

McClellanville Town Council
August 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM

McClellanville Town Council met on the above-noted date. Notice of the meeting had been published in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Mayor Rutledge Leland presided at the meeting. Council members Aaron Baldwin and Chris Bates were present. Councilmen Bob Gannon and Jim Scott were absent. Others present included Town Clerk Michelle McClellan, Kathy Leland, Cheves Leland, Dick Conner and Sergeant Harold Phillips.

Mayor Leland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Council to review the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting. Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members present and voting.

Sergeant Harold Phillips was present to give a report from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Phillips gave a monthly crime report and also reported that the sheriff's office would have 12-14 deputies patrolling in the Awendaw/McClellanville area on Monday, August 21st for the eclipse.

There was no report from the Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District.

Next, Council discussed old business which included the August 21 eclipse. Mayor Leland said that the town had secured eight portolets that would be placed throughout town during the event.

Then, Council discussed having Russell Rosen with Rosen and Associates Consulting Engineers perform a safety inspection on the watch tower. Mayor Leland said that he thought it would be a good idea to have an inspection done on the tower. Councilman Baldwin made a motion to have the tower inspected by Mr. Rosen. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of council members present and voting.

Next, Ms. McClellan said that Councilman Gannon had requested input as to whether or not they should continue to work on an area map which displayed the names of the various communities in the area for the media and sheriff's office. Council agreed that they would like for Councilman Gannon and Ms. McClellan to move forward with the map.

Item number six was struck from the agenda as Mr. Hunter was not present.

Council then consider re-appointment of three current Architectural Review Board members who had agreed to serve another term. Councilman Bates made a motion to re-appoint Bill Youngman, Kent Parker and David Smith to ARB for another term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of council members present and voting.

Next, Council members discussed improvements to the boat launch area. Ms. McClellan stated that Councilman Gannon asked Council to consider adding more rocks to the right of the boat launch area and leveling off that area. Councilman Gannon felt that this would help keep boat trailers from running off the side of the ramp. Mayor Leland asked Council Members present if they would look at the area and give an opinion as to what was needed. He also asked Ms. McClellan to get a quote to bring to the next council meeting.

Item number nine was struck from the agenda as both members of Council's Personnel Committee were not present.

Next, Council held the First Reading of: An Ordinance to Transfer Authority of McClellanville's Municipal Election Committee to Hear Protests to the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration. Mayor Leland stated that MEC members had to meet certain training requirements which were held in Columbia. He felt that this would be an added expense to the Town. Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members present and voting.

Next, Ms. McClellan told Council that she would like for the Town to apply for a Hometown Economic Development Grant that is offered by the Municipal Association of SC. Ms. McClellan said that the grant was relatively new and offered funding opportunities to help towns implement economic development projects that make a positive impact on the quality of life in their community. MASC will award ten \$25,000 grants this year. Ms. McClellan noted that there would be a 5% match requirement, which would be \$1,250. Ms. McClellan said she had reached out to SC Sea Grant Consortium because they had previously done a study on SC Working Waterfronts which included McClellanville. Ms. McClellan said that SCSGC was willing to partner with the town and propose a grant to go a step beyond the previous study which would specifically concentrate on creating a master plan for the future of McClellanville's Working Waterfront. Mayor Leland said that he thought it was very much needed. Council agreed.

There were no comments regarding the August financial statements.

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council