

MINUTES

ON JULY 12, 2021 THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX. PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WAS MAYOR WILLIAM JOHNSON. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE COUNCILPERSONS LEANNE TROUTMAN, CYNTHIA FULLER, DAVID BARBER AND GEORGE SUMMERSON. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHNSON. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MAYOR JOHNSON. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN READ THE ITEMS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FULLER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2021 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THAT ANOTHER STRAND OF COVID -19 IS SPREADING NOW THAT THEY ARE SAYING TRANSMITS MORE EASILY AND TARGETS YOUNG PEOPLE. HOLLY HILL IS LOOKING INTO FINDING SOMEONE TO ISSUE VACCINES FOR STUDENTS AS YOUNG AS 12 YEARS OLD. THIS SATURDAY AT THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, GILDA COBB-HUNTER IS HOSTING A LARGE EVENT FROM 10AM-2PM THAT WILL INCLUDE VACCINES FOR 12 YEAR OLDS AND UP. TOMORROW IN SANTEE, REP. JIM CLYBURN IS HOSTING AN EVENT THAT WILL INCLUDE VACCINES BEGINNING AT 4:30PM AND A MEETING BEGINNING AT 6PM TO

SPEAK ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS. MAYOR JOHNSON WENT ON TO STATE THE NEW FARMERS' MARKET IS DOING OKAY. HE STATED HE HAS HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING SELLING GOODS OTHER THAN FARM GOODS. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THAT, AT THIS TIME, THE MARKET WILL BE LIMITED TO FARM GOODS ONLY. THE FARMERS' MARKET IS CURRENTLY HELD ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 1PM-5PM. MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE SEWER INFILTRATION PROJECT IS CONTINUING, HOWEVER, THE CAMERAING THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW HAD TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ANNOUNCED THE TOWN HAD SOMEONE COME TO ASSESS THE REPAIRS NEEDED ON THE ROOF AT THE OLD TOWN HALL BUILDING. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE QUOTE CAME BACK FOR NEARLY \$65,000 JUST TO FIX THE ROOF. THE TOWN IS STILL UNDECIDED OF THE FUTURE OF THE BUILDING. THE GARDNER BOULEVARD PROJECT HAD "PROOF ROLLING" DONE TODAY TO SEE IF THE REPAIRS WOULD PASS THE WEIGHT GOAL. PART OF THE AREA FAILED TO PASS THE TEST. AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET WILL BE REMOVED AND NEW FILLING ADDED. THE PAVING OF THE PROJECT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE ENTIRE AREA PASSES THE WEIGHT TEST. THIS WILL ADD ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE PROJECT. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN STATED THAT LITTER CONTROL CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE. SGT. MATT BOWEN IS GATHERING DATA ON PROPERTIES AND SHOULD BE READY TO UPDATE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BY THE AUGUST MEETING. MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE

TOWN HIRED A COMPANY TO TRAP BEAVERS AND DESTROY THE DAMS AND MONITOR THE ONGOING CONDITIONS. THE MAIN FOCUS AT THIS TIME IS THE AREA BETWEEN MAC'S DINER AND BOYER. SO FAR, THE WATER IS MOVING MUCH BETTER AND THE TOWN IS FINALLY ABLE TO GET INTO THE SPRAYFIELD AT THE TREATMENT PLANT TO MAINTAIN THE GRASS AND AERATORS.

IN NEW BUSINESS, MAYOR JOHNSON STATED IT IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO CREATE AND ACCEPT THE TOWN'S UPCOMING ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR. THE FIRST STEP IS TO CONDUCT A BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. MAYOR JOHNSON AND COUNCILPERSONS SCHEDULED THE WORKSHOP FOR JULY 19, 2021 AT 5PM. MAYOR JOHNSON CONTINUED BY STATING THE AUDITORS WERE IN THE TOWN HALL LAST WEEK AND HAVE COMPLETED THE PRELIMINARY AUDIT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR THAT WILL END ON AUGUST 31, 2021. THE DATE THEY WILL RETURN TO COMPLETE THE AUDIT HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED YET. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MONEY BY EXPLAINING THAT EACH TOWN AND COUNTY RECEIVES FUNDS BUT THERE IS A MANDATE AS TO ON WHAT THE FUNDS CAN BE SPENT AND IT IS ALSO UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME WHEN EACH TOWN OR COUNTY WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS. MAYOR JOHNSON EXPLAINED, IF YOUR TOWN'S POPULATION IS 50,000+, YOUR MONEY COMES STRAIGHT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE; IF YOUR TOWN'S POPULATION IS <50,000, YOUR FUNDS WILL GO TO THE STATE AND THE

SENATE HAS TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS. THE SENATE WILL NOT EVEN MEET AGAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER, THEREFORE, THE SMALLER TOWNS WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER AT LEAST.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN STATED THE NEW ASSISTANT CLERK IS WORKING OUT WELL, SO FAR, AND HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT.

IN PARKS AND RECREATION, COUNCILPERSON FULLER ASKED IF THERE IS STILL MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR A P&R DIRECTOR. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE FUNDS ARE STILL APPROPRIATED AND IT WOULD BE FUTURE DISCUSSED AT THE BUDGET WORKSHOP. MAYOR JOHNSON ADDED THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY ORGANIZED SPORTING EVENTS THIS YEAR BUT IS HOPING FOR CHANGE IN THE COMING YEAR.

IN THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON BARBER STATED THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT. MR. KEN MACKEY, A HANGAR OWNER, WAS PRESENT IN THE CONGREGATION AND ADDED THE OWNERS ARE STILL PLEASED WITH THE UPKEEP OF THE GROUNDS.

IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DETTER SHARED THE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. CHIEF DETTER ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THAT SGT. MATT BOWEN WAS HIRED AND IS RESUMING THE DUTIES OF THE PREVIOUS SGT. POWELL. SGT. BOWEN WAS PREVIOUSLY IN ATTENDANCE TO BE INTRODUCED BUT HAD TO LEAVE TO ANSWER A SHOPLIFTING CALL.

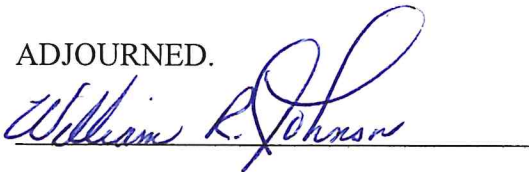
CHIEF DETTER CONCLUDED BY STATING HE IS STILL WAITING FOR AN UPDATE FROM THE USDA POLICE CAR GRANT APPLICATION.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FRANK BROWN REPORTED THE GUYS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB KEEPING UP WITH THE MOWING. HE ALSO REPORTED THE MAIN LIFT STATION CONTROLLER WENT BAD. THE PERSON THAT IS FIXING IT HAD A USED CONTROLLER THAT HE PUT IN PLACE TEMPORARILY UNTIL THE NEW CONTROLLER COMES IN. MR. BROWN STATED THERE IS A SMALL AREA OF TILE THAT IS LOOSE IN THE DANTZLER BUILDING AT GILMORE PARK. HE IS CURRENTLY SEEKING A TILE CONTRACTOR TO REPAIR IT. HE ADDED THE LIGHTS AT FOLK PARK ARE CURRENTLY BEING REPAIRED SO THERE IS NO LIGHTING AVAILABLE AT FOLK PARK AT THIS TIME.

BEING NOTHING FUTHER ON THE AGENDA, THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS MEETING.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.



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