



Town of St. Matthews

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Town Council Meeting
Tuesday August 6th, 2024 at 5:00 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. Town Events – Update
2. Fire Department – Update

New Business

1. 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading by Title Only
2. Amendment to Nuisance Abatement Ordinance – 1st Reading by Title Only

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Executive Session

Adjournment

Town of St. Matthews

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 02, 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

Marla Riley

Eloise Shuler- Guinyard

Sharon Bennett (via Zoom)

Also Present:

Rosyl Warren, Town Administrator

Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk

Gregory Sandlin, Fire Chief

Gregory Wilson, Maintenance Supervisor

Willie Britt, Assistant 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.

Mayor Glover-Carson entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Ms. Warren requested that item number five be added under New Business for "Employee of the Quarter."

The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the request to add item number five under New Business. 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 Ms. Riley. The motion was carried unanimously. The Mayor acknowledged and welcomed those persons attending the Meeting.

Citizens Input

Hydie Kirkland introduced herself as the republican candidate running for Calhoun County Council District Two.

Jacob Hair announced that the Calhoun County Marching Band will perform in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, DC.

Johnny Felder expressed his concerns about the negative comments stemming from the run-off election about him.

Mayor and Council News

Mr. Carroll noted he is pleased to see things are going well in the Town.

Ms. Shuler-Guinyard stated she visited the new Fire Department, and it is beautiful. Ms. Shuler-Guinyard would like to have the Police Department relocated to the old National Guard Armory building.

Mr. Jacobs inquired about charging a fee for debris removal for citizens without a water account. The Mayor spoke with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments, and she would like to partner with them to hold a series of informational sessions about aging after July 4th.

Ms. Prickett thanked Calhoun Baptist Church for an impressive service.

Ms. Riley thanked the Maintenance Department for spraying her area. Ms. Riley stated Dominion Energy needs to finish cutting down trees in her area.

Dr. William Molnar, Executive Director of Lower Savannah Council of Governments, spoke about the Community Development Block Grants and how they are ranked by priority level: 1st Priority Projects are Increasing Economic Competitiveness, 2nd Priority Projects are Education and Workforce Development, and 3rd Priority Projects are Safe and Healthy Communities. He mentioned that, with a short turnaround time, they are looking for projects that already have preliminary cost estimates or engineering.

Motions Period (Town Council): None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

Capital Projects Update: Mr. Wilson stated that the Capital Projects are almost completed, and he is waiting for a quote from Bobby Mitchell to complete Poole Circle.

Demolition Projects Update: Ms. Warren stated she was able to secure another contractor with assistance from Calhoun County to demolish the last property in place and to clean around another property. The next project funding phase will begin in 2027.

Town Events — Updates

The Fire Department Grand Opening—The Grand Opening is tentatively planned for July 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and is an “Invitation-Only” event.

Community Day Event – The Community Day is scheduled for July 27, 2024.

National Night Out – The Police Department is scheduled to have the National Night Out on August 06, 2024. The Town Council Meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on that day.

Western Dance – The Western Dance is scheduled for August 30, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The Event is

an adult only affair at the Town Hall Pocket Park.

Softball Game – On September 20, 2024, there will be a softball game between the Town of St. Matthews vs. Calhoun County Sheriff's Department. The event will be located at 103 South Richland Ave., St. Matthews, S.C., starting at 6:00 p.m.

Veteran's Luncheon – TBA

Fire Department Update – The Fire Chief stated there has been progress at the new fire station, and hopefully, within three weeks, they can move into the new facility.

Text MyGov Presentation - Ms. Warren gave the Council members some quotes provided by Text MyGov, and they decided to table a response until a later date.

New Business

2023 CCR Report – Ms. Warren stated the Town received a satisfactory rating on the 2023 Water Quality Report.

MASC – Annual Meeting – Ms. Warren informed the Councilmembers that they should have received their confirmation from the hotel.

ARPA Funds Request – Maintenance Department – The Maintenance Department requested to purchase a utility trailer price ranging from \$3,000 to \$3,995 and a utility club car for \$6,495. Ms. Prickett made a motion to approve the Maintenance Department's purchase of a utility trailer and a utility club car using the ARPA funds. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The Mayor entertained the motion approving the Maintenance Department to purchase a utility trailer and a utility club car using ARPA Funds. The motion was carried unanimously.

Operation Round Up Grant – The Fire Department was awarded a grant from Tri-County Electric

Cooperative in the amount of \$3,000. The Fire Chief would like to purchase a generator using the grant and ARPA Funds to cover the additional cost. Ms. Prickett made a motion approving the Fire Department for \$7,000 from the ARPA funds to add to the grant for purchasing a generator. Ms. Shuler-Guinyard seconded the motion. The Mayor entertained a motion approving \$7,000.00 from the ARPA Funds to the Fire Department to supplement a grant for the purchase a generator. The motion was carried unanimously.

Employee of the Quarter – Ms. Warren announced Captain Britt was nominated as the Employee of the Quarter.

Report of the Town Administrator

Fire Department – The Fire Department received an award for being designated as a Fire Safe Community.

Police Department – Ms. Vibudulu stated that Cadet Darby and Cadet Daye are in their third week of training, and Joshua Ott will be joining the Police Department as a new Cadet.

Maintenance Department Report: Mr. Wilson expressed his gratitude to the Council for permitting him to purchase items with ARPA Funds. He also informed the Council that if any of their constituents inquire about yard debris pick-up, they should be advised that the tractor is being serviced.

Executive Session

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Potential Legal Matter - Administration. It was moved by Ms. Prickett and seconded by Ms. Riley. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council reconvened its Public Session at approximately 7:45 p.m. without further discussion or vote.

The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Meeting. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by



Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk