

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

September 5, 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: Michelle McClellan, Mike Bowers, Susan Martindale and Linda Collins.

Mayor Leland called the meeting to order and asked Council to review the August 7, 2023, 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.

Chief Bowers gave monthly reports for the Awendaw-McClellanville Fire Department. There was no representative present from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Council considered a donation request from Begin With Books. Councilman Scott made a motion to donate \$500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Next, Councilman Scott discussed Short-Term rentals in town. He said that he would like for Council to consider placing a restriction on the amount of Short-Term Rentals allowed. Mayor Leland said he would also like to have the Planning Commission create guidelines including a cap and rules and regulations for STR's and bring a recommendation back to Council. Councilman Scott said he would like for them to look at what other coastal communities are doing and consider the long-term goal of the Town.

Ms. McClellan briefed Council on the status of the Pinckney Street Drainage Project. The Project bid had been approved by County Council and an onsite preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 10 AM. She said that once the agreement had been signed, the County would expect payment for the \$105,000 American Rescue Plan funds pledged by the Town.

Council considered increase the tax millage. After discussion, Council agreed that the millage would not increase and would remain at 9.8 mils.

In a time for public comments, Susan Martindale told Council that she was concerned about the number of storage units going in on Highway 17 N. She asked that Council consider regulating the way they look. Mayor Leland said that any business in the Highway Commercial had to go before the Town's Design Review Board for approval.

Councilman Scott also said that he had spoken with Town Attorney Andy Gowder concerning the Town's authority Business License regulations and the Dollar General.

Next, Councilman Gannon made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Leland and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council returned to regular session. Mayor Leland stated that no action had been taken during executive session.

In regular session, Mayor Leland made a motion to contract with Trident Builders to complete a feasibility study for the McClellanville School and to ask them to provide a quote for a structural engineer study, to schedule a meeting with Rebecca Vance Consultants regarding hiring her as a consultant for the school and to hire Mike Fitze as a planner for the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council reviewed financial statements and had no questions regarding statements.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council