

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

The Regular Council meeting was held by the Six Mile Town Council at Town Hall (106 South Main Street, Six Mile, S.C.) on April 2, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Members in attendance were Mayor James Atkinson: Presiding; Council: Mark Beckman and Judy Shaw. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on April 1, 2024.

Call to Order & Invocation

Mayor Atkinson asked Councilman Beckman to give the invocation then asked Councilperson Shaw to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Public Session:

He then asked Denise Kwiatek, with Pickens County Emergency Management to speak to Council about the procedures that Pickens County has in place for potential natural and man-made disasters.

Committee Reporting

Public Health and Safety: Chairman Smith was absent.

Recreation: Stan Butler, Recreation Director, announced that the construction started today on the soccer field and should be completed by the end of the month. Also, all spring sports will be starting April 8.

Building/Grounds/IT: Chairperson Beckman met with the contractor on the Downtown Pavilion, and he said that Duke Energy has put the power meter in place. The county inspection will take place one week from today followed by the final inspection. The parking lot is the next priority. He also mentioned that he attended the Veteran's event at Semper Fi Barn last week and told Council what a success that was. Chairman Beckman is working to consolidate the lawn maintenance and exterminating contracts for the town. The company that he has engaged to install the buzzer system on the front door of Town Hall is very busy, but he hopes to get it installed soon. He and our Events Coordinator, Katie Rampey are working to find a solution for storing the sound equipment, stage, etc for events including the Farmer's Market and the Issaqueena Festival. The older Connex container is leaking, and they are going to go through the stored items and move what is to be saved into the newer Connex.

HR/Special Projects: Judy Shaw is working to update the employee handbook and beautify the front of Town Hall by repainting the sign that is under the electronic sign, plants/flowers, etc.

Mayor's Report/Finance: Chairman Atkinson announced that he has placed Judy Shaw over HR/Special Projects. He asked Council to call next week "Neighbor helping Neighbor" week. This will be posted on the sign and the FB page. Consent was given. The dedication of the Stoddard Pavilion along with some other activities including the first Farmer's Market will take place starting at 2:15 PM on April 30. On July 25, the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "State of Six Mile" program/dinner. It will be held at the Roper Building and there will be a cost per plate.

Finance: Mayor Atkinson mentioned several accounts that have gone over budget and the reasoning for each one.

Consent Agenda

The minutes for the March 12, 2024, meeting were approved.

Action Items

Councilperson Beckman made a motion to accept a resolution amendment to Business License Fees as follows: New businesses which do not have a previous year gross income shall pay

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license fees on projected income from the start date of the business through the end of the business license year. State law mandates that fees are paid on gross income without deductions for expenses/costs such as rent, insurance, salaries, costs of goods sold, and any other operational expenses [S.C. Code Sec. 6-1-400(e)(1)]. Councilperson Shaw made the second and after some discussion the vote was unanimous.

Councilperson Shaw made a motion to forward to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Town of Six Mile Zoning Ordinance a section on declaring the operation of a drug house/business a Public Nuisance and holding anyone aiding its operation accountable, Councilman Beckman made the second and after some discussion the vote passed unanimously.

Councilperson Beckman made a motion for an amendment to Ordinance # 8012023 requiring that design and construction of all newly constructed Town facilities, with applicability to this Ordinance, shall be in compliance with the Town Zoning Ordinance. Councilperson Shaw seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilperson Shaw made a motion to accept the first reading of the FY25 Budget in the amount of \$390,990.00 and the Non-Reverting Recreation Budget in the amount of \$75,739.00. Councilman Beckman made the second and after some discussion the vote for the first reading of the FY25 Budget was passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mayor Atkinson made a motion at to go into Executive Session per SC State Code Section 30-4-70(a) legal and personnel matters; Councilman Beckman made the second and the vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting back to regular session at 7:15 P.M. and asked if there were any motions to come from Executive Session.

Councilmember Beckman made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Rebecca Warlick from the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately. Councilmember Shaw made the second and the vote to accept this resignation was unanimous.

Councilmember Beckman made a motion to appoint Councilmember, Judy Shaw to serve as Liaison from the Town Council to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. Councilmember Shaw made the second and vote passed unanimously.

Council member Beckman made a motion to recognize Simper Fi Barn at an upcoming event (The State of Six Mile) as the Non-Profit of the Year. Judy Shaw made the second and the motion passed unanimously.


Mark Beckman made a motion to recognize, at that same event, Red White & Brew as the Business of the Year. Judy Shaw made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark Beckman made the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:


Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:

By: 
Date: 5-7-24