



Town of Summerton

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Minutes of Council Meeting March 15, 2022 at 6:00PM

Present. Mayor Bagnal, Council Members: Mr. Bryan Rembert, Mr. Terrance Tindal, Mr. Walker Wells. Also present was Mr. Ray Perdue, Chief of Police, Mrs. Amanda Salka, Town Administrator/Finance Director, and Mrs. Frances Feagin, Town Clerk

Absent: Council Members: Mr. Chalmers Stukes, Mrs. Regina Brown, and Mr. Ritchie Way

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bagnal called the meeting to order at 6:02 p. m.

INVOCATION – Mayor Bagnal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022 as written. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all was in favor.

ACCEPT AS INFORMATION – Financials of February 2022 were accepted as information, with the amount change noted for ARPA Funds from \$630,000 to \$230,750.68 and the rest will be received at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Discussion of ARPA Funds – Mrs. Salka informed Council that she must report back to the State by April 1, 2022 on Council's decision the usage of ARPA Funds. After speaking with Mr. Jay Kates, it is recommended to finish changing out the meters in and out of town limits and possibly in the Goat Island areas. But it was up to Council on how the funds will be used. Mr. Rembert made a motion to move forward with meter replacement with the use of ARPA funds. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all was in favor.

MAYOR UPDATE –

Mayor Bagnal welcomed Anthony on returning back to work and said that he is doing good. Mayor Bagnal informed Council and members of the audience that he had three (3) plaques that he wanted to give out. He called Mr. Clarence Georgia, Chief Perdue and Anthony Smith to come forward to accept a plaque for Years of Service with the Town of



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Summerton. Mr. Clarence Georgia has been employed for 30 years, Chief Perdue has been employed for 20 years, and Anthony Smith has been employed for 21 years with the Town of Summerton. He congratulated all 3 gentlemen for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Summerton.

STAFF UPDATES –

- a. Police Dept. – Chief Perdue submitted a monthly report for Council to review and ask questions if they had any. He informed Council that we do have some things going on in town, but cannot report about it at this time. Chief informed members of the audience to please report if anyone sees any suspicious activities that are going on in town. He said sometimes member of the public see things happening that the police aren't aware of. He also stated that you can report it anonymously, by placing a sealed envelope in the drop box that is located in front of the Town Hall, for those who feel uncomfortable speaking directly with law enforcement. He thanked Council again for the plaque.
- b. Public Works Dept. – Mrs. Salka announced that Mr. Kates has applied for a RIA Grant that is roughly 2 million dollars
- c. Administration – Mrs. Salka that Town of Summerton is will be still receiving the \$150,000 ARPA funds from Clarendon County and that she is working on getting the invoices to send with it to report what the funds were used for. She stated that she attended a meeting in Columbia with the Mitigation Office and that Town of Summerton was awarded. The law firm Seaman Whiteside received the award. We will be holding a Public Hearing to get input from the community. This will be announced in the Item, Manning Live, and on our Social Media outlets. She also stated that the Mitigation office has 70 million dollars that they want to give away to small towns like ours and that she will be working very closely on a grant for that funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Wells made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Rembert, all in favor.

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

UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON

MATTERS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Rembert made a motion to promote Anthony Smith to be responsible for Street Department and Water/Sewer Department personnel and to



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increase the rate of pay to what was discussed in executive session. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all was in favor.

ADJOURNMENT—Mr. Wells made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Rembert, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Frances Feagin
Town Clerk