

# Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The Regular Town Council meeting was held by the Six Mile Town Council at Town Hall (106 South Main Street, Six Mile, S.C.) on January 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance were Mayor James Atkinson: Presiding; Council: Mark Beckman, Chris King and Beau Proffitt. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on January 13, 2025.

## **Call to Order & Invocation**

Mayor Atkinson asked Councilmember Beckman to give the invocation, he then asked Councilmember Proffitt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Public Session/Guests:**

The Mayor asked Jason Evans, Ambassador/Manager of FAVOR Upstate, to come forward to speak to Council. This is a non-profit organization that offers assistance for people suffering from substance use disorders in finding and sustaining recovery.

Walton J. Carter and Ashley Giles from Pickens County Veterans Affairs Officer were present and Mr. Carter came forward to tell Council about functions of his office which they help our Veterans.

Tom Smith then came forward and spoke about the coming Memorial Day Service set for May 30, 2025.

## **Consent Agenda**

The minutes for December 11, 2024, were approved.

## **Action Items**

Matthew Phillips of Phillips CPAS and Advisors presented the FY24 Audit for the Town of Six Mile. Councilmember Beckman made a motion to approve the first reading of the FY24 Audit. Councilmember Proffitt made the second and the vote to approve the first reading was approved.

At 7:40 pm, Chris King made a motion to go into Executive Session; Beau Proffitt seconded the motion and the vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting back to regular session at 8:37 PM and asked if there were any motions to come from the Executive Session.

Chris King made a motion to proceed under legal counsel guidance and contingent upon satisfactory insurance coverage documentation for the town with a contractual arrangement with BLE for building inspection services in the town as currently performed by Pickens County using their same building, construction and activities codes as required in all SC municipalities and counties in addition to this inspection agreement incorporating the town's current zoning ordinance requirements. This will result in no new inspection requirements in the town itself but house all currently required town and county inspection signoff on related matters under the BLE vendor thereby eliminating all county building inspections in the town and bringing the town revenue for inspections on a percentage sharing basis with BLE versus the county receiving all building code inspection revenue. This outsourcing arrangement will require the town to formally adopt those same inspection requirements required by the state and currently utilized by the county in town building inspections. This arrangement will ensure inspection proficiency, promote safety, reduce potential town liability, ensure state compliance, simplify the inspection

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signoff related process when inspections are required, and reduce turnaround time locally for inspections and inspection related matters. Mark Beckman made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Mark Beckman made a motion to accept the first reading of the update to the Business License Ordinance, Chris King seconded the motion. After some discussion, the vote passed unanimously.

Those minor updates primarily to promote regional uniformity are as follows:

- Lower the income threshold for the base rate to \$0-\$2000

- Increase the rate for Class 8 businesses to \$1.50 for each additional \$1000 of income above the base threshold

- Introduce a dual penalty structure as follows:

  - A \$25 administrative processing late fee

  - A penalty of 15% for the first delinquent month and 5% for each subsequent month

## Committee Reporting

Administration/Finance/Greenspace: Mayor Atkinson mentioned that our R&M account (5085) is running in the red due to infrastructure repairs. He mentioned that the prior Mayor and Council had decided to put the Issaqueena Quilt Block at the Stoddard Pavillion on the side of the storage building, but that building was cut from the original plan. Now that we have a storage shed at the downtown park, he suggested, and Council agreed to place the quilt block on the north side of that building.

Public Health and Infrastructure: Chairman King and the Mayor inspected the town hall and the old fire department, and they are getting quotes to replace three of the HVAC systems. He mentioned the possibility of revamping the upstairs of the old fire department to repurpose this space.

Recreation: Chairman Proffitt said that the spring season registration is open and will end February 22. There are already 225 enrollees registered. The heat system in the Recreation Director's office at Ponderosa will need to be fixed or replaced. The current concessions vendor for the Recreation Department is not going to continue this year, so they are looking at other possibilities.

IT/Safety: Chairperson Beckman gave the Sheriff's report for Pickens County. He mentioned that the safety manual being revised.

HR/Volunteers: Chairperson Shaw was absent.


The Mayor needs to have a quick meeting on January 21, Tuesday at 1:30 to get the second reading of the Business License Ordinance updates to meet deadline to upload to the SC BL Portal.

Beau Proffitt made a motion to adjourn, Chris King made the second and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:

By:   
Date: 2-11-25