

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

October 7, 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, Sam Seawell, Ginny Prevost, Bob McCarley and Susan Martindale.

Mayor Leland asked Council to review the September 3 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. Chief Whitworth with the Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District was present and spoke with Council.

Mayor Leland recused himself from the next agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gannon took over the meeting. Councilman Gannon introduced Sam Seawell with Lowcountry Land Trust (LLT). Sam told Council that LLT had applied for grant funding to purchase 14 acres on Graham Farm Road. The plan was to purchase the property, place a conservation easement or deed restriction on the property and then convey it to the Town. Planning Commission Chair Ginny Prevost was in attendance and stated that the property was on the Town's future open space plan and thought it would be a great addition to the Town's Greenspace. Councilman Scott made a motion to accept conveyance of the property from the Land Trust. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Leland resumed presiding over the meeting. Ms. McClellan gave an update on the Architectural Design Firm Capela Coe. The firm will begin evaluating the building on Thursday, October 15th. Steve Coe is also working to put together a meeting with Charleston County Administrator, County Councilman Larry Kobrovsky, representatives from Roper St. Francis and the Charleston County Public Library to begin discussions about possible uses for the old school. Ms. McClellan gave an update on the solar grid application from Clemson. She said that the grant had not yet been awarded but was expected to be awarded later this year.

Mayor Leland gave an update on the meeting with SCDOT. The Mayor, Malcolm Baldwin and the property owners of 119 Oak Street met with SCDOT. Mayor Leland said they agreed to fix the existing line and look at a proposal that Malcolm Baldwin had suggested for rerouting the drainage to Water Street. There is a large pine tree on the property next door that is interfering with the drainage. He said the town may need to remove the tree, although it is on private property it is impeding the drainage system. Mayor Leland said he may check with Dominion Energy to see if they might be able to remove it since power lines are on the top of the tree.

Councilman Jim Scott made a motion to give \$500 to Begin with Books. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Leland made a motion to approve all special events listed on the agenda, CREECS JMT Fishing Tournament, CREECS Christmas Tree Decorating and the Village Museum Oyster Roast. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Leland recused himself again. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gannon took over the meeting. Councilman Scott made a motion to reappoint: Allen DuPre, TJ Johnston and Cheves Leland to the Board of Zoning appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Leland resumed presiding over the meeting. Council considered appointing Ruthie Lacey to the Architectural Review Board. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council discussed getting cameras for the McClellanville Community Center. Ms. McClellan said the two quotes they had received were very high and felt that self-installed cameras would be sufficient at this time. Council agreed for Ms. McClellan to move forward with obtaining internet and smaller cameras for the facility.

There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

There were no public comments. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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