

Budget/Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

A combination Council and Budget meeting for the FY/25 was held by the Six Mile Town Council at Town Hall (106 South Main Street, Six Mile, S.C.) on February 6, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Members in attendance were Mayor James Atkinson: Presiding; Council: Mark Beckman and Beau Proffitt. Jadd Smith came in for the regular session of the meeting. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on February 5, 2024.

Call to Order & Invocation

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

Mayor Atkinson asked Katie Rampey, Events Coordinator, to proceed with the Events budgets for the coming fiscal year. She went through each with estimated revenues and expenses for the Farmer's Market, Halloween, Christmas, Issaqueena Festival, and Independence Day. She said she plans to apply for A Tax money for the 2025 Issaqueena Festival for entertainment and advertising costs.

Public Session:

Mayor Atkinson asked Tim Brown, Architect, to give an update on the Stoddard Pavilion. He told Council that the steel structure is complete, there are some electrical items that need to be completed before Duke Energy can come out and make the connection. Also, the lighting fixtures are out of stock, so they are looking at alternatives. He has a group of students that have designed seating benches (that can alternately be used as tables for Market events) and the Tindall (Precast Concrete company) has donated materials for this (\$50,000) bench project, which will cost the town nothing.

Ellen Haynes, Chair of the Downtown Park Committee, introduced herself. She is very knowledgeable about native plant landscaping, and she has applied for a \$1000 landscaping grant for the downtown park. Her committee is working on an updated plan for the park as a whole. She mentioned selling monogrammed bricks as a fundraiser. They have a plaque in process for the pavilion dedication to Roy C. Stoddard.

Mr. Jack Hall, a resident from Edens Ridge discussed communication.

Committee Reporting

Public Health and Safety: Chairman Smith gave us the safety report from Pickens County Sheriff's Office for the month of January.

Recreation: Chairman Proffitt announced that there are 242 registrants for the Spring sports season with an additional 16 on a waiting list. Evaluations will start on the 17th of February.

Building/Grounds/IT: Chairperson Beckman said that he and Katie Rampey are going to do inventory and manage storage options for Christmas, Halloween items, etc. He is still looking for a buzzer system for the front door of town hall, so staff can keep the door locked but have the ability to open the door with a remote. He is evaluating our lawn maintenance contracts. He is going to review our rental properties and ensure those are well maintained.

Mayor's Report/Finance: Chairman Atkinson said referenced several year-to-date expense accounts that are over budget and explained the reasoning.

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Consent Agenda

The minutes for January 16, 2024, meeting were approved.

Action Items

Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the second reading of the FY/24 Audit as presented by Gary Bailey at our January meeting and Councilman Proffitt made the second and the vote to accept the second reading was unanimous.

Councilman Beckman made a motion to take from the table, the Safety Policy Statement; Councilman Proffitt made the second. After some discussion, Councilman Beckman made a motion to adopt the Safety Policy Statement, Councilman Proffitt made the second and the vote to adopt it was unanimous.

Councilman Proffitt made a motion to accept the second reading of the Town Permits/Site/Usage/License Fees Schedule for 2024. Councilman Beckman made the second and the vote to adopt the updated fee schedule was unanimous.

Councilman Smith made a motion to authorize Mayor Atkinson to retain a consulting forester to select and supervise a tree thinning vendor for the Bryson Site who will comply with site plan objectives and BMP and the Conservation Easement. Such thinning will ensure a healthy forest, and the proceeds can be immediately utilized for invasive species eradication of the site. Councilman Proffitt made the second and the vote to approve this motion was unanimous.

Executive Session:

Mayor Atkinson made a motion at 7:57 P.M. go into Executive Session per SC State Code Section 30-4-70(a) legal and personnel matters; Councilman Proffitt made the second and the vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting back to regular session at 8:40 P.M. and made a motion to appoint the Public Health and Safety Town Council member as the Safety Coordinator in conjunction with the Safety Policy Statement. Councilman Beckman made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to appoint Phillips CPAs and Advisors to complete our 2024/25 Financial Audit at a cost of \$10,000.00 annually with an option to renew for two years.

Councilman Smith made the second and the vote was unanimous.


Mayor Atkinson made a motion to appoint Judy Shaw as a volunteer, based on her background and experience, to assist with Human Resources. Councilman Proffitt made the second and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:


Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:

By: 
Date: 3-12-24