

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

November 6, 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, Fire Chief Mike Bowers, Detective Vecchione and Detective Shaughnessy with Charleston County Sheriff's Office and many members of the community.

Mayor Leland called the meeting to order and asked Council to review the October 2 minutes. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Detectives Vecchione and Shughnessy spoke about the recent robberies in Town. Residents asked questions and Council asked that they police the community more often especially late night/early morning hours. Council thanked the officers for attending the meeting and discussing the case with the community. Fire Chief Bowers gave a monthly report for the Awendaw-McClellanville Fire Department.

Ms. Addie Bates addressed Council regarding a request from Ben and Carol Williams of Millwood Farms to hold a weekly farmer's market at McClellanville School – 711 Pinckney Street. Ben and Carol also manage the Georgetown Grower's Market. Ms. Bates stated that the Land and Sea Market (nonprofit) was dissolving, and that Ben and Carol would like to hold a weekly grower's market on the McClellanville school property. Council noted that they would like to see the market there. They stated that liability insurance and a portolet would need to be in place. Councilman Scott addressed the issue of boaters using the parking lot. Mayor Leland stated that was overflow parking and a lot of people depended on it. Council agreed that boaters would still be allowed to park there. Ms. Bates asked if vendors would be allowed to park behind the school or use the Town parking lot behind the library and Council had no objection. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the lease of the school property for the Grower's Market. The motion was seconded by Mayor Leland and carried by a unanimous vote of Council. Ms. McClellan said she would work on getting a lease agreement in place.

Councilman Gannon provided Council with an update on meeting with WH Platts CFO Bob Simmons regarding the invoices for audio work. He stated that the CFO was very understanding of the issues associated with the audio equipment and was going to credit the Town with the cost and labor for the boundary mikes which was about \$1800.

Next, Mayor Leland spoke to Council about a request to have a traffic light at intersection of Highway 17 and Pinckney Street. He said a resident had contacted the Town and asked if the Town would put in a request to SCDOT for a traffic study and to copy Senator Larry Grooms. The resident had spoken to Senator Grooms about helping address the issue. Mayor Leland said

he thought that we should also copy Senator Goldfinch on the letter as well since he represented the Town. Council agreed.

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the special event request from CREECS to hold their annual holiday event at Town Hall on Friday, December 8, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM and the special event request from KanDo Adventures to hold Annual Swamp Fox Adventure Race at Town Hall with registration on Friday, March 15, 2024, and Race on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Next, Council considered a donation request from Charleston Animal Society (CAS). Councilman Bates made a motion to approve a \$250 donation to CAS. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council considered reappointment of Architectural Review Board Members – Leslie Scott, Betty Hills, George Scott, Jr. Councilman Scott made a motion to reappoint the members. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council considered Resolution 2023-4 to adopt the Town of McClellanville Employee Handbook. Councilman Gannon made a motion to adopt the handbook. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

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

Council returned from executive session. Mayor Leland stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Council reviewed financial statements and had no questions.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council