



# Town of Summerton

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## Minutes of Rescheduled Council Meeting August 24, 2021 at 6:00PM

**Present.** Mayor Bagnal, Council Members: Mr. Bryan Rembert, Mr. Terrance Tindal and Mr. Ritchie Way. Also present was Mrs. Amanda Salka, Town Administrator, Ray Perdue, Chief of Police, Shaquona White, Utility Clerk and Frances Feagin, Deputy Town Clerk.

**Absent:** Council Members: Mr. Chalmers Stukes, Mrs. Regina Brown, and Mr. Walker Wells.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Bagnal called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION** – Councilman Terrance Tindal

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Mr. Way, all was in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2021 Council Meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Way, all was in favor.

**ACCEPT AS INFORMATION** – Financials of July 2021 were accepted as information. Mrs. Salka said that there is some corrections that need to be checked on the Street Department Budget vs. Actual. It is accepted as information only.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- a. Concerned Citizen issue with Water/Sewer Department – Mrs. Noonie Stukes wasn't able to appear for the meeting due to personal issues. She asked to be placed on the agenda in the future.
- b. Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with SafeBuilt, Inc. for building inspection and planning/zoning services – Mr. McCumbee stated that he has been discussing with Robin Fowler, with SafeBuilt about taking over the planning/zoning services. That we will still have our Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals but that SafeBuilt will be handling the violation issues and such on an hourly basis. That they would agree to charge the town the same amount as they do inspections and just add the planning/zoning services. SafeBuilt would not charge the town extra as Mr. Brailsford did. It takes the liability off of the town. My recommendation would be to go with SafeBuilt. He would also write the letters from the Zoning Department. We would be



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amending the current contract to add Mr. Robin Fowler as Zoning Administrator. Mr. Rembert made a motion to amend the SafeBuilt contract with the Town to include the Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Way, all was in favor.

- c. Establishment of 3 Bank Accounts – Mrs. Salka had to open up some accounts for grants that we got for Water/Sewer Department, Street Department and for Hospitality Tax. She stated that she wanted to keep those monies designated to those particular accounts so that the funds won't get spent on items that don't fall under the grants. Hospitality Tax funds can only be spent on beautification of the Town. She said that she just wanted to make the public aware of the accounts being opened.
- d. Consideration of approval to purchase a truck for Street Dept. and a truck for Water/Sewer Dept. – Mayor Bagnal said that approval to purchase the truck has already been approved for \$33,000 but the amount came in for \$33,775.00. That Council needs to approve the additional \$775.00 to have it in the minutes with the right amount of funds. This would be to purchase for the Water/Sewer truck. Mrs. Salka said that she has already put in to purchase for the Street Dept. truck because of being on back order, we are getting a grant for the Street Dept. truck. Once the grant goes through then we will put that money back on it. Mr. Rembert made a motion to add the additional \$775.00 to the allowable budget for the new truck that the town is purchasing for the Street Dept. and Water/Sewer Dept. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all in favor.
- e. Consideration of approval to purchase a Dump Bed Trailer – Mrs. Salka is trying to find a state contract to purchase a Dump Bed Trailer. Cedric has been helping me with look for a state contract but with COVID pandemic it is hard to find one. We need to place this on bid. I have some prices for Council to look over. If Council wants to give a price to start from or we can get 3 bids and place it in the paper for public notice. I recommend that Council look for 3 bids and put it in the paper for public notice so that the public can have input on the purchase of the Dump Bed Trailer. This is for information.
- f. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to amend the Yard Debris Ordinance – Mrs. Salka stated that some citizens are using black plastic bags for yard debris. When the Street Dept collects them on limb/leaf route they are placing them on the ground, which is considered littering. No the Street Dept. is having to empty out each bag, which causes extra work on the employees. We are asking for Council to use this as the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to amend the Yard Debris Ordinance for the citizens to use brown paper bags instead. Other towns are switching to brown paper bags due to the decomposition of them. The ordinance will state “no plastic bags”. We have tried to reach the Town Attorney in regards to the amendment, and will try to reach him again.



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- g. Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice – Chief Perdue stated that this agreement is a formality that that the Town has to do every year that Council authorizes the agreement between the Police Dept. and the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. This agreement is in place when the Police Dept. needs to incarcerate a juvenile. This entity is located on Broad Street in Columbia, SC. Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the agreement with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice to house any juveniles on our behalf. Seconded by Mr. Way, all in favor.
- h. Consideration of approval to purchase a vehicle for the Police Department – Chief Perdue said that this was about another vehicle that has been discussed the amount of the funds but it hasn't been purchased yet. He has been looking for a vehicle to purchase but needs Council to approve to purchase. He is trying to find a V8 all wheel drive. He would like for Council to approve \$38,000 or to approve \$40,000, so we don't have to come back for more funds. We are going to see if we can find one under state contract, and if not then we would need to get 3 bids for Public Notice. If one of the 3 bids can't be furnished, then the entity can submit a letterhead stating that they aren't able to bid and it can be substituted as the bid. Mr. Rembert asked if this would include lighting, stripping and computer? Chief stated no. Mayor Bagnal recommended for the sake of tonight's meeting, if Council wants to, to approve for what is already in the budget. And when actual figures come back and more funds are needed, then it can be brought back before Council. Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve for Chief Perdue to go out and find a new car for the Police Dept. not to exceed the initial purchase price for the vehicle only of \$40,000. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all in favor.

## **STAFF UPDATES –**

- a. Police Dept. – Chief Perdue submitted a monthly report for Council to review at the last meeting that was cancelled. He re-submitted a hard copy for Council to review and ask questions if they had any. He informed Council that everything was going good and that he had a good group of officers working the Town.
- b. Public Works Dept. – Mr. Jay was not present for tonight's meeting. Mayor Bagnal stated that Mr. Jay checks in with Council. He said that there were some problems last month with a pump at Haynesworth Mill Water System on Tom Charles Road and it has since been fixed. There was also some tampering going on down in that lake area, but has since been corrected. He asked if anyone had any questions? He proceeded to inform everyone that the Water Dept. has been in the process of changing out meters in and out of town. A concerned citizen asked about the



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- tampering that was taking place. It was answered that some of the gates were being left opened and some breakers were being switched off. Nothing else was discussed about it. Mayor Bagnal had a meeting with the County; personnel attended included Jay Kates, Amanda Salka, Dwight Stewart, Billy Richardson, David Epperson and Mr. Ted Felder. It was about different successes, problems, things that the Town needed help with and stuff that Council was still learning about. The County is going to give Town of Summerton \$150,000 to help with water issues. There are 2 events that will be taking place in the near future. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be historical marker unveilings of Briggs vs. Elliott at several locations, everyone is invited. On October 9<sup>th</sup> Duckfest will take place in Town. He said in the next 2 weeks that a contract with Speedway should be signed. It will be erected in place of where the Day's Inn Hotel is. Dollar General Market is being looked into being placed on the lot in between the Summerton United Methodist Church and the old carwash (now the Clarendon School District Maintenance Shop). The church is asking for at least 17 parking spots to be reserved for them for special occasions (weddings, funerals & such). A concerned citizen asked about some activity being done down at Gin Pond Shores. It was said that the tank was waterlogged but haven't heard of anything else about the area.
- c. Town Administrator – Mrs. Salka stated that she and Mr. Cedric was working on an Economical Grant that is for \$25,000, with the Town matching 5%. Cedric has helped with research and grant writing. We ask for Council to help with finding a project here in town, such as updating Main Street or playground equipment for Wassau Park. It is a small grant that is for in town only. It has to be submitted by Sept 24, 2021. We just need a title to be submitted by that date. What are some suggestions? Mayor Bagnal suggested picnic tables, benches and sheds for shade while at the park. It was mentioned again that the Town only had to match 5% of the \$25,000 grant. Chief suggested possibly some fencing, lighting or an inexpensive security camera system (that would for 36 hours before re-recording it). He also suggested that the Park could have designated hours (from Dawn to Dusk) and that the officers could be available to lock or unlock the park at those times, as well as the maintenance guys. Councilman Tindal mentioned fencing, playground equipment and tables. Mrs. Salka mentioned that we needed a name for the title; however, since it wasn't on the agenda it will be on the Resolution at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Salka stated that she spoke with Mr. Allen with Sercap. That she had 2 meetings about the same project lists (waste water needs and water system improvements), that were the same lists provided to the County. She also stated that she was also going to



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forward the list to the Senator, with the addition of the Town Hall Building being added to the lists for improvements. Cedric is going to get a drawing of what the building could look like to be submitted for a possible grant, to where we would get an engineer to finalize the drawing for submittal. She said that Mr. Jay was going to pick her up tomorrow to ride through town to look at the road conditions, to get with the County to be fixed. She said that they were also going to be looking at the leaks that are present that needs to be fixed as well. She ended with saying that Mr. Ted Felder is in the process of making arrangements for her to shadow with the Grants Dept with the County to help her with training for writing Grants for the Town.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all was in favor.

**UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Rembert made a motion exit Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Mr. Way, all was in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Frances Feagin  
Deputy Town Clerk

