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Town Council Meeting
Tuesday March 5th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
1313 Bridge Street (St. Matthews Municipal Court), St. Matthews, SC 29135

Call to Order – Mayor Helen Glover-Carson

Agenda

1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Acceptance of Police, Fire and Animal Reports

Citizens Input

1. Each citizen must sign in and has up to **3 minutes to speak** to matters on the Agenda or matters related to the Town of St. Matthews.

Mayor and Council News

1. Recognition of Town Employees
2. Town Council News

Motions Period (Town Council) – None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

1. Capital Projects – Update
2. Demolition Projects Update
3. Town Events
4. Water Billing Issues – Update
5. Fire Department – Update

New Business

1. Calhoun County Request – July 4th 2024
2. Police Department Request
3. Street Paving
4. NASCAR – Public Employee Day (05/12/2024)
5. Letter from St. Matthews K-8 PTSO
6. First Baptist St. Matthews Request

Report of the Town Administrator

1. Fire Department Report
2. Police Department Report (Chief and Staff)
3. Maintenance Department Report

Executive Session

1. Police Department – Personnel Matter

Adjournment

Town of St. Matthews

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

1313 Bridge Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135

Council Members Present:

Mayor Helen Glover-Carson

Virgil Jacobs

William "Webb" Carroll

Deidre Prickett

Sharon Bennett

Marla Riley

Eloise Shuler Guinyard

Also Present:

Rosyl Warren, Town Administrator

Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk

Gregory Sandlin, Fire Chief

Gregory Wilson, Maintenance Supervisor

Michael Smalls, Chief of Police

Mayor Glover-Carson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jacobs opened the Meeting in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Glover-Carson entertained a motion to accept the prior Meeting Minutes. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Jacobs. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor acknowledged and welcomed those persons attending the Meeting.

The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the Police, Fire, and Animal Control Reports. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Ms. Bennett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Citizens Input

Cindy Sarrett voiced her concerns about the Town Tethering Ordinance. The Town Council amended the animal ordinance on June 01, 2021, which mandated all outside dogs be kept in a kennel and in a fenced yard that would prohibit tethering with a vote of six to one. In September 2023, the Town adopted the Calhoun County Animal Ordinance allowing Tethering. She would like the Town to amend the animal ordinance removing tethering.

Mayor and Council News

Recognition of Town Employees: The Mayor acknowledged the birthdays of Town Employees for February: Mr. Young on February 1st, Mr. Johnson on February 6th, Mr. Binsley on February 10th, and Ms. Vibudulu on February 27th.

Ms. Shuler-Guinyard stated several constituents in District number four thanked the Fire Department for their services. Ms. Shuler-Guinyard thanked the Police Department for patrolling the Turkey Heights area and the Maintenance Department for improving the water quality in her area.

Mr. Jacobs voiced his concerns about the speeding of log trucks on Calhoun Road. Chief Smalls stated that the Department of Transportation should erect truck signs.

The Mayor spoke about the old Wannamaker Seed building and clarified some misinformation

about the recent demolition. The Mayor attended the MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day and wanted to obtain information on how the Town of St. Matthews can receive funding for housing. The Mayor learned that the funds would have to come from Accommodation Taxes. Ms. Prickett thanked Cindy Sarratt for expressing her concerns about Tethering. Ms. Prickett felt that the issue was dear to many citizens.

Ms. Bennett attended the Hometown Legislative Action Day and would like the town to do more culturally diverse activities. On February 07, 2024, Ms. Bennett graduated from the Municipal Associations Advanced Institute of Government. Ms. Bennett voiced her concerns on ways to prevent Dollar General trucks from crossing the bridge.

Ms. Riley voiced her concerns about why the Department of Transportation hasn't served her district with regards to street sweeping.

Ms. Kathy Booker, of MUSC was present and introduced members of the MUSC Orangeburg, S.C. MUSC – Orangeburg – Walter Bennett III, CEO – Mr. Bennett was appointed CEO of MUSC Orangeburg in June last year. He is a native of Manning, South Carolina. Mr. Bennett stated the mission of MUSC Orangeburg is to preserve and optimize human life in the State of South Carolina through education, research, and patient care. Mr. Bennett gave an overview of the services provided by MUSC of Orangeburg, S. C. Several Council members and one citizen voiced their concerns and ways to help improve MUSC.

Calhoun County Voter Registration – Mr. Chase Donaldson explained the 2024 Presidential Primaries and the early voting process. Mr. Donaldson reviewed the 2024 schedule.

Motions Period (Town Council): None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

Donation Requests (3) – Dr. Tullock approved donation requests for St. Matthews K-8 School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization and Calhoun County Marching Band. Dr. Tullock denied the Calhoun County Softball donation request; however, the school board will address their needs. Mayor Glover-Carson entertained a motion to donate two hundred dollars to the Calhoun County Marching Band and two hundred dollars to St. Matthews K-8 Parent-Teacher-Student Organization. It was moved by Ms. Prickett and seconded by Mr. Carroll. Councilmembers, Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and Mr. Jacobs opposed the motion. The motion was carried.

Capital Projects Update – Mr. Wilson spoke with Hardee Construction, and when the weather permits, they will finish the remainder of the projects.

Demolition Projects Update – Mr. Mitchell is awaiting permits from SC DHEC to complete the demolition.

Town Events - A planning meeting was held on January 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting included the Department Heads and the Event Committee discussing the Town Events for the 2024 calendar year. On February 23, 2024, Town Employees, Councilmembers, and Event Committee members will have a “Bowling Night” at Stars and Stripes in Irmo SC, at 6:30 p.m.

March 1st- Lake Inspiration Playground Opening 10:00 a.m.

March 23rd - Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 19th - 20th - Purple Martin Festival 3:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

May 4th - Community Yard Sale (Richland Ave.)

May 16th - National Police Week

June 14th & 15th - Town Clean Up Day

July 20th - Fire Department Sponsors “Grand Opening/Community Day” (Tentatively)

August 6th - National Night Out (Town Hall Pocket Park)

August 30th - Western Dance (Adults Only) Town Hall

September 20th - Town Employees Softball Game (Public Invited)

October 7th - Fire Prevention Week

October 11th - Police Department Sponsors “Halloween Movie Night”

November 8th - Veterans’ Appreciation Day Luncheon (Town Hall)

December 7th - Town of St. Matthews Christmas Parade

December 13th - Town of St. Matthews Christmas Party

Water Billing Issues – On Friday January 09, 2024 Representatives from Ferguson Water Works will be coming to Town Hall to resolve issues with the Water Billing System.

Fire Department – Update - The groundbreaking ceremony took place on January 26, 2024 and Hardee Construction is scheduled to begin construction soon.

SCIIP Grant Project Upgrade- Representatives from HPG and Lower Savannah Council of Governments met on Thursday February 01, 2024. They have begun ordering materials for the water system upgrades.

New Business

State Fleet Management Meeting – Ms. Warren and Chief Smalls met with the State Fleet Manager and reviewed their options but decided not to proceed using their plan.

Fraud Protection – The Town has implemented Positive Pay with Truist Bank. This will deter fraudulent activity. Ms. Warren stated she is in the process of having Positive Pay set up with Wells Fargo Bank.

Calhoun County Tethering Ordinance – Calhoun County Animal Control will enforce this ordinance.

Request from “I am Lavish” Foundation – On July 06 2024, the “I am Lavish” Foundation requested the use of the property on Richland Avenue. The “I am Lavish” foundation will need Event insurance on the day of the Event.

SCDHEC LCRR Regulations - This is a federal law that took place back in 2021. The Town will have to identify the type of pipes that are on both sides of the meter. The Town must complete the inventory by October 16, 2024. DHEC has contracted with Trupani to help Towns in completing their inventory. The Town will notify residents, if their pipes have to be replaced.

Report of the Town Administrator

Ms. Warren informed Council members that when a staff member attends a Conference, they will give a one-to-two-minute report of what they learned and what the conference covered.

Fire Department Report (Chief and Staff) - Fire Chief Sandlin thanked everyone for attending the groundbreaking ceremony. Chief Sandlin spoke with Dwayne Hardee, and the plans are being reviewed, then will proceed to the permitting phase. The AFG Grant opened on January 29, 2024, and Chief Sandlin submitted his paperwork. The Fire Department applied for the V-Safe grant and was approved for \$13,280.00 to purchase mobile 800 radios.

Fireman Ross Binsley attended a fire service improvement conference at the South Carolina Fire

Academy. Mr. Binsley learned valuable information regarding school bus extraction.

Police Department Report (Chief and Staff) – The Police Department has started the State accreditation process.

Ms. Vibudulu attended a Human Trafficking Conference in Myrtle Beach, S. C. Ms. Vibudulu learned valuable and pertinent information on how to detect Human Trafficking.

Maintenance Department Report – The Maintenance Department focuses on keeping the Town Beautiful. Mr. Wilson and his crew diligently working on identifying the pipes for Lead and Copper Regulations.

SCCCMA Conference – Ms. Warren attended the South Carolina City/County Managers Association Conference in Kiawah Island. Ms. Warren gave valuable information on ways to grow the Town. There is a new program that would pay Towns to be a Passport Application Acceptance facility. Ms. Warren shared other Towns' programs.

Mayor Glover-Carson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Potential Legal Matter. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Bennett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council reconvened its Public Session at approximately 8:20 p.m. with no further discussion. The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Meeting. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and

seconded by Ms. Bennett. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by



Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk