

MINUTES

ON OCTOBER 4, 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 TROUTMAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON FULLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

MAYOR JOHNSON REMINDED EVERYONE TO PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND/OR WEAR FACE COVERINGS. HE STATED THE NUMBERS ARE CONTINUING AND MORE THAN 6,000 NEW CASES WERE REPORTED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. HE THEN ADVISED THERE ARE SEVERAL PLACES AROUND TOWN THAT OFFER TESTING AND/OR VACCINATIONS INCLUDING TESTING HERE AT THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAYS, DHEC TESTING AND VACCINES EVERY DAY, FAMILY HEALTH CENTER TESTING ON WEDNESDAYS AND VACCINES DAILY, VACCINES AT

THE DEPOT COMMUNITY CENTER ON THURSDAYS AND THE PHARMACIES ARE OFFERING VACCINES DAILY AS WELL. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN STATED THE TOWN HAS RECEIVED A SECOND BID ON THE SMALL BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE DEPOT BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE YET. HE STATED ASBESTOS REMOVAL WILL BE NECESSARY REGARDLESS OF THE DECISION TO DEMOLISH OR RESTORE. MAYOR JOHNSON ENCOURAGED ALL COUNCILPERSONS TO GO BY AND LOOK AT THE BUILDING THEMSELVES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING SO THAT A DECISION COULD BE MADE AT NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING. IT WAS THEN ANNOUNCED THE 25-30 NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATION LIGHTS WILL BE HUNG IN TOWN THIS YEAR. DECORATING THE HOLLY TREES DOWNTOWN ARE ALSO POTENTIALLY ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS YEAR. THE 2021 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL PLANS ARE MOVING ALONG AND IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WITH THE LIVE DRIVE THRU NATIVITY ON FRIDAY NIGHT BEGINNING AT 6:00PM. THE FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 10:00AM ON SATURDAY WITH THE PARADE BEGINNING AT 11:00AM. THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HAS ORDERED AN EXTENSION FOR THE LARGE CHRISTMAS TREE. MAYOR JOHNSON ADDED THE SCSU MARCHING 101 BAND HAS CONFIRMED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S PARADE. CHIEF DETTER THEN UPDATED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF LITTER CONTROL. CHIEF DETTER STATED 3 NEW TICKETS WERE ISSUED THIS MONTH. HE STATED SEVERAL OF THE VIOLATORS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE ISSUES AND THEIR TICKETS WILL BE DROPPED. HE

REMINDING EVERYONE THAT FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN HALL FOR ANYONE THAT WISHES TO FILE A COMPLAINT ON A PROPERTY IN TOWN. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ADVISED COUNCIL THE DESIRE FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS RISING. HE STATED THERE ARE AT LEAST 5 DEVELOPERS CURRENTLY LOOKING AT PROPERTIES OUTSIDE OF TOWN LIMITS. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE TOWN IS HOPING TO PROVIDE THE PROPERTIES WITH WATER BUT CANNOT PROVIDE SEWER AT THIS TIME. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE HIGHEST REQUEST FOR SERVICE IS APPROXIMATELY 260 HOUSES BEHIND THE HOLLY HILL ACADEMY. OTHER REQUESTS INCLUDE 140 HOUSES ACROSS THE ROAD FROM HOLLY HILL ACADEMY, 4-5 HOUSES ON RANDOLPH ROAD AND SEVERAL HOUSES ON GUM STREET. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED IT WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 18 MONTHS BEFORE ANY OF THE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD EVEN BEGIN.

IN NEW BUSINESS, MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE DITCH CLEANING WILL BE DONE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. THE TOWN WILL BEGIN CREATING A LIST NEXT WEEK OF THE DITCHES THAT NEED TO BE CLEARED. HOLLY HILL LIBRARIAN ASHLEY JACKSON ANNOUNCED THE LIBRARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN ARE INSTALLING A TALES & TRAILS DAVID'S WALK AT THE COMMUNITY PARKS IN OUR AREA. THE WALKS ARE GEARED TOWARDS INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM BUT CAN BE ENJOYED BY CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND LEARNING LEVELS. THE PROGRAM RECEIVED 96 STANCHIONS TO BE USED TO CREATE THE WALK. SHE ADVISED 32 STANCHIONS WILL BE PLACED AT

THE GILMORE PARK IN HOLLY HILL, 32 AT THE PARK IN EUTAWVILLE AND 32 AT THE PARK IN VANCE. SHE ANNOUNCED THE GILMORE PARK WALK WILL BE THE FIRST COMPLETED AND THE RIBBON CUTTING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 22, 2021 AT 1:00PM AND INVITED THE MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSONS TO ATTEND. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN CONTINUED THE AGENDA BY STATING THERE IS A NEED FOR A BETTER PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FOR THE MEETINGS. HE STATED BY NEXT MONTH'S MEETING HE HOPES TO HAVE A PLAN AND PRICING TOGETHER FOR A SYSTEM THAT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYONE THAT SPEAKS DURING THE MEETINGS TO BE HEARD MORE CLEARLY BY EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE. SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE MICROPHONES IN FRONT OF ALL COUNCILPERSONS AND A MICROPHONE AT THE PODIUM FOR ATTENDEES TO SPEAK WHEN CALLED UPON.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN STATED SET OFF DEBT LETTERS WENT OUT LAST WEEK FOR WATER & SEWER CUSTOMERS THAT LEFT THEIR RESIDENTS OWING A BALANCE TO THE TOWN FOR SERVICES AND TRAFFIC TICKET DEFENDANTS THAT FAILED TO PAY THEIR FINES. SHE ALSO STATED SHE IS WORKING ON THE BUSINESS LICENSE TRANSITION AND THE MASC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE IS COMING ON MONDAY TO ASSIST WITH THE PROCESS. THE AUDITORS ARE STILL SCHEDULED TO COME ON MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2021. SHE CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL SHE WILL BE ATTENDING A ZONING TRAINING ON THURSDAY NIGHT FOR HER

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR ZONING. THE TRAINING WILL BE IN ORANGEBURG AND WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM.

IN PARKS AND RECREATION, COUNCILPERSON FULLER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE BUILDING AT FOLK PARK NEEDS TO BE PRESSURE WASHED AND THE TOWN IS LOOKING INTO GETTING THAT DONE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

IN THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, HANGAR OWNER, KEN MACKEY, WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND STATED THE HANGAR OWNERS ARE PLEASED WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND EVERYTHING IS CURRENTLY GOING WELL. TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN STATED THERE ARE STILL A FEW OWNERS THAT HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2021 USER FEE INVOICE AND MR. MACKEY ADVISED HE WOULD ASSIST HER IN GETTING THOSE TAKEN CARE OF.

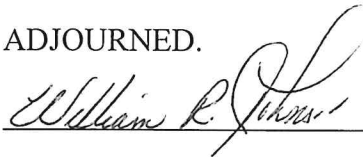
IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DETTER SHARED THE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. CHIEF DETTER ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE 2 NEW PATROL CARS BEING PURCHASED BY THE USDA GRANT ARRIVED TODAY. HE STATED THERE ARE STILL A FEW THINGS TO COMPLETE TO RECEIVE THE FUNDING BUT EVERYTHING IS ON TRACK TO HAVE THE FUNDS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. CHIEF DETTER ANNOUNCED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HAS ONE RESERVE OFFICER AND ONE CANDIDATE FOR A NEW FULLTIME OFFICER. HE CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL POLICE CHIEFS CONFERENCE IN MYRTLE BEACH THIS COMING WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FRANK BROWN REPORTED ALL EQUIPMENT APPEARS TO BE RUNNING NORMAL AT THIS TIME. HE STATED THE DEPOT BUILDING IS BEING REROOFED AND WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TODAY BUT HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK A WEEK DUE TO THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR OUR AREA THIS WEEK. HE THEN ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE SIGNIFICANT WATER LEAK THAT OCCURRED LAST WEDNESDAY. HE STATED THE LEAK WAS FIXED BY THE NEXT DAY BUT THE TOWN LOST A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WATER. THE LEAK LEFT APPROXIMATELY 5-6 RESIDENTS WITHOUT WATER OVERNIGHT. MR. BROWN CONCLUDED BY STATING THE TOWN IS STILL SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE OPEN POSITION IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT.

BEING NOTHING FUTHER ON THE AGENDA, THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. MR. AL JENKINS FROM SENATOR SCOTT'S OFFICE WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS MEETING.

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



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