

Minutes
McClellanville Town Council
May 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM

McClellanville Town Council met on the above-noted date. Notice of the meeting was 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, Laci Duke, Ginny Prevost, Susan Martindale and Richie Billington.

Mayor Leland asked Council to review the April 1 minutes. Councilman Bates made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Chief Bowers provided a monthly report for the Awendaw-McClellanville Fire District. There was no representative present from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Council discussed the McClellanville school and septic. Ms. McClellan said they were continuing to work on the septic. The Town had not heard anything from Lee Hewitt at this time regarding the requested funds from the state budget. Council would like to meet with Rebecca Vance (consultant) once the decision regarding state funds had been made.

Council considered appointment of a new Planning Commission member. There were two applicants. Councilman Gannon made a motion to begin forwarding the applications to the Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates. Councilman Bates asked why this would not be the process for all boards and commissions. Councilman Gannon amended his motion to include all boards and commissions. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council after discussion.

Next, Council considered awarding the sanitation contract. There was only one bidder, Laci Duke at \$72,000. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Ms. McClellan informed Council that there were no bidders for the elevator lift. She said that the Town's procurement policy allowed for negotiation of cost once a sealed bid was unsuccessful. Council gave Ms. McClellan the authority to get quotes and have the work done with the assistance of Councilman Bates.

Consideration of First Reading: An Ordinance to increase millage from 9.8 to 11.67 plus any increase in population as applicable. Councilman Gannon made a motion to hold first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Consideration of First Reading: An Ordinance to Adopt a Budget FY 2024-2025. Councilman Gannon made a motion to hold first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Leland proclaimed May 2023 as Building Safety Month and Older Americans Month in the Town of McClellanville.

Council had no objection to the Municipal Facility Use request for SC Commercial Seafood Apprenticeship Program Graduation under Town Hall on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 12 PM -3:30 PM.

Council did not have any requests for CTC funds at this time other than repainting the crosswalks in front of the Village Commercial District. Ms. McClellan said that was supposed to be done under the 2024 request but she would make sure that it was being done.

At a time for public comments, Richie Billington asked that the Town have an updated checklist for what is needed and required for zoning and building permits so that additional items would not be added after the fact.

There were no questions regarding the March financial statements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle A. McClellan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council