

Minutes
McClellanville Town Council
February 4, 2019

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, Chris Bates, and Bob Gannon were present. Councilman Jim Scott was absent. Town Clerk Michelle McClellan, Deputy Jacqui Woodall with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and several members of the community were in attendance.

Mayor Leland opened the meeting and asked Council to review the minutes of the January 7 meeting. Councilman Gannon 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.

Deputy Woodall gave a monthly crime report for the area.

The first item on the agenda was a request for use of municipal grounds by CRECS for an oyster roast on Saturday, February 23 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Council had no objections to the request.

Grace Gasper, executive director of Friends of Coastal South Carolina, addressed Council to thank them for previous donations and requested a \$500 donation for this year. Councilman Gannon made a motion to approve the donation request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members present and voting.

Next, Mayor Leland addressed the SCDOT Traffic and Speed Study done in January 2019. He said that the report was very similar to previous reports stating that SCDOT does not feel that the traffic at the Highway 17 and Highway 45 intersection justifies a stop light. Mayor Leland said that a copy of the report had been forwarded to Bobby Brock who brought the issue before Council and is available to anyone else who would like a copy. Councilman Gannon said that this had been recurring for many years with identical results. Mayor Leland said that the Town had been told previously that we could pay for a stoplight at the intersection but would then be liable for any accidents. He said that has not been Council's inclination. Mayor Leland said that 15 new houses were built in McClellanville in the past year and that traffic coming in and out of the intersection had increased, but not enough to meet SCDOT standards.

Next Council discussed the paving of Kit Hall Road. Ms. McClellan said that the paving was approved in July 2018 for funding through the Charleston County TST Sales Tax program. The Town sent out letters and maps showing the required easement for paving and asked for a response regarding their willingness to grant the easement to the Town. Ms. McClellan reported that all property owners agreed except for one in which the property owners was deceased, and the property was in probate at this time. Ms. McClellan said that she had received one complaint from a resident that did not want the road paved and wanted to give everyone an opportunity to come before Council. Richard Billington said that he wanted to ask about having Broadmarsh included in the paving, but that the Mayor had explained that the County was not taking on any new roads at this time. He said that he was concerned about the County taking property from him to move phone and electric lines. Mayor Leland said that there would be a public hearing with representatives from the County before any work was started. Celeste Billington said that she was concerned about cars speeding around the curve without the bumpy road to slow them down. She said that children ride bikes and walk to and from school. Mayor Leland suggested asking the County about installing sidewalks or a bike path when paving the road.

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Next, Council considered an amendment to the current fireworks ordinance. Council Gannon made a motion to Amend *Section 6.201.1 Use of Fireworks - Exceptions* to allow the discharging or shooting of fireworks on the 25th of December between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. Cheves Leland questioned the reason for adding dates to the ordinance. Councilman Gannon said that he felt that residents would like to have more available options to discharge fireworks and that the public would have a chance to discuss their concerns at the public hearing next month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baldwin and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members present and voting.

Next, Mayor Leland discussed his meeting with Charleston County School District (CCSD) COO Jeff Borowy and Angela Barnette, director of planning and real estate. Mayor Leland said that CCSD was working toward procuring land for the proposed new middle/high school that would replace Lincoln. He said that they are currently looking at two sites in the Awendaw area and would keep the Town updated on any progress or new developments. He also said that they were open to selling or leasing McClellanville Middle School if anyone was interested in the property.

Council next reappointed Councilman Gannon to serve on the BCD-Council of Governments Board of Directors.

The next item on the agenda was forming a Complete Count Committee to encourage and develop 2020 Census awareness. Council had no objection.

Next Council discussed transferring funds to the Town's Capital Projects Account. Councilman Gannon made a motion to Transfer \$20,000 of fund balance from last year's audit to the Capital Reserve Fund. Councilman Gannon's motion included not using the funds for repairs less than \$5,000 and having Council look at the fund balance each year after the annual audit to determine an amount, if any, to be put into the Capital Projects Account. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bates and carried by a unanimous vote of Council members present and voting.

There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle A. McClellan
Clerk of Council