



Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 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:

- **Council Meeting Minutes 08/02/2022** (Town_Council_Meeting_Minutes_-_08022022.pdf)
- **Special Called Meeting 08/08/2022** (Special_Called_Town_Council_Meeting_Minutes_08082022.pdf)

c. Approval of the Agenda

Attachments:

- **Council Meeting Agenda 09/06/2022** (Council_Agenda_09062022.pdf)

d. Acceptance of the Police and Fire Reports

Attachments:

- **Fire Department Report** (St._Matthews_Fire_Department_Report.pdf)
- **Police Department Report** (St._Matthews_Police_Department_Activity_Summary_August_2022.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

5. Motions Period (Town Council)

6. Old Business

- a. National Night Out - Update
- b. Be Kind, Be Great Community Event - Update
- c. Demolition Assistance Program - Applications
- d. Dominion Energy Donation - Update
- e. Capital Projects Update
- f. Audit Update

g. Budget Work Sessions - (Potential Dates 9/19, 9/20)

h. Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews - ES

i. Fire Department - Contractual Matter - ES

j. Police Department - Legal Matter ES

7. New Business

a. Boards and Commission Training

b. Grand Re-Opening of John Felder Apartments

c. Young Saints Football Team Request - Action Needed

d. Dominion Energy - Energy Assistance

Attachments:

- **Dominion Energy Assistance** (Dominion_Energy_-_Energy_Assistance.pdf)

8. Report of the Town Administrator

a. Event Committee

Attachments:

- **Community Day Flyer** (Community_Event_Flyer.pdf)

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. Fire Department - Contractual Matter

c. Police Department - Legal Matter

10. Adjourn

Town of St. Matthews
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 02, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
1313 Bridge Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Rosyl Warren, Town Administrator
Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Gregory Sandlin, Fire Chief
Gregory Wilson, Maint. Supervisor

Absent:

Marla Riley

Mayor Helen Carson-Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Virgil Jacobs opened the meeting in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, the Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. It was moved by Ms. Shuler – Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Jacobs. 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. Jacobs. 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

Thomas Randolph: He was concerned about whether the landlord is legally responsible for an unpaid debt that the tenant did not pay. Mr. Randolph requests a refund of one hundred forty-six dollars and seventy-six cents (\$146.76).

Jacob Hair: He was concerned that the Council was not responding back to the citizens.

Carolyn Walling: She was concerned that the project for Lake Inspiration had not started.

Mayor and Council News

1. Recognition of Town Employees – There were two birthdays recognized, Ms. Eloise Shuler-Guinyard and Herbert Owens.
2. Town Council News: Webb Carroll said everything is running smoothly.

Eloise Shuler – Guinyard: Expressed concerns about the drain on Pearl Street.

Virgil Jacobs: He was concerned about the ditch on Carroll and Agnes Street.

Mayor Carson-Peterson: She spoke about the letter she received from the American Red Cross partnership with the Fire Department installing smoke detectors. She expressed how enlightened she was from attending the Mayor Association Convention that most Mayors knew each other on a first-name basis. The Mayor read two (2) thank you cards 1. The family of the late Furman McKinley Prickett Jr. acknowledges your kind expressions of sympathy with grateful appreciation. 2. From Eric Reed thanking Gregory Wilson and Nathan Young for rescuing and attending to his sewer issue.

The Mayor stated that the event held at the Museum concerning the Revolutionary War needs to be diversified.

Deidre Prickett: She expressed her appreciation on all the calls and text messages concerning the death of her father-in-law, the late Mr. Furman Prickett. She also commended Debbie Roland for doing an excellent job at the Museum.

Sharon Bennett: Discussed an issue on Church Street and Huff Drive. She attended the Municipal Association Annual Meeting and one of the technology workshops. She stated that Council needs a business email, not their personal email address. On August 13, 2022, she will give away school supplies and backpacks.

Rosyl Warren: She expressed gratitude to Mr. Kim Prickett for helping the town whenever he is called upon.

Calhoun County Administrator John McLaughlin: He talked about Phase one (1) Calhoun Sports Complex, and upon its completion, the County will need help with security from the town. He also thanked the city for demolishing the old St. Matthews High Building. Finally, Mr. McLaughlin wanted to know the Town's purpose and plans for that area. He wants to partner with the Town, still allowing them ownership of the land, but the County would utilize that spot for green space and picnic tables. For the Guard Rail Project, the additional cost would be ten thousand seven hundred dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$10,700.38) to complete the rails at knee length.

Motions Period (Town Council)- None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

National Night Out - August 02, 2022

Be Kind, Be Great Community Event – The event will be held on August 27, 2022, and the items will be distributed between the hours of 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Demolition Assistance Program – The deadline is August 31, 2022, and thus far, four (4) applications have been submitted.

Audits – The auditor, in conjunction with our CPA plan to have our audits caught up and the goal is to have them completed by the summer of next year.

Capital Projects Update: An additional 10,700.38 was needed to complete the Guardrail Project. It was requested that those additional funds come from the Downtown Streetscape Capital Project. The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the additional funds for the guardrail project. It was moved by Eloise -Shuler Guinyard and seconded by Virgil Jacobs. The motion was carried unanimously.

RIA Meeting (Rural Infrastructure Authority): Town Administrator and the Town CPA (Tim Cornelison) traveled to Aiken to discuss two (2) projects. 1. Replacing water lines and 2. Replacing water meters.

Dominion Energy: Will start replacing street lights with LED bulbs in November of this year.

Police Department: Sign-on Bonus: The new officer would receive five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to start and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) every quarter for a year.

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

Town of St. Matthews Budget Ordinance (1ST Reading by Title Only) – Need an approval vote for the title only. The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget of the title only. The motion was carried by Ms. Eloise Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Jacobs. The vote was carried unanimously.

The Council Budget Work Session Dates: Date and time need to be scheduled.

Waste Management Rate Increase: The rate increased from nine dollars and seventeen cents (\$9.17) to nine dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$9.38).

SC State Mutual Aid Agreement -Resolution: The Mayor entertained a motion to pass the resolution. The motion was carried by Ms. Shuler- Guinyard and seconded by Vigil Jacobs. The vote was carried unanimously.

SC American Revolution 250 Anniversary Commission – Information: The Mayor talked about having a diverse group of individuals that can discuss the history of The American Revolutionary War.

Dominion Energy Donation: Dominion Energy would like to donate three parcels of land to the Town of St. Matthews.

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

Report of the Town Administrator

Event Committee – Be Kind Be Great will be held on August 27, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. In addition, the Christmas parade will be held on December 10, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Chief of Police – The National Night Out Event. The Police Department received a donation from Lowes, a smoker, worth over seven hundred dollars (\$700.00). The plan is to raffle the smoker, and all the proceeds go to First Steps.

Fire Chief Report – The Community Day Event will be held on September 10, 2022, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. In addition, the Fire Chief attended a workshop on Fire Safe Orientation. The workshop discussed making St. Matthews a fire safe community.

Maintenance Supervisor Report – He stated that the new equipment is working well. The Town Administrator plans to plant flowers in front of the Town Hall. A special thanks to Kim Prickett for all his assistance for the Water Department.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews, the Police Department personnel matter, and the Fire Department Personnel Matter. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Webb Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council reconvened its Public Session at approximately 7:38 p.m. with no further discussion. Mayor Carson-Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:38 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard. The motion was carried unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosalind Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "J".

Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Town of St. Matthews
Special Called Town Council Meeting Minutes
August 08, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members present:

Mayor Helen Carson-Peterson
William 'Webb' Carroll
Deidre Prickett
Marla Riley
Virgil Jacob
Eloise Shuler-Guinyard
Sharon Bennett (Arrived while in ES)

Also Present:

Rosyl Warren, Town Administrator
Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Michael Smalls, Chief of Police

Mayor Carson-Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor opened the meeting in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Input: No citizens were present.

Council Session:

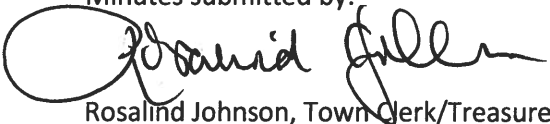
Police Department – Sign -On Bonus: Chief Smalls was asking Council members to approve a twenty-five hundred (\$2500.00) sign -on bonus for incoming Police Officers. The bonus would be distributed as followed: (1.) five hundred (\$500.00) when they sign the contract, (2.) five hundred (\$500.00) per quarter upon passing the six (6) months' probation period. Chief of Police would like to go back and retro Merkle due to him being the last officer hired during the recommendation of the sign-on bonus. Mayor Carson- Peterson thought it was a good idea and a good way to attract new officers to the area. Chief Smalls also mentioned that the Police Department has not had an increase in starting pay over twelve (12) years and to be competitive the starting salary needs to be increased for incoming and current officers as well.

The Mayor entertained a motion for the Police Department to receive a twenty-five hundred (\$2500.00) bonus for incoming Police Officers with five hundred (\$500.00) at the date of hire and the remaining amount to be broken down in quarters after their six (6) months' probationary period. It was moved by Ms. Eloise Shuler – Guinyard and seconded by Webb Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administration-Personnel Matter – will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Carson-Peterson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session. It was moved by Ms. Eloise Shuler- Guinyard and seconded by Webb Carroll. Council reconvened its Public Session at approximately 5:35 p.m. with no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer



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9. Fire Department – Contractual Matter – **ES**
10. Police Department – Legal Matter **ES**

New Business

1. Planning Commission Training
2. Grand Re-Opening of John Felder Apartments
3. Young Saints Football Team Request – Action Needed
4. Dominion Energy – Energy Assistance

Report of the Town Administrator

1. Event Committee
2. Chief of Police Report
3. Fire Chief Report
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Executive Session

1. Dick Whetstone vs. Town of St. Matthews
2. Fire Department – Contractual Matter
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Note: **ES indicates Executive Session**

Adjournment

CALL TYPE	August 2022	Year-to-Date
Alarm - False	3	39
FIRE - Structure	3	27
FIRE - Vehicle	1	9
FIRE - Woods/Grass	1	25
MVA	4	66
Medical	5	23
Other	2	40
Inside Town Limits	8	76
Outside Town Limits	11	152
Total Calls	19	228

St. Matthews Police Department

Activity Summary

August 2022

Activity	# of calls	Arrest		
Alarms	28			
Animal Complaint	8			
Assaults	1			
Assist Motorist	2			
Breach of Trust/Stolen Vehicle/Property	2			
Burglary				
CDV				
Civil Disturbance	17			
Domestic Disturbance				
DUS				
Escorts/Roadblocks	12			
Follow Up	7			
Gunshots Fired in Town Limits	2			
Harrassments	3			
Hit and Run	1			
Identity Theft				
Juvenile				
Larceny	1			
Malicious Injury to Property				
Mental	3			
Missing Person/Runaway	1			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1			
Other	8			
Noise				
PDC/Public Drunk/DUI				
Prisoner Transport	3			
Property Check	2			
Public Service/Welfare Check	13			
Sexual Assaults				
Shoplifting				
Simple Possessions				
Suicide Threats				
Suspicious Activity/Vehicles	16			
Traffic Stops	99			
Trespass	1			
Unknown	5			
Vandalism				
Warrant	1			
911 Hangups	16			
Assist Other Agencies	EMS	CCSO	Fire Dept	DSS
3	14			
Total for the Month	270			

For Immediate Release**Contact:** Media Relations, 800-562-9308

Dominion Energy Offers Energy Assistance as Temperatures Rise

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Funding Available

CAYCE, S.C. (Aug. 15, 2022) – With extreme temperatures and high humidity on the rise, Dominion Energy is encouraging customers who may be struggling financially to reach out for energy assistance funding, which is available through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other resources.

“Heating and cooling can represent as much as 50% of our customers’ annual energy costs, and high temperatures can have a significant impact on summer bills,” said Sam Dozier, general manager of customer service at Dominion Energy South Carolina. “With August designated as LIHEAP Action Month, we want to assure our customers who may be struggling financially that we are here to help connect them with LIHEAP assistance, as well as a number of additional payment plans and options.”

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that provides qualified customers with bill payment and energy assistance, as well as weatherization and other energy-related home repairs. In 2021, more than 76,000 Dominion Energy customers received approximately \$22.2 million in energy assistance through LIHEAP and other agency utility bill assistance programs.

To apply, Dominion Energy electric and natural gas customers must contact their local community action agency. Go to [DominionEnergySC.com/assistance](https://www.dominionenergy.com/assistance) for a complete list of community action agencies by county.

Customers may also be eligible for [EnergyShare](#), a company-funded, year-round program that provides energy assistance to income-eligible, elderly or disabled customers.

Customers can review a variety of payment plans and assistance options by accessing their [online account](#) or Dominion Energy’s [mobile app](#).

About Dominion Energy

About [7 million customers in 15 states](#) energize their homes and businesses with electricity or natural gas from Dominion Energy (NYSE: [D](#)), headquartered in Richmond, Va. The company is committed to [safely providing reliable, affordable and sustainable energy](#) and to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. Please visit [DominionEnergy.com](https://www.dominionenergy.com) to learn more.

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Community Celebration

Sponsored by the
Town of St. Matthews and
Fire Dept. Station 2 in collaboration
with the Police Dept.



Join your friends and neighbors for a day of
free food, fun, games, and entertainment!

Saturday, September 10th

10am - 3pm

John Ford Community Center Ball Field

