
MAYOR:
KIM E. WILEY



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

Town of Estill
Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Solomon at 6:04 pm.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Councilman A. Green.

Present

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

Mayor K. Wiley arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve June 6, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon asked for a motion to approve June 6, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Approval of June 2022 Financial Statements

Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon asked for a motion to approve June 2022 Financial Statements. Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Action Item: Approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-04 Water Fee Ordinance.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-04 Water Fee Ordinance. 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 3-2 in favor of the motion. Mayor K. Wiley and Councilwoman D. Bolden voted Nay.

Action Item: Approval of Town Administrator to sign agreement for Marsha Robinson for use of Town owned building for tutoring program.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table Town Administrator to sign agreement for Marsha Robinson for use of Town owned building for tutoring program. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Action Item: Approval to Pay for Key Fob for Barbara Solomon in the amount of (\$410.00).

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve to Pay for Key Fob for Barbara Solomon in the amount of \$410.00. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman A. Green. Council voted 4-1 in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon abstained from voting.

New Business

A. Action Item - Approval of Amendment Right Ordinance 2023-05 1st Reading.

The town Attorney mentioned this ordinance pertains to where employees are working in such to establish limited access areas. Members of the public are required to be escorted or to have an invitation into limited access areas. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

B. Action Item - Approval of Grant "Ballistic Vest Grant" \$9,924.00.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve "Ballistic Vest Grant" \$9,924.00. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

C. Action Item - Approval of "VSAFE GRANT" (\$13,350.00).

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve "VSAFE GRANT" \$13,350.00. 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.

D. Action Item - Approval to accept \$1,500,000.00 Appropriation for New Police Station.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve acceptance of \$1,500,000.00 Appropriation for New Police Station. 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.

E. Action Item - Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Estill, Town of Yemassee.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Estill and Town of Yemassee. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

F. Department Reports

Police Report- Chief Solomon- Taken as info only.

Safety and Recreation Report- Documents Only - Taken as info only. Read by Councilwoman D. Bolden

Fire Department Report- Chief Toone- Taken as info only. Out due to illness

Public Works, Water & Wastewater Report- Mr. Hamilton- Taken as info only.

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

Ms. Cooks mentioned they are finishing up some grants for the citizens and they are waiting for final approval on the concept payments. Ms. Cooks stated they applied for a grant for the Town Hall building as well as partnering with the Town of Hampton. She mentioned partnering with the Town of Hampton for the retrofitting of their lighting systems. Ms. Cooks stated code enforcement will be on the grounds every Thursday and it is official that it is included in the existing contract. A lot of work was put into Project Green Spark. Councilman Green asked is the inspection firm doing just new builds or are they doing renovations as well? Ms. Cooks stated they are doing everything in terms of inspections except those things that may not have been completed by the County.

i. Update on Elementary School Purchase

The town Attorney stated the individual handling this item was out due to an emergency and will reconvene at a later date.

ii. Update Maxine Bostick Property

The town Attorney stated the individual handling this item was out due to an emergency and will reconvene at a later date.

iii. Update Annexation

The town Attorney stated they were able to create some colored maps with the assistance of the Hampton County GIS. This matter has been reviewed by staff at the department of transportation and is being presented to the director for consideration.

G. Public Comment

Eric Grimes - Directed his comments to Council. Mr. Grimes thanked Councilman A. Green, Councilman J. Hadwin, and Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon for doing an amazing job at Family Fun Day. Mr. Grimes stated there were over 40 cars showed up for the first event. The president of the Mustang Club out of Savannah, GA who lives in Estill said the average for a first show is about 15 cars. Mr. Grimes stated we did an amazing job of highlighting the city of Estill and the people of Estill. Mr. Grimes stated they plan on doing it again in December, that will benefit the kids and underprivileged where everyone will bring a gift for the kids and the city will take control over distributing the gifts. Mr. Grimes also mentioned they plan to have about 100 cars. Mr. Grimes also thanks Chief Solomon and the police department for their assistance at the event. Mr. Grimes said Estill is a special place and it is not hidden anymore and there is a lot of attention being drawn to the town.

Jimmie Gordon - Directed his comments to Council. Mr. Gordon stated he lived in Newtown for about 67 years. Mr. Gordon asked about the \$1.50 fee that is on the water bill and stated it has been being paid a long time. He figures in about 1 year that is \$9,000 and he put it down for 12 years and it comes out to \$108,000. Mr. Gordon asked where those funds are being used. Mr. Gordon asked will his water bill go up 10% so if his water bill jumps from \$54 to \$74 and that will be \$10 more.

Mayor of Saluda - Directed his comments to Council. Mayor of Matthews stated he came to Estill to look at the tiny home in town. Mayor Matthews thanked Councilman A. Green and Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon for letting him know about the tiny home. He stated he took the trip to see what he can bring back to his community. He mentioned it is all about sharing and small municipalities must stick together. Mayor Matthews mentioned, talking to the Chief of Police about raises are coming to the police departments, they are not talking about local police they are talking about State Police. He mentioned we must make sure that we let them recognize our local police officers as first responders.

Teresa Grimes - Directed her comments to Council. Ms. Grimes stated she wanted to call attention to section 30-4-70 the freedom of information act. The freedom of information act section B states that before going into executive session the public agency shall vote on that subject matter or question in public. She said she was following up to see if we will be following the State laws in doing this and moving forward. Ms. Grimes asked if we would have better transparency with the citizens so that all of the questions we have are more transparent on the agenda and as described in the section 30-4-70.

Kendall Youmans - Directed his comments to Council. Mr. Youmans stated he is from Nixville, SC. which is about 8 miles from Estill. He mentioned he came back to Estill from California in the Marine Corp to help the Town of Estill with anything they need.

Mayor Exited Regular Session and Entered Executive Session at 7:40 pm

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session for a discussion related to Section 30-4-70 of the Freedom of Information Act: i. Personnel: Administration Day to Day Operation - The Purchase of New Vehicle Legal Advice, Police Department - Day to Day Operation Law Enforcement Security Matter. ii. Contract: "Project Green Spark", Reimburse C & N Auto for Special Contractual Service, Offer of Intent to purchase town owned property T™# 068-0419-006. iii. Legal: Concerning Payment of Damaged Goods. 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.

Mayor Exited Executive Session and Entered Regular Session at 9:03 pm

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Personnel

No motions

Contractual

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion that Council designate Mayor K. Wiley and Dr. Cooks to be the contact for the "Project Green Spark". 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.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion for the Town to take responsibility and pay C & N Auto parts the amount for reimbursement. 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.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to not accept the offer of Intent to purchase town owned property T™# 068-0419-006. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Legal

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table concerning payment of damaged goods until there is a reasonable estimate replacement cost. 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.

Adjourn

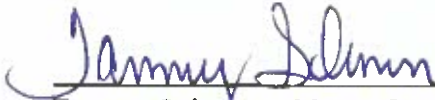
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon; with a second by Councilwoman D. Bolden. Council Voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor K. Wiley adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

ADOPTED this 12th day of June



Kim Wiley, Mayor



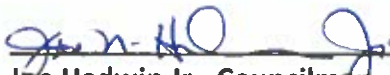
Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem



Dwanda Bolden, Councilwoman



Alfonia "Al" Green, Councilman



Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

ATTEST:



Edna O'Banner, Clerk Treasurer