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Town Council Meeting
Tuesday February 4th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
1313 Bridge Street (St. Matthews Municipal Court), St. Matthews, SC 29135

Call to Order – Mayor Helen 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

Public Hearing – Open/Close 2nd and Final Reading – Amendments to Fire Prevention Ordinance

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
3. Kayra Rice – Center for Heirs Property Preservation

Motions Period (Town Council) – None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

1. Town Events – Update
2. Town and Country Request - Update
3. Luther Wannamaker Request - Update
4. Code Enforcement Update
5. SCIIP Grant Project - Update

New Business

1. Radar Signs - Update

Report of the Town Administrator

1. Fire Department Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Maintenance Department Report

Executive Session

1. Dick Whetstone vs The Town of St. Matthews - Update

Adjournment

Town of St. Matthews

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 07, 2025, 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

Marla Riley

Eloise Shuler-Guinyard

Sharon Bennett

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. Ms. Warren requested that the Town and Country request be moved to executive session. The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the changes to the agenda. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Ms. Prickett. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

unanimously.

The Mayor acknowledged and welcomed those attending the meeting. She expressed her wish that everyone had a good Christmas and that 2025 would be a great year.

Citizens Input:

Terri Parker—Ms. Parker stated that the Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the John Ford Community Center Gym. Ms. Parker said that the Walk with Ease physical activity education program will take place every Wednesday from Jan 08, 2025, to Feb 12, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the John Ford Community Center.

The Mayor and Council News

Recognition of Town Employees—The Mayor acknowledged the birthdays of Town Employees for January: Officer Lewis on January 4th, Mr. Carroll on January 29th, and Fire Chief Sandlin on January 30th.

Mr. Carroll stated that everything in Town is progressing smoothly.

Ms. Shuler-Guinyard wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated everything in her area is running smoothly.

The Mayor informed the Council that the individual at Lower Savannah Council of Governments who was scheduled to conduct a questions-and-answer session for seniors is no longer with the Agency.

Ms. Bennett wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. Bennet had one concern involving Waste Management not retrieving trash from the ground.

Special Agent Chris Swygert, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division – Mr. Swygert informed

the Council and Citizens that the Vape Shop in Town is not FDA regulated and that they are selling illegal contrabands to minors without proper ID.

Samaritan House, Orangeburg – Ms. Tammie Wideman is the Case Manager for the Orangeburg Samaritan House. Ms. Kathy Payne, the Volunteer Coordinator, was also present. Ms. Wideman needs individuals to participate in the 2025 Pit Count, a survey of all individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. All volunteers must attend the training and be present on the day/night of the Pit Count.

Motions Period (Town Council): None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

Town Events — Update

Purple Martin Gala—The Gala will take place on April 11th, 2025, and anyone who would like to be a sponsor should contact Town Hall.

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – Tentatively planned for April 12th, 2025.

Purple Martin Festival – The Purple Martin Festival is scheduled for April 25th and April 26th, 2025.

National Police Week – National Police Week is scheduled for May 11th through May 17th, 2025.

Movie Night – TBA

National Night Out—The National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th, 2025, at Town Pocket Park.

Western Dance – TBA

Fire Prevention Week – Fire Prevention Week is tentatively scheduled for October 5th through October 11th, 2025.

Cancer Walk – A cancer walk is tentatively scheduled for October 11th, 2025.

Veteran’s Day Appreciation Dinner – The Veteran’s Day Dinner will take place on November 7th, 2025.

Christmas Parade – The Town of St. Matthews Christmas Parade will tentatively take place on December 13th, 2025.

Town of St. Matthews Christmas Party – TBA

Luther Wannamaker Request – Mr. Wannamaker would like to purchase a small portion of land on Longstreet Road. He conducted a property survey, personally marking the area and ensuring minimal disturbance to the trees. Mr. Wannamaker's goal is to improve safety by installing a gate and creating an attractive entrance. The Mayor entertained a motion to allow the Town Administrator to proceed with the sale of a small portion of land belonging to the Town, located on Longstreet Road to Mr. Wannamaker. It was moved by Ms. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously.

MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day—Ms. Warren reminded the Council that the MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day is held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, and four people will be in attendance. Ms. Warren stated that the MASC Achievement Award will be this year, and she would like to enter the New Fire Department under the infrastructure category.

Burn Ordinance Update – Ms. Warren informed the Council that Judge Bloom and the Fire Department reviewed the amendments to the Burn Ordinance, which included some changes. Ms. Warren asked the Council to review the proposed updates before a Public Hearing at the next meeting.

New Tractor—The Maintenance Department purchased a new 2022 tractor, which will allow more efficient operations alongside the older tractor.

Lift Station at Convalescent Center Update—The water system has repaired the lift station. It has received two new motors and a rail system, addressing longstanding issues. The upgrades are expected to save the Town money and improve reliability for 30-40 years.

Code Enforcement Update – Mr. Wilson sent out certified letters informing property owners of their citations from the Town. Mr. Wilson also rode the Town, retrieving more properties that needed attention.

IRS Final Payment – Ms. Warren informed the Council that the Town had settled its obligations with the Internal Revenue Service.

New Business

Tower Clock Repair—Ms. Warren informed the Council that the Capital Projects would repair the clock at Truist Bank.

Radar Signs – Ms. Warren informed the Council that the cost to purchase a radar speed sign for the Town is \$3,360.00. The Mayor entertained a motion approving the purchase of a radar speed sign for the Town. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Prickett. The motion was carried unanimously.

Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increase – Ms. Warren informed the Council that the Insurance Reserve Fund renewal, due in February, will be increasing.

Historical Marker—St. Matthews Railroad Cut—Ms. Warren, along with John McLaughlin, the County Administrator, and Jeremy Stoudenmire, the Museum Director, approved the wording

for a historical marker commemorating the St. Matthews Railroad Cut, built in 1841. The installation of the marker could take up to two years.

Report of the Town Administrator

Ms. Warren presented Captain Binsley with the Fire Department Employee of the Quarter Award. Fire Department—The Fire Chief wished everyone a Happy New Year. He plans to apply for the AFG grant this year for a new fire truck.

Police Department – Chief Smalls thanked everyone for their prayers and words of encouragement during his brief illness. Cadet Ott will return to the academy on January 12, 2025, with approximately five more weeks before completion.

Team Builder – Ms. Vibudulu, the team builder coordinator, provided an update on the new initiatives she plans to implement, along with strategies to foster camaraderie among staff.

Maintenance Department Report—Mr. Wilson stated he had initiated the code enforcement. He informed the Council that his department is conducting lead and copper testing, which would involve the residents collecting water samples.

Ms. Warren informed the Council that Town Hall staff are available to assist anyone needing help signing up for Code Red.

Executive Session

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Dick Whetstone vs. The Town of St. Matthews, a Personnel Matter, and the Town and Country Request. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Prickett. The motion was carried unanimously.

The council reconvened its Public Session at approximately 7:50 p.m. without further discussion

or vote.

The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Meeting. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Riley. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rosalind Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk