

Town of Summerton

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Minutes of Special Called Council Meeting March 31, 2021 at 6:00PM

Present: Mayor Mac Bagnal, Council Members: Mr. Bryan Rembert, Mr. Terrance Tindal, Mr. Walker Wells, Mrs. Regina Brown, Mr. Ritchie Way, Mr. Chalmers Stukes. Town Administrator Beth Phillips, Finance Director Amanda Salka, Chief Ray Perdue, Clerk Frances Feagin

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bagnal called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

INVOCATION – Mr. Wells.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - All

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> – Mr. Rembert made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Mr. Way, all agreed.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Mrs. Beth presented an audit report to all council members, and stated that they were very pleased with it. Mrs. Salka is getting the books straighten out with the help of Meredith, with the Sheheen Auditing Group. Bookkeeping is now being done in-house. Mr. Jay Kates, with Water Systems, Inc., will be at the next council meeting to present very thorough report of the Water/Wastewater Systems. Each of you should be getting a copy of the report. Everyone will have a complete analysis of everything within the Water/Sewer system that the Town of Summerton owns and what it is responsible for in terms of pure water and good wastewater management. The federal government is releasing infrastructure funds and the town doesn't want to miss out on this opportunity. The town applied for the "Save America" funding for the amount of \$350,000 total. It will be deposited as 2 separate deposits of \$175,000 each.
- b. Mrs. Beth stated as of tomorrow, April 1, 2021, Neptune will be going up in the price by 10% for the meters. This is the reason of the meeting tonight. Her recommendation was to go ahead and borrow from the General Fund Savings Account that has the balance of approximately \$200,000. She said that the young ladies can give testimony of how many "dead" meters the town is losing money from.
- c. Mrs. Beth stated that the young ladies are currently accepting applications for the Customer Representative Position. Frances briefly went over what the duties of the position would be. Mayor Bagnal mentioned that Council did give previous permission of hiring for the position.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Wells made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Way, all agreed.

Mr. Rembert made a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all agreed.

<u>UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON</u> MATTERS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Rembert made a motion that we make adjustments to said employees compensation packages as discussed during executive session. Seconded by Mr. Way, all agreed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> –Mr. Rembert made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Brown, all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Feagin

Clerk