

## Minutes

### McClellanville Town Council

January 3, 2023 – 7:00 PM

McClellanville Town Council met on the above-noted date. Notice of the meeting had been published in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Mayor Rutledge Leland presided. Council members Aaron Baldwin, Chris Bates, Bob Gannon and Jim Scott were present. Others present included: Town Administrator Michelle McClellan, Stacey Moree, Cheves Leland, Karen Shuler and TJ Johnston.

Mayor Leland called the meeting to order and asked Council to review the December 5 minutes. Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members.

Representatives from Charleston County Sheriff's office and the Awendaw-McClellanville Fire Department were not present to give reports.

Mayor Leland recognized Stacey Moree, CPA with Harper, Poston & Moree PA. Ms. Moree presented the Town's 2021-2022 Audit. Ms. Moree stated that the Town's net position at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year was \$2,463,443. This was an increase in the net position from the previous year of \$704,083. Ms. Moree also noted that the ending fund balance for the 2021-2022 year was \$1,042,701 which was an increase of \$176,929 from the prior year. She noted that the Town was in good financial shape.

Council discussed concerns regarding golf carts in town. Town staff received several complaints about kids riding in golf carts at night without lights. Because of the recent hit and run of a golf cart at night, residents were very concerned. Council noted that they would have staff contact Charleston County Sheriff's Department and ask them to warn operators of golf carts when they saw them driving illegally in town. Council also thought a public campaign to raise awareness of the safety issues of driving golf carts illegally at local schools might also be helpful.

Council discussed the recent purchase of the McClellanville School. Councilman Baldwin said that he had spoken with Malcolm Baldwin regarding the septic and they felt the first step would be to have someone from the Town seek a SC DHEC permit for the septic and find out exactly what the facility could accommodate. Aaron agreed to work with Malcolm on the permitting process. Council agreed that should be the first step. Council also asked town staff to write a letter to Charleston County Library staff to let them know that the purchase of the school was final, and we were doing an initial study regarding the capacity of the septic.

Councilman Scott discussed the issue of the Charleston County Convenience Centers being closed for five days straight over the holidays. He said that the Town as well as rural areas of the County receive very little in the way of services from the County and he felt that the dump should not be closed for five straight days during the busiest holiday of the year. He felt that it was unreasonable and left many residents in a bind. He offered to write a letter from the Town to County Councilman Larry Kobrovsky regarding the complaint. Council had no objection.

Councilman Gannon discussed his meeting with a representative from SC DOT when they were in town cleaning the basins. He said that the work they are doing is not providing any drainage relief because the ditches in town are no longer being cleaned by Charleston County Public Works. He asked staff to set up a meeting with Mayor Leland, County Councilman Larry Kobrovsky, Jim Armstrong, deputy county administrator transportation/public works and Steve Thigpen, director of public works to discuss the issue. Council had no objection.

Council considered Transportation Sales Tax funding project requests FY 2024. Ms. McClellan noted that the Town had previously submitted McClellan Avenue for road improvements and it had not been approved. Council agreed to submit the McClellan Avenue request again.

Council held First Reading: An Ordinance to Amend the 2022-2023 Annual Budget for the Town of McClellanville. Ms. McClellan noted that the amended budget was due to the purchase of the McClellanville School, increased legal fees and the increased cost of the new dock. Councilman Gannon made a motion to hold first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members.

Next, Council held First Reading: An Ordinance to Provide for the securing of an additional \$200,000 unsecured loan by the Town of McClellanville, SC to Prescribe the Purchases for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment Thereof, and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Ms. McClellan noted this was to borrow the additional funds needed for the new dock at the boat landing. Councilman Gannon made a motion to hold first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members.

There were no public comments.

There were no questions regarding financial statements.

Councilman Gannon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan  
Clerk of Council