

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council
November 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, Karen Shuler and Cheves Leland.

Mayor Leland asked Council to review the October 7 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.

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

The first order of business was an update from Capela-Coe Architectural Design Firm for the McClellanville Community Center. Council reviewed the written report submitted by the design firm. Councilman Bates noted that requirements for the sprinkler system would need to be investigated as it was estimated to cost around 1.2 million. Mayor Leland stated that a meeting was scheduled for November 7 to discuss the facility with stakeholders. Mayor Leland, Councilman Gannon and Ms. McClellan will attend the meeting.

Council discussed an update on Solar Grid Application from Clemson/Dominion Energy. Ms. McClellan shared a letter stating that the Town had not received the grant. Dr. Sez Atamturktur Russcher with Clemson Extension said the comments indicated that the smaller size of the town and the low percentage of union workforce members were the main reasons for not getting the grant.

Councilman Gannon made a motion to piggyback on our current Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments planning contract to hire two BCDCOG staff members to assist the Zoning Review Committee. He said that he spoke with Kathryn Basha, and she expected that this would take about three months and cost no more than \$20,000 for the planner's assistance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council discussed making a donation to the victims of western North Carolina who were affected by Hurricane Helene. Councilman Scott said he thought the Town should donate funds but was unsure of the best place to donate. Karen Shuler recommended donating directly to one of the towns/counties that was devastated by the storm. Council agreed that Ms. McClellan could research and find out which area was affected most and make a donation. Karen Shuler offered to assist with that. Councilman Bates made a motion to donate \$2500 to a town, county or agency at the discretion of the town administrator to assist Hurricane Helene victims. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Ms. McClellan told Council that she was having a hard time finding anyone to bid on smaller jobs. Council suggested that she advertise in the newsletter to find workers who would be willing to be on a call list for odd jobs, etc.

Next, Ms. McClellan told Council that she, Kathryn Basha and Eddie Bernard were having a zoom meeting with Francis Waite with SC Forestry Commission to discuss available funds for the town to assist with tree related activities of the town including tree canopy mapping, code and ordinance development, and master plans for tree planting. Council approved moving forward with the request.

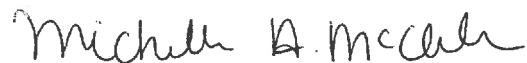
Mayor Leland brought up the town removing the tree form Oak Street to help with drainage. Ms. McClellan said she would need to get three quotes before bringing it to Council.

There were no public comments

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