

MAYOR:
KIM E. WILEY



COUNCIL:
DWANDA BOLDEN
ALFONIA "AL" GREEN
JOE N. HADWIN, JR.
TAMMY SOLOMON

Town of Estill
Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2023

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor K. Wiley at 6:00 pm.

Invocation

The Mayor requested A Moment of Silence.

Present

Mayor K. Wiley, Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon, Councilman J. Hadwin, Councilwoman D. Bolden, Councilman A. Green, Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks, Clerk Treasurer Edna O'Banner and, Town Attorney K. Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve September 13, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve September 13, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve October 9, 2023, Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve October 9, 2023, Council Meeting Agenda. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Department Reports

Police Report- Chief Solomon- Taken as info only. Mayor K. Wiley asked Chief Solomon did he had a response from the cell phone that was found Saturday. He stated someone did contact him in reference to the phone. Councilwoman D. Bolden thanked Chief Solomon for Saturday and asked how many Officers he has at this time? Chief Solomon

stated that they were down to four officers. Councilman A. Green congratulated Chief Solomon on a job well done. Mayor Pro-Tem Solomon asked how many volunteers do we have? Chief Solomon stated we have three reserves. Councilwoman D. Bolden asked who were the reserve Officers? Chief Solomon stated Jared Wright, Scott Hasselback, and they just recently hired T.C. Smalls last Friday. Councilwoman D. Bolden asked do any of the reserves take home vehicles and Chief Solomon stated only Jared Wright because he lives right outside the Town limits, and he provides a K-9. Chief Solomon mentioned that on Oct. 27, 2023, they will be hosting the National Night Out and Night on the Main. He along with other speakers will also be discussing Youth Gun Violence and ways to curve gun violence.

Safety and Recreation Report- Documents Only - Taken as info only.

Fire Department Report- Chief Toone- Taken as info only.

Public Works, & Water & Wastewater Report- Mr. Hamilton- Taken as info only. Mr. Hamilton mentioned Three Way gas station has a two-inch water line that goes across the parking area. Mr. Hamilton mentioned they may be at the location and may possibly do it over the weekend and will have to cut the water off. They will notify the citizens when the water will be turned off. Mr. Hamilton mentioned he will be losing another employee as well so he will be engaged in filling that spot. Councilwoman D. Bolden thanked Mr. Hamilton for the work that was done at the park. Councilman J. Hadwin asked Mr. Hamilton what the possibility is or in the future of rerouting the water line where it is not on the property of Three Way. Mr. Hamilton stated the problem is not knowing exactly the direction of the line. Once the line is dug up the plan is to tap it and that way they will know where it goes. Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon asked will the work be done in one weekend. Mr. Hamilton stated yes it may take about 3-4 hours.

Administration Report & Safety and Recreation- Ms. Cooks- Taken as info only.

- The phone system is completed, and the existing services will be cut off.
- Ms. Cooks stated she is reviewing and correcting the second round of readdressing that was sent back to us from GIS software company. We want to make sure we get it right this time to make sure the roads are drawn properly, and the right numbers are placed on all the houses.
- The business was started on 3rd and MLK. She stated once it is approved, they will go to the State 911 system analysis. They will then review it and it will be uploaded into the Hampton County map layer.
- Ms. Cooks stated she submitted the roads and ditch request to DOT. They are finding out some ditches are not DOT but County. Portions are DOT, some are County, and some belong to the Town.
- A lengthy list was compiled for CC&I and she is asking it to be placed in Executive Session since it involves contractual matters.
- Ms. Cooks stated they are in the process of organizing the Estill Night Out and Night on the Main which is in collaboration of Think Tank Business owners and

the Chief of Police and that is going to be on the Oct. 27, 2023. Business owners on Main Street are going to participate. The area will extend from Town Hall to 5th Street, and it will be on the same side of the road as Town Hall. Ms. Cooks stated again that night is the talk with Chief Solomon and his panelists and right after will be the concession down main street. Ms. Cooks stated one of the vendors will be coming to give out food to people who are interested, and they will also have a DJ.

- Ms. Cooks stated the Business Expo was very well put together and very well attended.
- U.S. Army Corp Engineer Clean Water Grant is due Oct. 20, 2023, and that is the grant the Town will attempt to pursue to get the pipes replaced. You can submit a grant up to \$10 million. It is a pilot program for rural communities. This grant will allow citizens to be able to replace pipes leading into their homes.
- Another Think Tank meeting will be this month to finalize Night on the Main and Estill Night Out.
- Ms. Cooks stated they are also in the pursuit of USDA funding to assist in equipment purchases for Law Enforcement and the Fire Department. That grant opportunity will be coming up real soon.
- Mr. Hawkins is a citizen that had concerns after touring the area and some of the concerns have already been identified.
- Mr. Savino had concerns about drainage issues on his property and they will be initiating a conversation with DOT as to what the issue is.
- Ms. Cooks mentioned they are preparing for the meter project and are awaiting notice to proceed. She stated she is hoping to have that ready to go by the end of this month.

Mayor Wiley asked Ms. Cooks what is the time frame they were looking at for the first group to begin using the numbers they were issued? Ms. Cooks stated once she sends back the next copy to Think GIS software company. She is looking at implementation for about 3 weeks to a month. Councilwoman D. Bolden asked when will the meeting with Accel be taking place? Ms. Cooks stated she thinks it needs to be put on hold since they are getting ready to issue the water reports. She thinks there needs to be a separate meeting to discuss Accel as well as the report they receive. Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon thanked Dr. Cooks for all that she did and her dedication.

B. September 2023 Income Statement

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve September 2023 Income Statement as Information Only. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

C. CC&I Services, LLC. Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to move item C. CC&I Services, LLC to contract in executive session. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin.

The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

D. Attorney Kenneth Davis - Forms of Government Discussed by Attorney Kenneth Davis.

E. Estill Water Report - Omit from Report.

F. Public Comment

Chelsey Taylor - Ms. Taylor directed her comments to the Council. She asked what is the purpose of the meeting and is it to show what the Mayor is or is not doing or what is the mayor responsibilities?

Audrey Hopkins - Ms. Hopkins directed her comments to Council. She stated she is a community activist for the Town of Estill and some other areas in Hampton County. Ms. Hopkins asked about the water treatment that we are about to be a part of. She asked if the chemical they plan to treat the water with for human consumption or is it a trail and basis error? Ms. Hopkins stated the community would like to know. Ms. Hopkins asked is the chemical used in other areas locally such as lead and sulfur? Ms. Hopkins wants to know how we came to this conclusion about that chemical. She wants to know if other municipalities have tried it? Ms. Hopkins asked what are the reasons and are we waiting on funding for pipes and who is funding this? Ms. Hopkins asked are we were voting for the Election Commission referendum as a community or does it have to come down from the Council. Ms. Hopkins asked who is paying for this and what is the rush since an election is next month and how much will it cost if we are paying for it? Ms. Hopkins asked about water and garbage bills because some months they get charged and some months they are not. She stated she has been approached by some citizens saying they are not getting charged \$13.67 per month. She has had six different people saying one month they get charged and the next month they are not. She asked who is in charge of that and who was being paid. She wants to know, is it an error in the office or the computer system?

Jackie Hopkins - Ms. Hopkins directed her comments to Council. She stated she is here representing no one but herself. She stated she has some concerns she wants to address. She stated she won't be asking any questions she will ask you to question yourself. She stated she is concerned about chemicals going into the water system. Ms. Hopkins wants to know what has been done to research the chemical that is going into the system. She looked up this type of system and she noticed the ten most prominent companies and had not seen the company the Town is using on the list. Ms. Hopkins wants to know what other townships in the State of SC is using the system, this company, and this chemical. Ms. Hopkins stated she does not want ten years down the road for someone to say it was not a good idea. Ms. Hopkins mentioned to do the homework before being committed to this. Ms. Hopkins stated she has been told there is a referendum that is going to be next month. There have been two elections and much dramatized mayor elections. She stated to have a referendum after two elections is to change horses in the middle of a stream. Ms. Hopkins stated she was on the school board when the referendum was put out about the schools they went from town to

town and explained to the citizens what they wanted to do and why they wanted to do it. Ms. Hopkins stated she has not heard anything tonight why we want to change in the middle of a stream, but she wants it to be brought to the people to know why. Ms. Hopkins stated she wants to ask the water system company questions.

Mayor Exited Regular Session and Entered Executive Session at 7:28 pm

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session for a discussion related to i. Personnel: Discuss a personnel matter of the Estill Police Department regarding employment. ii. Contract: Amend the Agenda by moving Item C to Contractual. CC&I services to hire a part-time person (look at contracts). iii. Legal: Discussion of Appointee to Election Commissioner. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor Exited Executive Session and Entered Regular Session at 8:03 pm

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Personnel: Discuss a personnel matter of the Estill Police Department regarding employment.
Ms. O'Banner will do research in reference to overtime.

Contract: CC&I services to hire a part-time person (look at contracts).
Dr. Cooks will look at the contracts and other sources.

Legal: Discussion of Appointee to Election Commissioner.
This will be tabled until Friday Oct. 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and it will be discussed after the emails have been sent to Ms. Obanner.

Adjourn

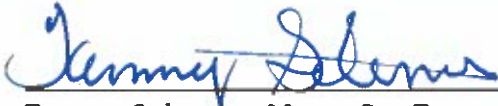
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman Al. Green. Council Voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor K. Wiley adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

ADOPTED this 9th Day of October



Kim Wiley, Mayor



Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem



Dwanda Bolden, Councilwoman



Alfonia "Al" Green, Councilman



Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

ATTEST:



Edna O'Banner, Clerk Treasurer