

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

December 1, 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 Town Administrator Michelle McClellan, Dr. Walter Bonner, Michael Bonner, Terri Baldwin and members of the Tree Committee and community.

Mayor Leland requested Council review the minutes from the November 3 Council Meeting and Public Hearing. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and passed unanimously.

Sergeant Hall of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office delivered a monthly report. Awendaw-McClellanville Fire Department representatives were absent.

Mayor Leland presented a resolution honoring Dr. Walter Bonner for his dedicated service to the Town of McClellanville. Councilman Gannon moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Bates and approved unanimously. Mayor Leland and Council members expressed gratitude to Dr. Bonner for his contributions to the town, highlighting his role as a founding member of the tree committee and his standing as a respected resident.

Mayor Leland presented a resolution to honor Councilman Aaron Baldwin for 22 years of service. Councilman Bates moved for adoption, Councilman Scott seconded, and it passed unanimously. Council expressed its appreciation for Councilman Baldwin's longstanding service by presenting him with a lifetime boat launch permit reflecting both his personal connection to the water and his enduring commitment to the community he has helped guide.

Ms. McClellan stated that the Town did not receive the SC Department of History and Archives State Grant or the MASC Impact Grant for old school restoration. She reported progress on the Lookout Tower grant, with a meeting scheduled Thursday at 11 AM with EM Structural and Butler Preservation, the grant recipients.

Ms. McClellan reported on the Centennial Celebration, noting that the committee is collecting portraits of all intendants and mayors and preparing a historical timeline with the Village Museum. Special events, artwork, merchandise, and presentations by the Museum and Art Council are also being planned for the town celebration.

Next, Councilman Gannon moved to designate road and drainage improvements to McClellan Avenue as a priority project in the Town's 2027 TST submission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and passed by all Councilmembers.

No comments were made about the financial statements. Ms. McClellan noted that the auditors provided a draft audit, with the final version expected to be presented at the January 2026 Council meeting.

Next, Councilman Scott made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and passed unanimously.

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Leland stated that no action had been taken during executive session.

Councilman Bates made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gannon and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council