

Minutes

McClellanville Town Council

April 6, 2026 – 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 Malcolm Baldwin, Bob Gannon, and Jim Scott were present. Councilman Chris Bates was absent. Others present included Town Administrator Michelle McClellan, Assistant Fire Chief Nash, Deputy Estrada with Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Susan Martindale.

Mayor Leland requested Council review the minutes from the March 2, 2026, Council Meetings. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and passed unanimously by all members.

Deputy Estrada with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office was present. Assistant Fire Chief Nash with the Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire Department was present and gave an annual report for 2025.

Council raised no objection to approving the Special Events requests for use of the Town Hall meeting room on April 28, 2026, at 6 PM for Shorebird Awareness, and on June 27, 2026, from 6–10 PM for the Cape Romain Lighthouse event.

Councilman Gannon made a motion to sponsor the Bulls Bay Nature Festival at \$250 which has been done in the past. Councilman Scott seconded the motion and passed unanimously by all members.

Ms. McClellan announced that the next Centennial event, the Jimmy "The Cat" Dupree Run for Peace, is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at noon. She requested that the Town purchase a sound system costing just over \$1,000 for upcoming events. Mayor Leland confirmed this was within her budget, and Council approved the purchase.

Mayor Leland announced the Town's 25-year Tree City USA recognition. Ms. McClellan proposed honoring the Tree Committee at the July 4th picnic, and Council agreed.

There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

Councilman Scott reported that a CREECS representative asked about any exemption to the ordinance for schools regarding storage containers. Ms. McClellan replied she was unsure but would check with staff. She noted the Code Enforcement Officer had received complaints as more containers appeared in town, and some residents cited CREECS and Seacoast Church containers. Seacoast Church's parking lot is in unincorporated Charleston County, so the town has no jurisdiction there.

Councilman Scott reported receiving complaints regarding youth operating dirt bikes within the town. Ms. McClellan affirmed that the Town had also received similar concerns and contacted

CCSO for guidance. Council requested that a cautionary notice be included in the Town newsletter.

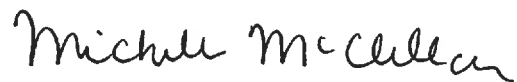
Councilman Gannon made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and passed unanimously by all members present.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle McClellan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle McClellan
Clerk of Council