

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

The annual public hearing for the FY24 budget followed by the regular Six Mile Town Council meeting was held June 6, 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 June 5, 2023.

Call to Order & Invocation

Mayor Stoddard gave the invocation and then led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing for FY24 Budget

Mayor Stoddard opened the public hearing and asked for any comments or questions concerning the proposed FY24 Budget. Hearing none, he changed the order of the meeting to regular session.

Public Session

Katie Rampey came forward to tell Council of the committee's plans for the Christmas activities for the coming December. They would like to have Ole Fashioned Christmas on November 30, the annual Christmas dinner (which hasn't been held for several years) for all the Town's volunteers on Friday, December 1 and the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2. They also want to replace all the bulbs in the street Christmas decorations (Poinsettias) to LED bulbs. They have a plan to do all this for an estimated \$6,950.00. Council was agreeable to all these suggestions.

Kayln Charrett from 108 Poplar Terrace came before Council to ask if they could have livestock (two cows) on their one-acre lot in Hominy Hills. They have two cows already that they are nursing back to health and 5 dogs. After some discussion, the mayor told her that Council would take it under advisement, that they would have to speak with one of the neighbors that has made a complaint and they would be back in touch.

Committee Reporting

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

Recreation: Chairman Jadd Smith said that fall signups are in progress until July 15. Field 3 is being re-worked. Sod and sand are arriving, and the volunteers are planning to work Saturday to lay the sod.

Administration: Karen Bedenbaugh announced that the Independence Day celebration will be held on July 3rd starting with the Farmers Market at 4 pm, the Bicycle Parade at 6pm, etc.

Budget: Chairman Atkinson told Council that he doesn't see any problem with the current budget. The only thing that caught his attention was the money from a grant for the fire department that came into the town's account by ACH and after several inquiries, the clerk found out where the money came from and cut a check to the fire department for those funds. Mr. Atkinson stated that the auditor needs to be aware of this since it was not the town's income nor expense.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Stoddard stated that the Family Dollar Tree will be opening in August if plans go as expected.

The mayor will meet with Tim Brown and Kevin Shoemake in the morning to determine the company that will be contracted to build the pavilion at the community park.

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The entrance to the Children's Nature Walk will be constructed by the county and the town will only have to pay for the materials.

Consent Agenda

The minutes for the May 2 meeting were approved.

Action Items

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to adopt a Resolution adopting the Pickens County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilmember Bedenbaugh made the second and the vote to adopt this Resolution was unanimous.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the second reading of The Fire Service Agreement for Pickens County. The purpose of this new agreement is to take the 13 individual districts down to one district so that fire fees can be consistent countywide. Councilmember Bedenbaugh made the second and the vote to accept the second reading of this agreement was unanimous.

Councilman Atkinson made a motion to accept the second reading of the FY24 Budget in the amount of \$549,658 along with the Non-Reverting Recreation Budget in the amount of \$44,250. Note: Council has elected not to take any funds from the Non-Reverting funds to pay the Recreation Director's salary as was discussed earlier. Councilman Bedenbaugh made the second and the vote to pass the second and final reading of the FY24 budget was unanimous.

Mayor Stoddard made a motion to go into Executive Session per SC State Code Section 30-4-70(a), (contract/personnel) and Councilmember Smith made the second. The vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.


Mayor Stoddard called the meeting back into regular session and asked if there were any motions. Councilman Smith made a motion to offer John Peter Gaudio, as an independent contractor, the position of Director for the Six Mile Recreation Department for \$35,000.00 annually with no benefits. Councilmember Bedenbaugh made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Stoddard adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:


Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:

By: 
Date: 7-11-2023