

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

January 6, 2025 – 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 Fire Chief Whitworth and Stacey Moree.

Mayor Leland asked Council to review the December 2 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. Fire Chief Whitworth with the Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District gave a yearly report for the community.

Mayor Leland then recognized Stacey Moree with Harper, Poston & Moree, CPAs. Ms. Moree provided Council with a copy of the Town's 2023-2024 Audit Report and went over the executive summary. Ms. Moree reported that the Town had an ending fund balance of \$693,752 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Town's assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows by \$2,636,587. Mrs. Moree stated that the Town had a very strong fund balance. After discussion, Council thanked Ms. Moree for a thorough review of the audit. Councilman Scott made a motion to accept the audit results. The motion was seconded by Council Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Council confirmed a meeting with Capela Coe on Thursday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm to discuss initial findings from architectural design study.

Council discussed the use of the meeting room for the Cape Romain Lighthouse lectures and their concerns about the septic issues. Councilman Bates made a motion to approve use of the meeting room for the tours contingent on a successful first round in March. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Next Councilman Scott made a motion to approve Palmetto Swamp Fox Adventure Race at Town Hall on March 5, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

Next, Councilman Gannon asked for Council to consider updating the old watch tower. Ms. McClellan said they had a study done several years ago by a structural engineer indicating that it was in stable condition. Mayor Leland asked town staff to explore organizations that may be interested in taking on the project.

Next, Council discussed the revision of the Charleston County Greenbelt goals. Ms. McClellan said that she would like the Town to offer suggestions regarding including waterfronts, particularly working waterfronts, in their conservation efforts. Council agreed and also said they would like for the Greenbelt to be more active helping municipalities reach out to property owners regarding conserving property.

Next, Council discussed Transportation Sales Tax Funding Project Requests FY 2026. Ms. McClellan said that since drainage projects that were no longer tied to road improvements were accepted, it limited the requests for the Town. Council asked for consideration of updating the crosswalks on Pinckney Street and better signage for the parking lot on Cassena.

Next, Council discussed tree trimming. Ms. McClellan said that town staff had difficulty getting three quotes from vendors to come out that had liability and workman's comp insurance. Two quotes were given. Mayor Leland made a motion to go with lowest bid of \$8,000 from Stewart's Tree Service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

There were no comments regarding financial statements or public comments.

There being no further business, Councilman Gannon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council