

Minutes
McClellanville Town Council
December 7, 2020 – 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 at the meeting. Council members Aaron Baldwin, Chris Bates, and Bob Gannon were present. Councilman Jim Scott was absent. Others present included Sgt. Harold Phillips, Michelle McClellan, Natalie Lewis, Pat Gross, Neal Baker, J.R. Gross, Tammy Gross, and Kim Brown.

Mayor Leland asked Council to review the November 2 and November 23 minutes. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Leland then read a Resolution of Appreciation honoring Ms. Pat Gross for her 31 years of service as librarian of the Charleston County Library - McClellanville branch. The Mayor and Town Council thanked Ms. Gross for her contribution to the community.

Charleston County Sheriff's Office gave a monthly crime report.

Next, Council read a staff memo prepared by Kathryn Basha stating that the pedestrian bridge bids had been received and an "Intent to Award" letter would be forthcoming. Ms. Basha hopes to have groundbreaking and construction of the bridge started by this spring.

Next, Council discussed an update regarding construction of the new dock. Ms. McClellan stated that Jon Guerry Taylor had completed the survey and submitted the plat to OCRM for verification of the critical line. Mr. Pawlyk said that he hoped to begin the engineer and design in the February-March time frame.

Next, Councilman Gannon asked Council to consider writing a letter of support for the Village Museum's request to have Billy Baldwin appointed as SC Poet Laureate. Council was in favor of a letter of support from the Town.

Next, Council considered extending Emergency Ordinance 2020-5 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail and food establishments and Emergency Ordinance 2020-9 which temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of the Town. Councilman Gannon made a motion to extend the adoption of both ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council present and voting.

Next, Council held the final reading of An Ordinance to Amend Section 4 of the McClellanville Code of Ordinances and to Adopt by Reference Charleston County's Flood Damage Prevention and Protection Ordinance 2124 in Order to Update the Ordinance for the Management of Flood Areas. Councilman Bates made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council present and voting.

Next, Council held first reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the Securing of a \$250,000.00 unsecured loan by the Town of McClellanville for the purposes of constructing a new floating dock at the Robert E. Ashley Boat Landing. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council present and voting.

Next Town Council considered TST Project Requests for the Year ending 2022. Ms. McClellan said that the Town had submitted McClellan Avenue and the intersection of Pinckney and Mercantile last year and neither project was funded. Council agreed to resubmit these two requests with McClellan Avenue again being the top priority.

Council considered purchasing audio equipment for council's chambers. Ms. McClellan said she had contacted audio specialist from several companies on the state procurement website. Platts Company came out and did an inspection and gave quotes. She said that they had looked at several different options. Bluetooth gooseneck mics were going to be very expensive and if wired, would have a lot of wires and cables running from the table to the control room. She said that tabletop mics were another alternative. Council agreed that they liked that idea the best. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approved funding for audio installment based on the engineer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council present and voting.

Next, Councilman Gannon made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by councilman Bates.

Council returned from executive session and Mayor Leland noted that no decisions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

There were no comments regarding the November financial statements.

During a time for public comments, Councilman Baldwin noted that he had been contacted by Town staff to look at the pier's underneath Town Hall. He said that Allen Miller was repairing the back steps and noticed that there was some rot along the bottom of the piers and the exterior of the front steps. Council asked Councilman Baldwin and Councilman Bates to look into the issue and determine if the work needed to be done.

Council Gannon made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members present and voting.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council