



# TOWN OF SUMMERTON SOUTH CAROLINA

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Tony Junio  
*Mayor*

Darion Canty  
*Mayor Pro-Tem*

## COUNCIL

LeAnn Berry

Regina Brown

James Lloyd

Keith Bowman

Ritchie Way

Mary Adger  
*Town Administrator*

Vacant  
*Clerk to Council*

Donell Dixon  
*Chief of Police*

*"Short Streets,  
Long Memories"*  
EST. 1889

## REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN OF COUNCIL

TOWN HALL  
10 MAIN STREET, SUMMERTON, SC  
OCTOBER 10, 2023  
6:00 PM

### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER.....MAYOR TONY JUNIOUS
- II. INVOCATION.....MAYOR TONY JUNIOUS
- III. NOTIFICATION TO MEDIA.....MARY ADGER
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.....PRESCHOOL STUDENT  
SAINT MATHIAS MONTESSORI
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on June 13, 2023.  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on August 8, 2023.  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on September 12, 2023.  
Minutes for the Special Called Meeting on September 28, 2023.
- VII. SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS
- VIII. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS
- IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S)  
Lighthouse October Fest.....Dr. Terrance Tindal  
Scott's Branch Middle School.....Homecoming Festivities  
Infrastructure Improvements.....Mr. David Morrisey  
Sustainability Partners
- X. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS  
Public Works Department (Maintenance).....Mr. Robert Tucker  
Water & Sewer Department.....Mr. Joey Oliver, Operator  
Summerton Police Department.....Chief Donell Dixon  
Administration Department.....Mrs. Mary Adger  
Town Administration

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN OF COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL  
10 MAIN STREET, SUMMERTON, SC**

**OCTOBER 10, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Tony Junious  
Mayor Pro-Tem Darion Canty  
Councilwoman LeAnn Berry  
Councilman Keith Bowman

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED (E)**

Councilman James Lloyd - E  
Councilwoman Regina Brown  
Councilman Ritchie Way

**Staff:**

Mr. Robert Tucker, Public Works / Maintenance  
Mr. Taft Pearson, Public Works / Maintenance  
Chief Donell Dixon, Police Department  
Mary Adger, Town Administrator

**Others:**

Mr. Joey Oliver - Operator  
Mr. Anthony Smith- Maintenance

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tony Junious.

**II. INVOCATION:** Mayor Tony Junious.

**III. NOTIFICATION TO MEDIA.....MARY ADGER**

**IV PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Preschoolers from Saint Mathias Montessori.

**V APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty to approve the agenda as outlined. Councilwoman Berry seconded the motion. All favored.

**VI APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on June 13, 2023.**

Approval of the Minutes for June 13, 2023 was postponed until the next regular meeting of Council.

**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on August 8, 2023.**

Approval of the Minutes for August 8, 2023 was postponed until the next regular meeting of Council.

**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on September 12, 2023.**

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the minutes.

Mayor Junious asked if there was any discussion of the motion. Councilwoman Berry stated to add her name on Page 6 to indicate that she abstained from voting, and to correct that it was an ordinance that Mrs. Kathleen Gibson was referring to and not business licenses.

The motion was passed.

**Minutes for the Special Called Meeting on September 28, 2023.**

Approval of the Minutes for September 28, 2023, was postponed until the next regular meeting of Council. The minutes should reflect that Councilwoman Berry recused herself from voting, and Councilman Bowman was not at the entire meeting.

**VII SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS**

Chief Dixon swore in Offecers Shanequa Cooper, Alex White and Nile Johnson.

**VIII PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S)**

**Lighthouse October Fest.....Dr. Terrance Tindal**

Dr. Terrance Tindal informed Council that his organization wanted to host a Trunk-A-Treat event on Railroad Avenue to provide a safe haven for the young people to celebrate Halloween. He shared what activities would take place. Next, Dr. Tindal asked Council for permission to use the public streets and to sponsor candy for the October 31<sup>st</sup> event that would be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Scott’s Branch Middle School.....Homecoming Festivities**

Dr. Lewis from Clarendon County School District 4 gave a brief presentation on the Homecoming festivities for Scott’s Branch High School and asked Council for permission to use the public streets.

**Infrastructure Improvements.....Mr. David Morrisey  
Sustainability Partners**

Mr. Morrisey gave an overview of his company’s services and its willingness to partner with communities to assist them in sustainability. He made it known that

his company was not about the money but about the services his company provided to its clients to help build communities that have limited resources.

During Mr. Morrisey's presentations there were a few questions and answers about the company and its services. Mayor Junious thanked Mr. Morrisey for his presentation.

**IX. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Public Works Department (Maintenance).....Mr. Robert Tucker**

Mr. Rober Tucker reported on the following: Summerton Wastewater Treatment Plant being in good shape, major leaks that were repaired, grass cutting, tree trimmings, and meter change outs.

He further stated that the at the treatment plant in Town, Pump #3 was installed and Pump #4 is in place.

**Water & Sewer Department.....Mr. Joey Oliver, Operator**

Mr. Oliver stated that his report was in Council's packets and that he did not have anything to add; however, he inquired any if anyone had questions.

Mayor Junious inquired about DHEC's inspections. Mr. Oliver responded that DHEC would like for more documentation to provided and submitted to them.

Mayor Pro-Tem Canty inquired about the necessary reports. Mr. Oliver restated that DHEC was looking for information and other reports will need to be utilized to cover all the items they were seeking information on.

Councilmember Bowman inquired about backflow regulations. Mr. Oliver responded that the regulations are required by DHEC and must be performed by a certified plumber.

**Summerton Police Department.....Chief Donell Dixon**

Chief Dixon mentioned a few citations that were issued since the last regular meeting of Council. His departmental report was within Council's packets.

**Administration Department.....Mrs. Mary Adger, Town Administration**

Mrs. Adger stated that her report was in Council's package and would entertain any questions.

**X. FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Shantel Moses, finance director, gave the finance report that included the following information:

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>
Water/Sewer Account	\$46,279.30	\$64,313.39
Victim's Rights Fund	15,847.21	15,440.80
Fines-Bonds	\$ 61,920.71	\$72,943.80
Payroll Account	26,932.52	2,064.04
General Fund	145,291.11	130,997.96
Water Ext.	100.00	100.00
Medical Sec Funds	1,438.43	1,438.43
General Fund Savings Acct.	227,505.21	88,226.51
Water Deposits	7,783.37	7,785.33
Reserve Bond	87,334.64	87,356.58

**XI. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**Mayor Tony Junious**

Mayor Junious reported the following:

1. Sea Coast Ministry would be hosting a Trunk A Treat next door on private property next to Wassau Park on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. Christmas Parade will held on the second Sunday of December 18, 2023, at 3:30 pm.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion of RFP on Technology Services Bids.**

Mrs. Adger stated that the deadline for the RFP's were due on October 9, 2023; however, there were not any submissions.

Council asked Mrs. Adger to re-advertise for RFPs on technology services.

**B. Discussion on Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Infrastructure Projects – Update.**

Mayor Junious stated that he received an email stating that the State ran into an issue with the award time period. It was supposed to be awarded

between October and December; however, the time period for award is now May of 2024. There is \$100 million dollars in the pool and there was a large number of applications received by their office. The Town of Summerton is one out of 30 applicants. He asked if there were any questions but there were none.

**C. Discussion on Recompete Pilot Grant Application -Update.**

Mayor Junious stated that he had spoken to Williamsburg County director around September 23<sup>rd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> regarding Phase I. An answer for the award can be expected around November or December. However, if the grant is awarded for Phase I, then another application must be submitted for Phase II.

**D. Discussion of Purchase for Equipment for Public Works Department and Vehicles for Police Department.**

Council agreed to move this item to executive session since it involved negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements for services.

**E. Discussion of a Collateral Pool with the State's Treasury Department.**

Council asked to postpone the matter to a later date.

**E. Discussion of MASC's Hometown Economic Grant.**

Mrs. Adger stated that the Town was ready to move forward on seeking professional services and asked Council if they agreed for her to act on this matter.

Council agreed for Mrs. Adger to move forward with seeking out professional services under the grant.

**XIII NEW BUSINESS**

**A. First Reading -Ordinance No. 2023-07. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinance, Article 1, In General, Section 1.106, General Penalty; Continuing Violation, to Repeal and Replace to Update the Fine not to Exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).**

After some discussion the motion died.

**B. Resolution for Risk Management.**

Councilman Bowman made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Risk Management. Councilwoman Berry seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

**C. Resolution to Sell Personal Property that was Unusable, Obsolete as Recommended by Department Heads.**

Mrs. Adger asked to postponed the matter since it was not reviewed by the Town's attorney in time for the meeting.

**D. Discussion of a Transfer Policy.**

Mrs. Adger asked to postponed the matter since it was not reviewed by the Town's attorney in time for the meeting.

**E. Discussion of Agri-farming for Sprayfields – acquiring professional services.**

Mrs. Adger stated that due to DHEC's concern about nitrates ability to build up in sprayfields that the Town needed to acquire professional services at this time to be in alignment with the upcoming mandate to move to Agri-farming.

Mr. Oliver stated that vegetation absorbs nitrates. The Town is cutting the grass but not removing it from its location. Therefore, the Town should look for a farmer or farmers willing to contract with the Town to plant and harvest crops such as hay or other vegetation.

Mayor Junious stated that the Town owned a sprayfield on Wash Davis Road that is about 87acres in town and another sprayfield at Goat Island that is about 2 acres.

After some discussion, the Town will be moving forward to acquire professional services for the removal of grass or other products from the sprayfields to combat any issues that could manifest from nitrates being absorb into the ground.

**F. Discussion of Repairs for Water Pump at Campground.**

Council agreed to move this item to executive session since it involved negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements for services.

**G. Discussion of Repairs or Replacement of Pump No. 2 at North Shore.**

Council agreed to move this item to executive session since it involved negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements for services.

**IVX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MATTERS AS RELATED TO THE AGENDA OR BY REQUEST.)**

**Elaine Woods**

Mrs. Woods inquired about the number of police vehicles.

Chief Dixon responded that the Town had two trucks, two Ford Tauras and two Ford Explorers.

Mrs Woods asked if any of the vehicles needed to be replaced and Chief Dixon responded yes and described the conditions of each vehicle.

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lloyd and seconded Councilwoman Brown to enter into executive session to discuss the following items:

- A. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body. Section 30-4-70 (A)(1).
- B. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims or discussions of the public agency's position in adversary situations, discussion about development of security personnel or devices. Section 30-4-70 (A)(2).

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty to come out of executive session. Councilwoman Berry seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

Following executive session, the following recommendations were made:

1. To repair the lift station at North Shore for \$2,790.00.



2. To make repairs at the Campground not to exceed \$13,700.00.
3. To permit Lighthouse use of the public streets and to do a sponsorship for candy for the amount of \$200.

The following actions took place after the recommendations were made:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Bowman to repair the lift station at North Shore for \$2,790.00. Councilwoman Berry seconded the motion. All favored

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Berry to make repairs at the Campground not to exceed \$13,700.00. Mayor Pro-tem Canty seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Bowman to repair the lift station at North Shore for \$2,790.00. Councilwoman Berry seconded the motion. All favored

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty to permit Lighthouse use of the public streets and to do a sponsorship for candy for the amount of \$200. ??? seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

## XV ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty to adjourn. Councilwoman Berry seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

Time: 8:20 pm

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Mary Adger**

**Town Administrator**