

MAYOR:  
KIM E. WILEY



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

Town of Estill  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2024

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

**Invocation**

Mayor K. Wiley 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 Attorney K. Davis.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve January 10, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve January 10, 2024, 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 Councilwoman D. Bolden. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Approve January 24, 2024, Special Called Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve January 24, 2024, Special Called Council Meeting Minutes. 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.

**Approve February 14, 2024, Council Meeting Agenda**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve February 14, 2024, Council Meeting Agenda which will be amended to make a name change. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman A. Green. The motion was offered by Councilman A. Green; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Ms. Tiffany Dantzler - CBDG & Home Notice of Public Hearing and Needs Assessment**

Ms. Dantzler informed the Council and the public regarding the Notice of Public Hearing and Needs Assessment for residents with low to moderate income.

**Tiffany Cooks, Ph.D., Town Administrator - Public Hearing to Rural Development "Community Facilities Grant Applications.**

Dr. Cooks stated the process has begun, and we have applied for a number of USDA grants. We are holding a public notice to advise citizens and to gain input from citizens as to some of the projects we will select. We are looking at approximately 18+ projects. Those projects include the Police Department (vehicles, cameras), Fire Department (mobile radios, portable radios, and portable radios amongst other items discussed prior to memo), Public Works (bush hog, attachments for bush hogs, commercial lawnmower, commercial blowers, commercial weed eaters, and a new public works vehicle), Recreational (For the parks, such as Nature trail, Carl Bowers, and John Winthrop we are looking for recreational equipment and recreational revitalization projects). Dr. Cooks opened the floor for any questions from Council or citizens.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A. Department Reports**

**Police Report- Chief Solomon-** Taken as info only. Councilman A. Green asked Chief Solomon are the Ford Explorers on a lease program. Chief Solomon stated it is not on the traditional lease where you can have vehicles for a while and trade them. Mayor Wiley asked about the Grey Ford Truck. Chief Solomon stated they were informed that they are in limbo about how much damage has been done from the vandalism and the cost of damages. Chief Solomon stated there is a tentative date for March 15, 2024, for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new police department.

**Safety and Recreation Report- Read by Mrs. O'Banner -** Taken as info only. Mayor Wiley asked Mrs. O'Banner are there any requirements for who should take the course. Mrs. O'Banner stated a list was compiled with employees who wished to participate.

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

**Public Works, Water & Wastewater Reports- Mr. Hamilton-** Taken as info only. Councilwoman Bolden asked, what was the outcome on Rooster Ridge Road? She stated, when it rained the other day, it was a huge mess. Mr. Hamilton stated last time the County had to clean out the culverts. Mr. Hamilton stated Public Works does not have the equipment to clean the ditch out. Councilwoman Bolden stated something needs to be done because there is a sink hole near the park. Mr. Hamilton stated he will talk to County and State in reference to the issue. Councilwoman Bolden stated there are two power poles one down near Ms. Taylor's home and one upfront. Mr. Hamilton stated he has an electrician coming in. The pole near the front has sockets that are not made for the new trucks. Councilwoman Bolden asked can we find a new contractor. Mr. Hamilton stated the electrician we have now is pretty- good. Mayor Pro-Tem asked

can we have a sit down with the State personnel to find out who is responsible for getting the road paved and the issue with Rooster Ridge Road fixed. Dr. Cooks stated money has been allocated and approved, but they are waiting on the County because they have to pay the paving company. Dr. Cooks stated she has a meeting scheduled with the DOT on the 21st of March to discuss draining issues.

**Administration Report- Ms. Cooks- Taken as info only.**

- Police Bldg. (Dental Office) Mrs. Marsha Robinson - Dr. Cooks stated she could not be in attendance, but she will be placed on the next agenda.
- Council Retreat March 7-10, 2024, Marriott Conference Center, Columbia, SC - Dr. Cooks stated we are working on some financial changes for a change of venue. She stated we will need a special called meeting in March. She stated there is a list of things to discuss and how we will improve the Town of Estill's business.
- Re-Addressing Kick-Off - Dr. Cooks stated she hosted two community meetings regarding the re-addressing protocol. Dr. Cooks stated herself and Hampton County 911 have been in contact with the USPS because they will have to provide them with an updated layer before the new addresses are turned on. Dr. Cooks stated a Think GIS representative installed new licenses and updates on computers that were going to be needed which included herself, Mrs. O'Banner, Public Works, the Fire Department, and Law Enforcement.
- RFQ's were sent out for the renovation of the Bull Durham, Fire Department, Town Hall, and new Public Works Facility. Dr. Cooks stated we have five groups of architects and construction companies that are put in to get the job. A bid opening will be completed next week to determine the right fix for Estill financially.

Mayor Wiley asked Dr. Cooks has she tried any other options to get citizen involvement with showing up to the information re-addressing sessions. Dr. Cooks informed Mayor they will be going into the churches and speaking with the pastors and also incorporating a Facebook live to where citizens can ask questions.

**B. January 2024 Income Statement**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve January 2024 Income Statement as Information Only. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**C. Public Comment**

**Mr. Charles Savino** - Mr. Savino directed his comments towards the Council. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their services and the opportunity to speak. Mr. Savino stated he wants to speak about the flooding issues in Estill. Mr. Savino stated before any rainstorm and after he and his neighbors' removed debris from the ditch and tried to

maintain the ditch. He stated the ditch runs from 5th street to the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Savino stated water from over one hundred acres drains through the ditch from Baker Blvd, Wyman Blvd, 5th Street, Tuten Blvd and several others. Many of the ditches are not owned or operated by the Town of Estill. Mr. Savino said through this ditch and a two-year storm event flow can reach anywhere up to 16,000 gallons per minute. He stated they are no longer 100-year storm events, they are now around every 15-20 years. Mr. Savino stated this past August his entire property flooded, and he had around two feet of water across his entire property. Mr. Savino stated he has around ten inches of water around the side of his home. Mr. Savino stated he did bring the issue up to the DOT to try to figure out what causes the issue. Mr. Savino stated DOT has a resurfacing project on Morrison Avenue he has scheduled a bid in April of this year, and he feels it is a prime time to address this issue. SC code 57-5-830 allows municipalities to review plans and approve them. Mr. Savino stated he would like the help and support of the Town. Mayor Wiley thanked Mr. Savino for the information.

**Mrs. Christine Peeples** - Ms. Peeples directed her comments to the Council. She stated someone that rents a home from her had a water leak. She received a water bill for around \$800 and the bill was through January 11, 2024, and then another bill is coming just for that much. Ms. Peeples stated in the past when she worked for the Town if a meter reading was outrageous, they were supposed to do another reading. Mayor Wiley stated yes, they still recheck meters.

**Mrs. Mary Glenn** - Ms. Glenn directed her comments to the Council. Ms. Glenn stated there is a leak in Newtown behind her property. The leak has been there for around 2-3 months. Ms. Glenn stated she has called Mr. Hamilton and he stated it is not anyone's water bill. Ms. Glenn stated she has had her property for over 30 years and the two mobile homes sit behind her property. The town did not ask or notify her to place water meters on her property. Ms. Glenn wants the issue fixed, especially with the rain issues we have been having.

**Mayor Exited Regular Session and Entered Executive Session at 7:08 pm**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session for a discussion related to i. Personnel: Employee 2 - Compensation Agreement, Employee 3 - Grant Position. ii. Contract: Computer Solutions IT of Barnwell, SC, Code Enforcement Contract, Town Administrator Contract. iii. Legal: None. 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. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Mayor Exited Executive Session and Entered Regular Session at 8:29 pm**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit executive session and enter into regular session for a discussion related to i. Personnel: Employee 2 - Compensation Agreement, Employee 3 - Grant Position. ii. Contract: Computer Solutions IT of Barnwell, SC, Code Enforcement Contract, Town Administrator Contract. iii. Legal: None Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden.

The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Personnel:**

**Employee 2 Compensation Agreement**

Mayor Wiley asked for a motion to table Employee 2 Compensation Agreement until the next fiscal year. 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 3-2 in favor of the motion. Mayor Wiley and Councilwoman D. Bolden voted Nay.

**Employee 3 - Grant Position**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table Employee 3 - Grant Position. 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.

**Contract:**

**Computer Solutions IT of Barnwell, SC**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve Computer Solutions IT of Barnwell and provide a contract. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilwoman D. Bolden. The motion was offered by Councilwoman D. Bolden; with a second by Councilman A. Green. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

**Code Enforcement Contract**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve the Code Enforcement Contract position. 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.

**Town Administrator Contract**

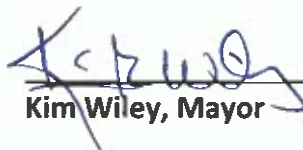
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to accept the Agreement with the Town Administrator based on the agreement from three weeks ago to eliminate Fleet card and alternate proposal w/a direct monthly payment to use some of the ARP money to offset the salary. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 3-2 in favor of the motion. Mayor K. Wiley and Councilwoman D. Bolden voted Nay.

**Adjourn**

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. 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.

**Mayor K. Wiley adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.**

**ADOPTED this 14th Day of February**

  
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Kim Wiley, Mayor

  
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Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Dwanda Bolden, Councilwoman

  
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Alfonia "Al" Green, Councilman

  
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Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Edna O'Banner, Clerk Treasurer