

MAYOR:
KIM E. WILEY



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

Town of Estill
Council Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2023

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor K. Wiley at 6:02 pm.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Councilman A. Green

Present

Mayor K. Wiley, Councilman J. Hadwin, Councilwoman D. Bolden, Councilman A Green, Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks, and Clerk Treasurer Edna O'Banner.

Conference Call - Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve May 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve May 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve May 30, 2023 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve May 30, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Adoption and Approval of Ordinance 2023-03 An Ordinance to Adopt the FY2024 General Fund Budget for the Town of Estill, SC. Covering Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve Adoption and Approval of Ordinance 2023-03 An Ordinance to Adopt the FY2024 General Fund Budget for the Town of Estill, SC. Covering Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. Council voted 3-2 in favor of the motion. Mayor K. Wiley and Councilwoman D. Bolden voted Nay.

New Business

- A. Approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance 04-2023 to Amend Ordinance 01-2015 Relating to water and wastewater fees, so as to increase the rates for water and water services.** Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 04-2023 to Amend Ordinance 01-2015 Relating to water and wastewater fees, so as to increase the rates for water and water services. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 3-2 in favor of the motion. Mayor K. Wiley and Councilwoman Bolden voted Nay.
- B. Action Item - Mutual Aid Agreement - Fairfax Police Department**
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to move into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Fairfax Police Department. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- C. Action Item- Aid Agreement - Hampton County**
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to move into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Hampton County. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- D. Approval of May 2023 Income Statement**
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve May 2023 Income Statement. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- E. Adoption and Approval of Resolution 2023-02 Fair Housing Resolution**
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to Adopt and Approve Resolution 2023-02 Fair Housing Resolution. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- F. Department Reports**
- Police Report- Chief Solomon-** Taken as info only. Chief. Solomon added Jerome Williams was promoted to Corporal. They have 9 Officers and 2 Reserve.
- 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. Capers- Taken as info only.
Councilwoman D. Bolden asked for an extra trash can at Karl Bowers Park.

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

i. O.A. Present Containing Luxury - Ms. Cooks stated the container has arrived and showings will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and they will need to call in advance.

ii. Family Fun Day - Ms. Cooks stated Family Fun Day is scheduled for July 8, 2023 it begins at 10:00 AM for the Car Show and it is an all-day event. There are various activities going on where citizens can sign up online and citizens are encouraged to bring their family and friends.

iii. Fall Festival - Ms. Cooks stated there is funding in the budget set aside specifically for the Fall Festival.

iv. Beautification Committee - Ms. Cooks stated the Beautification Committee is doing a wonderful job.

v. Maxine Bostic Property – no comment.

vi. Grants Update - Ms. Cooks stated a grant award was received for Ballistic Vests for the Law Enforcement Team. Ms. Cooks stated the projected location of the Law Enforcement Center is waiting the decision of Council and she will present the options again. Ms. Cooks stated she has presented the concept papers for the Town of Estill and the Town of Hampton or any other local businesses for light upgrades from the Department of Energy. The full application is due in less than two months. The next phase of it is two grants that are from the USDA for individual businesses to help retrofit for heating, air windows, doors, and, also lighting as well. The concept paper is about 20 pages long.

vii. Brown Water Update - Ms. Cooks stated it is an issue that will be discussed in Executive Session to try some options that may work.

viii. Agreement Between Federal Correctional Institution, Estill, SC - Has requested to utilize the Bull Durham to be housed as a shelter to get back and forth easily if something happens. They are asking the Town of Estill to help provide this facility.

ix. Marsha Robinson - Building Usage - Ms. Cooks stated Marsha Robinson would like to start an After School program when she realized children were in

need of more knowledge after Covid-19. She would like to utilize the dentist office located at Catherine Ave.

x. Holiday Compensation - Ms. Cooks stated she and Mrs. O'Banner were trying to update the policy and procedure books for compensation for holiday time for Law Enforcement Officers. Law Enforcement are working on the Holiday and do not have the option to get off. Ms. Cooks stated Law Enforcement should receive compensation for holiday time worked.

xi. Barn Dominium - Ms. Cooks stated Mr. Braun is interested in moving to the Town of Estill from Bluffton, SC. He is interested in building a barn dominium and she has photos of how he intends for it to look. Ms. Cooks stated we will have to look at the comprehensive plan regarding zoning and it is due to be updated.

xii. Update Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Plan - Councilwoman B. Bolden asked, when the comprehensive planning and zoning take place, will they be looking at other areas to be zoned as well since most of the areas are general residential. Ms. Cooks stated that they will look at other areas as well.

- G. Action Item - To be signed by the Town of Estill Administrator between Federal Correctional Institution, Estill, SC.** Mayor K. Wiley asked will they be using the whole building or just one side. Ms. Cooks stated we can isolate them and just use one side. Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to allow the signing of an agreement by Town of Estill Administrator for the agreement between Town of Estill and the Federal Correctional Institution, Estill, SC. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- H. Action Item - To pay for Key Fob for Barbara Solomon in the amount of \$410.00.** Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table Key Fob for Barbara Solomon in the amount of \$410.00 until after executive session. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- I. Action Item - Mrs. Marsha Robinson usage agreement for Town owned building.** Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table Mrs. Marsha Robinson usage agreement for Town owned building until the next Council Meeting. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.
- J. Action Item - Holiday Compensation for Employees working on an approved holiday.** Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve 8 hours Holiday Compensation for Employees working on an approved holiday. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J.

Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

K. Action Item - Richard Braun building a barn dominium in R-9 zone. Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve Richard Braun building a barn dominium in R-9 zone. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

L. Public Comment

Jacqueline Hopkins - Directed her comments to Council stating if they can be given the proposed budget ahead of time so they can go over the budget and ask questions. Ms. Hopkins informed Chief Solomon she is glad to have him here in the Town. She stated she is glad to hear the starting salary is good to be able to obtain quality police officers in the town. Ms. Hopkins stated two of the shootings happened in the neighborhood where she lives. She also stated one happened near a family members home. Ms. Hopkins also stated they want to be safe in their homes.

Eric Grimes - Directed his comments to Council by stating a lot of positive things are happening within the town. Specifically in reference to Family Fun Day that is coming up and the Car Show. He stated he sent a lot of notifications out to a lot of car folks in the area. The Beaufort Car and Truck Club will be attending, Carolina Dreamers of Bluffton, Dixieland Cruisers, and the Savannah Mustang Club. He stated what is cool about the Savannah Mustang Club is the President of the club lives in Estill. He stated it is an event that he plans to be involved with year after year. He stated he will be making a \$1,000 donation to Family Fun Day.

Annie Ruth Griffin - Directed her comments to Council and mentioned she was not there when water rates were discussed and would like to know what was discussed. Mayor K. Wiley directed the question to Ms. Cooks. Ms. Cooks stated that is what has been proposed to Council to increase it roughly around \$4.00. One of the biggest reasons is because of the Federal prison. The Federal prison was one of the big water clients. There has been a decrease in population since the 2020 Tornado that swept through Estill and took out about \$200,000 out of the budget for water. Ms. Cooks stated we have been thus far supporting the water bond with American Rescue Plan FEMA funding. Ms. Cooks stated that funding is going to run out and if that funding runs out, we will not have the money to pay for the bond that was taken out to get the water. Ms. Cooks stated that is what the increase is for so that we do not default on the bond that was taken out.

Mayor Exited Regular Session and Entered Executive Session at 7:00 pm

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session for a discussion related to i. Personnel: Associate Judge, Town Administrator. ii. Contract: Elementary School - Located in Estill, SC. iii. Legal: Project "Green Spark". Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor

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

Mayor Exited Executive Session and Entered Regular Session at 7:54 pm

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session for a discussion related to i. Personnel: Associate Judge, Town Administrator. ii. Contract: Elementary School - Located in Estill, SC. iii. Legal: Project "Green Spark". Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Personnel

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to deny Associate Judge. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Contractual

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to accept the Elementary School - Located in Estill, SC. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Legal

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to give Town Administrator permission to move forward with Project "Green Spark". Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table Key fob fee until further investigation. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

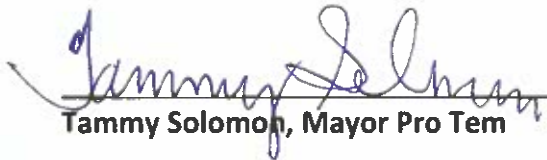
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council Voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor K. Wiley adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June



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