



Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm

MEETING LOCATION

1313 Bridge Street St. Matthews, SC 29135

1. Call to Order

Mayor Helen Peterson

2. Agenda

- a. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Attachments:

- **Town Council Meeting Minutes** (Council_Meeting_Minutes_07-05-2022.pdf)

- c. Approval of the Agenda

Attachments:

- **Council Meeting Agenda** (Council_Agenda_08-02-2022.pdf)

- d. Acceptance of the Police and Fire Reports

Attachments:

- **Fire Report** (Fire_Report_07-27-22.pdf)
- **Police Report** (Police_Report_07-27-22.pdf)

3. Citizen Input

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.

4. Mayor and Council News

- a. Recognition of Town Employees
- b. Town Council News
- c. Calhoun County Administrator, John McLaughin

5. Motions Period (Town Council) - None Distributed to Administration

6. Old Business

- a. National Night Out - August 2nd 2022

Attachments:

- **National Night Out** (National_Night_Out_07-27-22.pdf)

- b. Be Kind, Be Great Community Event - August 27th 2022

Attachments:

- **Be Kind Be Great** (Be_Kind_Be_Great_Event.pdf)

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- c. Demolition Assistance Program**
 - d. Audits**
 - e. Capital Projects Update - Action Needed**
 - f. RIA Meeting (Rural Infrastructure Authority)**

Attachments:

- **SC Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program** (SC_Infrastructure_Investment_Program_07-27-2022.pdf)

- g. Dominion Energy - LED Lights**
 - h. Police Department - Sign -On Bonus**
 - i. Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews - ES**
 - j. Police Department - Personnel Matter - ES**
- 7. New Business**
- a. Town of St. Matthews Budget Ordinance (1st Reading by Title Only)**
 - b. Town Council Budget Work Session Dates**
 - c. Waste Management Rate Increase**
 - d. SC State Mutual Aid Agreement - Resolution**
 - e. SC American Revolution 250 Anniversary Commission - Information**
 - f. Dominion Energy Donation**
 - g. Fire Department - Contractual Matter - ES**
- 8. Report of the Town Administrator**
- a. Event Committee**
 - b. Chief of Police Report**
 - c. Fire Chief Report**
 - d. Maintenance Supervisor Report**
- 9. Executive Session**
- a. Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews**
 - b. Police Department - Personnel Matter**
 - c. Fire Department - Contractual Matter - ES**
- 10. Adjourn**

Town of St. Matthews

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

1313 Bridge Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135

Council Members Present:

Mayor Helen Carson-Peterson
Eloise Shuler-Guinyard
William "Webb" Carroll
Sharon Bennett
Marla Riley
Virgil Jacobs

Also Present:

Rosyl Warren, Town Administrator
Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk
Michael Smalls, Chief of Police
Gregory Sandlin, Fire Chief
Gregory Wilson, Maint. Supervisor

Absent:

Deidre Prickett

Mayor Helen Carson-Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting was opened in prayer by Virgil Jacobs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by Ms. Shuler – Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor then entertained a motion to accept the prior Meeting Minutes, it was moved by Ms. Shuler – Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously. The Mayor then entertained a motion to accept the Police, Fire, and Animal reports. It was moved by Ms. Shuler- Guinyard and seconded by Webb Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously.

Citizens Input

Jacob Hair – He was concerned about the guardrail on F. R. Huff Drive near the courthouse. He asked, how long the penny tax has been approved and what projects have been completed. Lake Inspiration needs to be cleaned up. Mayor interjected to Mr. Hair comment about the penny tax, that the plans were made and they are now in the execution stage. The funds have been allocated for that area.

Mayor and Council News

The Mayor expressed condolences to the family of the late Furman Prickett Jr.
Recognition of Town Employees – There are no July birthdays.

Webb Carroll – Asked about the guardrail along Courthouse to Depot Road. Rosyl Warren commented that the award letter concerning the guardrail was received and the bid was awarded to Sharon Contractors.

Eloise Shuler – Guinyard – Expressed concerns about weeds growing and wanted Department of Transportation to spray the area. On Pearl Street an enormous amount of trash has accumulated and questioned whether the Town could purchase a camera or a light. She inquired whether or not the Town could erect a lighted sign to publicize Town meetings and events.

Sharon Bennett - Concerned about Christmas lights only being on one side of the street. The Town Administrator informed Ms. Bennett that Department of Transportation must receive a request from the school concerning the High School basketball team sign.

Marla Riley - Concerned about the street lights.

Old Business

Be Kind, Be Great Community Event – The event will be postponed until sometime in August. The Town Administrator will be meeting with Ericka Brown on July 07, 2022.

MASC Annual Meeting: The Mayor and three (3) council members will be attending the conference July 13, 2022 through July 17, 2022.

Demolition Assistance Program - The program will be advertised in The Calhoun Times and run through August. The deadline for the applications will be August 31, 2022.

Audits - The audits will be delayed and hopefully done in August.

Capital Projects Update: Meadors and Hardee Construction will meet on July 20, 2022 at 8:30 to discuss the property on Lake Inspiration, demolition, renovations guidelines, and Mill Street.

Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews – Will be discussed in Executive Session

Town Council - Contractual Matter – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

New Business

RIA (Rural Infrastructure Authority) Presentation - There will be a presentation done on July 13, 2022 in Branchville and July 19, 2022 in Aiken.

Letter: Office of State Treasurer – Audits are due.

CCR Water Quality Report 2021 – Utility customers will receive a copy of the report with their utility bill.

Police Department Personnel Matter – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

Fire/Police Department Personnel Matter – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

Report of the Town Administrator

Yard Trash: Contemplating assigning days to each side of Town.

Police Department Fan Giveaway – Will be discussed in the police report.

4th of July Fireworks Festival - The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

Dominion Energy Meeting – Town Administrator met with Dominion Energy Representatives and reported that they are working on scheduling the LED light replacement.

SCDOT Meeting - Ms. Warren had a meeting with Ms. Sumter from SCDOT. She was presented with Town concerns and will work on the list as they have a limited crew at this time.

Pump Repair/Replacement at Guess Lane - Pumps are working.

Event Committee - Ms. Bennett commented that the meeting was very productive and some great ideas were presented. Mr. Webb Carroll expressed that the meeting was very productive and he was pleased with the meeting.

Chief of Police – The fan giveaway drawing pulled twenty (20) names of Senior citizens. Chief Smalls commented that WLTX wanted to know if the Police Department would do another fan give away. For the gun back project, what would be an ideal dollar amount to retrieve the guns. Chief Smalls will schedule another “chat with the Chief “at Hardees. He will ask Hardees to sponsor tea, coffee and biscuits.

Fire Chief Report - The Fire Chief volunteered to donate fans to the remaining fourteen (14) names not selected during the drawing. The Fire Trucks are being maintained properly. The Fire Department had a training class and six (6) individuals passed the class and one (1) person failed. That individual has three (3) opportunities to retake and pass the exam.

Maintenance Supervisor Report - Trucks and Trailer are all on the road. All the guys know how to properly operate the trucks. The grabber from John Deere is in, and ready to be picked up.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews, Town Council Contractual Matter, Police Department Personnel Matter and Fire Department Personnel Matter. It was moved by Ms. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Jacobs. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Carson-Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn Executive Session at approximately 7:47 p.m. It was moved by Ms. Bennett and seconded by Ms. Riley. Th motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:



Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer



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Report of the Town Administrator

1. Event Committee
2. Chief of Police Report
3. Fire Chief Report
4. Maintenance Supervisor Report

Executive Session

1. Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews
2. Police Department – Personnel Matter
3. Fire Department – Contractual Matter

Note: **ES** indicates Executive Session

Adjournment

CALL TYPE	July 2022	Year-to-Date
Alarm - False	2	34
FIRE - Structure	2	22
FIRE - Vehicle	2	8
FIRE - Woods/Grass	1	24
MVA	12	61
Medical	2	18
Other	6	37
Inside Town Limits	8	67
Outside Town Limits	18	135
Total Calls	26	202

St. Matthews Police Department
Activity Summary
July 2022

Activity	# of calls	Arrest		
Alarms	22			
Animal Complaint	4			
Assaults	1			
Assist Motorist	3			
Breach of Trust/Stolen Vehicle/Property				
Burglary				
CDV				
Civil Disturbance	17			
Domestic Disturbance	4			
DUS				
Escorts/Roadblocks	15			
Follow Up	18			
Gunshots Fired in Town Limits	5			
Harrassments	1			
Hit and Run				
Identity Theft				
Juvenile	1			
Larceny				
Malicious Injury to Property				
Mental				
Missing Person/Runaway	2			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12			
Other	8			
Noise	2			
PDC/Public Drunk/DUI				
Prisoner Transport	3			
Property Check	23			
Public Service/Welfare Check	19			
Sexual Assaults				
Shoplifting				
Simple Possessions				
Suicide Threats				
Suspicious Activity/Vehicles	21			
Traffic Stops	73			
Trespass	2			
Unknown	4			
Vandalism				
Warrant				
911 Hangups	13			
Assist Other Agencies	EMS	CCSO	Fire Dept	DSS
3	6		4	
Total for the Month	286			

Town of St. Matthews Presents



**Sponsored by: St. Matthews Police Department and
Calhoun County Sheriff's Department**

Tuesday * August 2, 2022 * 6:00 to 8:00pm

**John Ford Community Center * 304 Agnes St * St.
Matthews**

Free Food

Music

School Supplies

While supplies last



Be Kind Be Great

501c3 Organization



PRESENTS

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**Saturday
Aug. 27th
From
9 - 11 am**

St. Matthews Community Giveaway

**St. Matthews Town Hall
606 F R Huff Dr.
St. Matthews, SC**

**Free
Household Items
& More**


For More Information Contact:

 BKBG.ORG

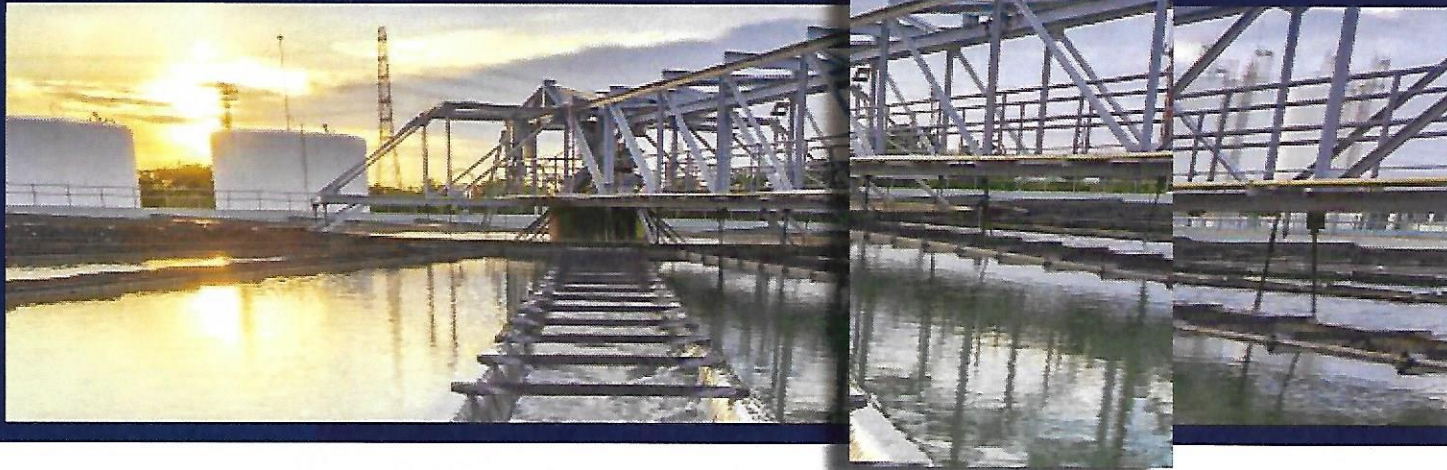
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 Be Kind Be Great

Sponsored by:

Walmart 

Store #:616 Orangeburg, SC



\$900 million
Total program
funding

\$10 million
May be requested
per project or
application for
competitive
infrastructure grants

The South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) is a major one-time initiative to improve water, wastewater and stormwater systems throughout the state using federal funds allocated by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). SCIIP offers a unique opportunity to make long-term capital improvements that will strengthen critical services to residents and businesses across the state, create more resilient communities and build the capacity to support future opportunities for growth and economic development.



“Water and sewer are key to life. The right water and sewer systems in a county can transform a tax base, creating jobs, good schools, and a vibrant community. With this investment ... we can ensure that South Carolina will have the workforce, the infrastructure, and the quality of life necessary to compete nationally and globally for jobs and investment – for generations to come.”

Gov. Henry McMaster

**CREATING WATER SOLUTIONS.
IMPROVING COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE.**

In order to achieve maximum impact, the Rural Infrastructure Authority will divide SCIIP funds to help large utilities that serve the most people and smaller systems that struggle to raise the capital needed to modernize outdated infrastructure. We will also incentivize regional partnerships where feasible to resolve the viability concerns of smaller systems and encourage other partnerships that create lasting solutions for communities. Funding will include \$100M for special economic development projects as designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

The Rural Infrastructure Authority is committed to a transparent and efficient grant process that ensures these funds will transform infrastructure across South Carolina. We will conduct a comprehensive review of applications and an analysis of needs to direct funds where they can be most effective, and then we will distribute grants expeditiously so projects can be completed by the federally mandated deadline of December 31, 2026.

Competitive Programs - \$800 million

Community Impact Grant: \$683M

- ◇ 60% for large utilities
 - serving ≥30K people
 - 25% local investment requirement
- ◇ 40% for smaller utilities
 - serving <30K people or utilities in Tier III/IV counties
 - 15% local investment requirement

Eligible Applicants

Units of local government, special purpose districts, commission of public works and joint municipal organizations. Units of local government may apply on behalf of non-profit water and sewer systems. Applicants must generally own or operate the facilities to be improved.

Regional Solutions Grant: \$80M

Funding for projects that result in regional consolidation, new or expanded operating agreements or other partnerships, particularly with smaller systems that have viability concerns. A local investment of 15% is required.

Selection Priorities

- Regional Solutions
- Protection of Public Health and Water Quality
- Resilience and Storm Protection
- Modernization of Aging Infrastructure
- Capacity Development and Economic Opportunities

Viability Planning Grant: \$20M

Grants up to \$1 million maximum will go to very small systems serving 3,300 or fewer people that want to address viability concerns or evaluate regional options as well as to identify capital improvement needs. No local investment is required.

Timeline

Application Deadline:

- ◇ September 12, 2022

Federal Expenditure Deadline:

- ◇ December 31, 2026

“The SC Rural Infrastructure Authority is invigorated by the chance to make transformational improvements to South Carolina’s most critical services, and we will ensure that the state capitalizes on this opportunity to put communities in a position to succeed in the future.”

RIA South Carolina
Rural Infrastructure Authority

Bonnie Ammons
Executive Director

