

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

The regular Six Mile Town Council meeting was held August 1, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM at 106 South Main Street, Six Mile, S.C. Members in attendance were Mayor Roy Stoddard, presiding; Council: James Atkinson, Karen Bedenbaugh, Jadd Smith, and Tommy Yongue. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on July 31, 2023.

Call to Order & Invocation

Mayor Stoddard asked Councilman Atkinson to give the invocation, then Mayor Stoddard led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Session:

Carolyn Nations was asked to come forward to speak about Pickens County 250. This is a celebration of the 250th year of the USA. The committee meets at the Pickens County Museum every 3rd Tuesday of each month to prepare for this celebration and she encouraged those interested to attend the meetings.

Matthew Golden was also in attendance. He moved into the area from Aiken County about a year and a half ago. He is employed by First Citizens Bank and is a member of Leadership Pickens County and just wanted to get to know more people and see what the Town of Six Mile was like.

John Gaudio, Six Mile's Recreation Director, was in attendance at his first Council meeting; he introduced himself and told a bit about himself. He announced that the Recreation Department has made 24 teams with 250 players.

Committee Reporting

Safety: Chairman Yongue gave the safety report from the Sheriff's Office for the month.

Recreation: Chairman Smith deferred to the Recreation Director for an update on our various activities at Ponderosa Park.

Administration: Karen Bedenbaugh asked about donating to Pickens County Meals on Wheels in addition to the \$1200 that the Town donates annually. This is needed to help with the repair of the McKissick Center that sustained severe water damage on June 9th. Mayor Stoddard said he would investigate this and see what was needed.

Budget: Chairman Atkinson said that there wasn't much to discuss about the budget since we are only in the first month of the fiscal year. He did mention that we had received a letter from the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office sent to all S.C. municipalities stating that the minimum percentage of increase allowance to the Six Mile millage rate was an additional 12.48% just this one time if needed. Six Mile does not need to take advantage of this one time increase nor the regular annual increase limitation of 8.00% pursuant to SC Code due to the sound fiscal management of Council. Six Mile currently has the lowest millage rate in Pickens County at 31.1 mills and has not raised the millage rate in years.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Stoddard mentioned that there will be a meeting later this week to continue work on the contract to build a pavilion 50' X 80' at the community park.

Consent Agenda

The minutes for the July 11, 2023, meeting were approved.

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Action Items

Mayor Stoddard made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 9052023-01, to increase the salary of Council and Mayor effective January 2023 to equal the average salaries for towns in Six Mile's population range. These salaries have remained unchanged for over 25 years. Council Person Bedenbaugh made the second. The vote passed for the first reading: 3 for and 2 opposed (Yongue and Smith).

Mayor Stoddard made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 9052023-02, to increase the candidate filing fee for Council from \$15 to \$30 and for Mayor from \$25 to \$50 effective January 2023. Councilman Smith made the second and the vote to accept the first reading was unanimous.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #8012023, purchasing procedures. Councilperson Bedenbaugh made the second. The purpose of this Ordinance is to update the current purchasing procedure based on the model ordinance from the MASC. The vote was unanimous.


Mayor Stoddard adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:

By: 
Date: Sept. 5, 2023