

## Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

September 3, 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, and Susan Martindale.

Mayor Leland asked Council to review the August 5 and August 19 minutes. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

There was not a representative present from Charleston County Sheriff's Office or Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District.

Councilman Gannon made a motion to add the item 'Silver Hill dog issue' to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and carried by a unanimous vote of Council. Councilman Gannon said that there was an issue in Silver Hill and Ms. McClellan had contacted Charleston County Sheriff's Office. An Animal Control Officer reported that they could not respond because the Town did not have a leash law. Ms. McClellan stated that it was not a leash law issue but animals chasing children and continuously barking. Councilman Gannon said he felt the Town's ordinance would cover either situation and we needed to follow the ordinance and have the marshal write a ticket, if necessary. Ms. McClellan said that she had written a letter and Town Marshal Larry McClellan had delivered it today. Council said they would like to have clarification on who to call in an aggressive dog situation as we had been told to call 911 in the past. Ms. McClellan was to follow up with the Sheriff's Office.

Councilman Gannon gave an update on the zoning project status. Councilman Gannon said that Kathryn Basha and Michelle McClellan had met with Beth Tavel (Realtor who is developing five lots in Town) to discuss a subdivision procedural sheet. He said that Ms. Tavel was working on writing out her process in hopes of making it a smoother process for others. Councilman Gannon stated that at Council's request, Malcolm Baldwin had formed an eight-person committee consisting of town board members and residents to review the Zoning Ordinance. The plan is to share the review with the Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator and Council. The members of the committee are Malcolm Baldwin, Allen Dupre, Huger McClellan, Hugh Scott, Paul Gawrych, Elizabeth Campsen, Tammy Huggins, and Oliver Thames. The committee will have their first meeting on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Councilman Gannon made a motion to appoint Ruthie Lacey to the Architectural Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council discussed usage of the McClellanville School gym. Mayor Leland said that he did not feel comfortable allowing gym usage at this time because we had no assurances that the building was stable and there were fire hazards. Ms. McClellan noted that the roof was also leaking. Council agreed that the building was not ready for public use at this time.

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

Council returned from executive session. Mayor Leland noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

Councilman Gannon made a motion to award the Architectural Design Bid to Capela Coe. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

There were no public comments. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan  
Clerk of Council