

## MINUTES

ON NOVEMBER 7, 2022 AT 6:30 PM THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX. PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WAS MAYOR BILLY CHAVIS. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE COUNCILPERSONS LEANNE TROUTMAN, GEORGE SUMMERSON, CYNTHIA FULLER AND DAVID BARBER. MAYOR CHAVIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND BEGAN BY PROVIDING THE INVOCATION. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN READ THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS. COUNCILPERSON FULLER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN THEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2022 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

TO BEGIN THE MEETING, MAYOR CHAVIS INTRODUCED MRS NIKKI TOOMES, WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE VIA PHONE-IN, TO PRESENT THE LETTER OF CONDITIONS FOR THE POLICE CAR GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE PROJECT COST IS \$80,000 FOR 2 POLICE CARS WITH THE GRANT REWARDING \$50,000.00 AND THE TOWN'S SHARE BEING \$ 30,000.00. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF CONDITIONS. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

MAYOR CHAVIS ANNOUNCED THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL TO APPLY TO THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING AND EVIDENCING SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW POLICE CARS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO WOULD BE HELD THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2022 AT 6:30 PM AT THE HOLLY HILL TOWN COMPLEX.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE 4.2% INCREASE OF THE SANITATION CHARGES THAT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2022 BEGAN WITH COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN ADVISING THAT REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL INCREASE THE CHARGES TO THE TOWN FOR ALL SERVICES BY 4.2%. BEGINNING WITH THE WATER/SEWER/SANITATION BILLS GOING OUT ON DECEMBER 30, 2022, TOWN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ROLL CART AND DUMPSTER FEES WILL INCREASE TO COVER THE INCREASE OF COSTS TO THE TOWN. BY ACCEPTING THE INCREASE, THE CONTRACT BETWEEN REPUBLIC SERVICES AND THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL WAS EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR IN WHICH THE TOWN WILL HAVE TIME TO BID OUT A NEW CONTRACT WHEN THIS ONE EXPIRES.

MAYOR CHAVIS INTRODUCED THE AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL AND THE TOWN OF EUTAWVILLE. HE STATED HOLLY HILL IS IN THE PROCESS OF MULTIPLE DIFFERENT MEANS TO

ANSWER OUR WATER AND SEWER DEMANDS. THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL CURRENTLY HAS ENVIROLINK RUNNING OUR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM. SOUTH CAROLINA INTRODUCED A NINE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR SCIP GRANT (SC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM) WHICH IS A GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. HOLLY HILL APPLIED FOR THE WATER SIDE WITH EACH PROJECT HAVING A 10 MILLION CAP. THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023, THE TOWN WILL BE NOTIFIED OF WHO WILL BE REWARDED THE GRANT FUNDS AND THE AMOUNT TO BE REWARDED. MAYOR CHAVIS STATED THE TOWN HAS CONTINUED TO FIND TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS TO OUR SYSTEM'S ONGOING PROBLEMS. ENVIROLINK IS RUNNING THE SYSTEM NOW UNTIL THE TOWN CAN FIND A FINAL SOLUTION ON WHAT OUR TOMORROW LOOKS LIKE. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SHARE COSTS AGREEMENT. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

A RESOLUTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL AND THE TOWN OF EUTAWVILLE. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, ASST. CLERK SHELIA WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED THE AUDITORS WOULD BE HERE TO PRESENT THE AUDIT ON MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2022.

IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF JOSHUA DETTER STATED THAT THE NUMBERS ARE MUCH HIGHER FOR DRUGS WHICH SHOWS THE WORKING OFFICERS WE HAVE IN THE DEPARTMENT. JOSHUA SANFORD IS IN THE FDO PROCESS AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NOVEMBER. THE F150 FORD TRUCKS ARE TO BE UPFIITED BY THE END OF NOVEMBER. CHIEF DETTER ALSO STATED THAT WITH THE 1033 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT, HOLLY HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS GRANTED A SIDE BY SIDE WHICH WAS USED FOR TRICK OR TREATING IN OCTOBER. COUNCILPERSON BARBER STATED HE IS IMPRESSED WITH THE QUANTITY OF OFFICERS NOW AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RECENT TURN AROUND. HE ADDED THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING WELL AND THE TRUCKS LOOK FABULOUS.

IN PARKS AND RECREATION, COUNCILPERSON FULLER REPORTED THAT THE FLOORS IN GILMORE PARK ARE COMPLETED AND THE BUILDING IS READY TO BE RENTED.

IN THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THAT THE AIRPORT WOULD BE USED TO PRACTICE NIGHT LANDING ON THE DATE OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022.

IN PLANNING AND ZONING DAVID TEAGUE STATED THE BOARD IS CONTINUING TO LOOK INTO INFORMATION AND CONCERNS OF THE TREE ORDINANCE AND COMMERCIAL USE VIOLATORS.

IN THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, MRS DIANE BERGEN HAD NO UPDATES AT THIS TIME.

IN CODE ENFORCEMENT, GAYLE AUSTIN SHOWS CONCERNS OF RECURRING ISSUES WITH CONTRACTORS COMPLETING WORK WITH NO BUSINESS LICENSE OR PERMIT. HOWEVER, SHE STATED THE TOWN IS RECEIVING SOME POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND LOOKS TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD.

MRS. SHARON WADE THEN REPORTED THAT PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IS ONGOING AND ENCOURAGED ANYONE WISHING TO ASSIST TO PLEASE ATTEND THE FESTIVAL MEETINGS. MUSIC AND BANDS HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR THIS YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AND WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING VENDORS.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN REPORTED THERE WERE MULTIPLE LEAKS AROUND TOWN RECENTLY BUT ENVIROLINK EMPLOYEE, MICHAEL MARKER, ADVISED HER THAT THE LEAKS ON BUNCH FORD, BENNETT AND CAROLINA HAVE ALL BEEN FIXED.

THE FLOOR WAS THEN OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (SIGN IN SHEET ATTACHED) MR. PHILLIPS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ABOUT CONCERNS OF TAXES INCREASING ON PROPERTIES DUE TO THE DEVELOPMENTS ARISING. MR. PHILLIPS WAS ADVISED THAT THE TOWN IS AWARE OF THE CONCERNS AND ARE BEING ADVISED BY THE COUNTY ON TAXES.

BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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