


PATTI L. DAVIS
TOWN CLERK


JOHN MCMEEKIN
MAYOR