

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 12, 2023-6:00pm

10 Main Street, Summerton, SC 29148

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff (E)</u>
Mayor Tony Junious Mayor Pro-Tem Darion Canty Councilman Keith Bowman Councilwoman LeAnn Berry Councilman James Lloyd Councilwoman Regina Brown	Councilman Ritchie Way	Mrs. Mary Adger- Town Administrator Ms. Shaquona White-Town Clerk Mr. Donell Dixon- Chief of Police

Others: Mr. Joey Oliver - Utility Operator
Olivers Environmental Services
Mr. Anthony Smith-Oliver Environmental Services

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Junious
- II. **Invocation:** Councilwoman Brown
- III. **Notification to Media:** Ms. Shaquona White
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Miss Seraphina McCoon
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty and seconded by Councilwoman LeAnn Berry. All favored the motion.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** A **motion** was made by Councilman Lloyd to approve the minutes and to make corrections adding his name. Councilwoman Berry seconded the **motion**. The vote was as follow: yes-3, No-0, and abstained 2.
- VII. **Public Participation:**
Mrs. Kiz Everett of Clarendon County Council on Aging asked the Town for two rooms in the prospective Town Hall for senior citizens. One room will be used as the sewing room, for quilting, sewing, and making items. The other room will be used as a congregate room to play games and conduct educational workshops.

Mayor Junious informed Mrs. Everette that the Town is still working out details on the building. He stated that he would have Mrs. Adger reach back out to Mrs. Everette to come back before the Council once things are worked out.

Duck Fest representative Mr. Trey Phillips asked the town to sponsor \$500.00 to the Duck fest this year. He also stated that Duck fest will move to Camp Woody for a year because local businesses complained about the streets being blocked off.

Councilman Bowman asked how much money does Duck Fest put back into the town? Mr. Phillips responded that they help with signs in town. They help with the signs, parks, flower beds in the town, and any other way they can if needed.

VIII. Mayor and Council comments:

There were no comments from the Council. The mayor informed Council that MASC offers free training for them to take advantage of.

IX. Department Head Reports

Mr. Robert Tucker gave his report on water and sewer and stated that the waste water plant is doing well as of now. Mr. Joe Butler put the number 3 pump back online and fixed number 4 pump. So, all pumps are working right now. Robert also said that Sam, Taft and himself, fixed the sewer line at 45 S Church Street. The grass for Goat Island has been cut, and the grass in town has been started. Mayor Junious mentioned that Mr. Chris Waddell did a study on the North Shore and camp ground to see how much it would cost to get everything completed. That system hasn't had an update in seven or 8 months and at the time it was about forty-five thousand dollars to replace. A better breakdown of the cost to complete this project would be given in about a week. However, it could take about 12 -18 months before the completion of the project.

Mr. Oliver had a family emergency and could not give his report.

Chief Dixon gave his report and stated that the Town had 45 citations this month. He also said that he had a meeting with SLED. There were two laws that were updated, and Summerton PD passed the audit for this year. Will wait until next year's audit.

Administrative Report: Mrs. Adger was not in attendance but did provide a copy of the administrative report in Council packets.

Finance Report: Ms. Moses gave the financial report for the month of August. As of August 31, 2023. **Summerton Water and Sewer Department**, previous balance 31,767.41, average balance: 64,770.74, current balance: 46,279.30.

Summerton Police Victims Rights Fund: previous balance: 15,847.21, average balance: 15,847.21, current balance: 15,847.21.

Fines and Bonds previous balance 113,111.28, average balance 75,051.10, current balance 61,920.71.

Payroll Account previous balance 33,213.41, average balance 32, 092.14, current balance 26,932.52.

Ms. Moses stated a list of deposits and additional transfers were included in the packets

General Fund: previous balance 95,063.77, current balance 145,291.11,

Water Extension Account previous balance 100.00, current balance 100.00.

Clarendon Medical Fund previous balance 1,438.43, current balance 1,438.43.

Ms. Moses stated that was the end of the finance report.

Councilwoman Berry asked what is the transfer account? Ms. Moses added that we use the money from the account that has the most money. That is the account we transfer from.

Mayor Junious added that this practice has been in place before the new administration came onboard. He stated that the Town Administrator can make that decision to pull from the account with the most money and use the funds where it is needed in other departments. Water and sewer is usually the account that's in the rear.

Councilman Bowman stated that he wanted to change that from the administrator making that call. Mayor Junious said that they can put in the line items of the amount they would like to move. The changes would have to go before Council in the future.

X. New Business

A. First Reading of 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).

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Berry and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cauty to table ordinance No. 2023-07 until next meeting. All favored **motion**.

B. Discussion of Wassau Park. Mayor Junious stated that there have been some issues and safety concerns about Wassau Park. The Town is working on a grant to make changes at the park. Mrs. Adger will put together a packet for council to view, and will bring it back to council to go over so changes can be made to the park. Mayor Junious also stated for the record that we do not charge citizens for the use of the park. We charge a deposit and that deposit is given back once the parked is checked after the event and found in good standing.

C. Duck Fest. No action was taken.

XI. Old business

A. Recomplete Pilot Grant Program Update. The Mayor said that the Town will partner with Williamsburg County to work on a regional grant together. Funding can go better if the Town partner with someone else versus the Town going for the grant alone. Williamsburg County is doing most of the leg work of the grant and the Town is providing information. The grant would be roughly about 45 million dollars split between the two counties. Williamsburg County may get a about five or six more thousand dollars than the Town of Summerton, but they are the lead components, on the grant.

B. Discussion of Community Project Funding Request FY24

The Mayor stated that this is another grant the Town needs. The Town needs to work on and bring it back to Council. The plans should be submitted at least December so that we can go forward with the application in March.

C. Councilman Keith Bowman asked that Council be made aware first of any information on projects before it goes out to the public. Mayor Junious stated that all information is always shared with Council before the information goes anywhere, and the issue could be discussed more in executive session.

XII. Public Participation

Mrs. Kathleen Gibson asked for clarity and more information on the new business license ordinance, and for a copy of the ordinance. Mayor Junious stated that Council would like to table that matter and could not talk about it at the time.

XIII. Executive Session

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty and seconded by Councilman Bowman to enter into executive session. All favored the motion.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Berry to exit executive session and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Canty. All favored the motion.

There were no recommendations out of executive session.

XIV. Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Canty and seconded by Councilman Lloyd to adjourn the meeting.

Time 8:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Shaquona White, Town Clerk

