Mayor: Corrin F. Bowers III



Council:
Synetria McQuire
James Williams
Joe N. Hadwin, Jr.
Tammy Solomon

Town of Estill Council Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Corrin Bowers at 6:00 pm.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Councilman James Williams.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Mayor C. Bowers, Councilman J. Hadwin, Councilwoman S. McQuire, Councilman J. Williams, Clerk Treasurer Edna O'Banner and Attorney K. Davis.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Solomon.

Approve April 09, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve April 09, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve April 14, 2025, Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve April 14, 2025, Council Special Called Meeting Minutes. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve April 30, 2025, Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve April 30, 2025, Council Special Called Meeting Minutes. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve May 14, 2025, Council Meeting Amended Agenda

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve May 14, 2025, Council Meeting Agenda with an amendment to add a personnel matter Employee A. Mayor C. Bowers recognized

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ESTILL. SOUTH CAROLINA 29918 · TELEPHONE: (803) 625-3243 · FAX: (803) 625-3106 WWW.TOWNOFESTILL.SC.GOV Councilwoman S. McQuire. The motion was offered by Councilwoman S. McQuire; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Fall Festival

Mrs. Mary Glenn, along with Mrs. Linda Gordon extended their congratulations to our new Mayor and Council members. Mrs. Glenn gave the date for the Fall Festival as September 18-21, 2025 and she informed the Mayor and Council that their meetings are scheduled every Thursday in the Council Courtroom.

Old Business

A. Ordinance No. 2025 – 02 An Ordinance to Amend the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, So as to Revise the Revenues and Expenditures. Second Reading. Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025 – 02 An Ordinance to Amend the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, So as to Revise the Revenues and Expenditures. SECOND READING. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Ordinance No. 2025 – 03 An Ordinance to Adopt FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budget for the Town Of Estill, South Carolina Covering the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026. FIRST READING
Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025 – 03 An Ordinance to Adopt FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budget for the Town Of Estill, South Carolina Covering the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026. FIRST READING. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilwoman S. McQuire. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

S. C. Public Employee Benefits Insurance Confidentiality Agreement

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve the Public Employee Benefits Insurance Confidentiality Agreement. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

A. Department Reports

Police Report- Chief Solomon- Taken as info only. Chief Solomon stated that he hired a new officer.

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

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

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

Councilman Williams asked Mr. Hamilton if he could find out about adding some guard rails in the area on Rooster Ridge Road.

Town Administrator Report

Mrs. O'Banner introduced the new Town Administrator, Mr. Joshua Richardson. She stated the town has a new Clerk of Court. Mrs. O'Banner has invited Ms. Smith from Hampton County to give the town some information on addressing. She stated we will be working a little closer with the community to get the forms completed so the addresses can be updated.

A. April 2025 Income Statement

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve April 2025 Income Statement as Information Only. Mayor C. Bowers recognize Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

B. Public Comment

Ms. Pam Love asked if Council could partner with Hampton County to assist with a solution for all the shooting and crime in Estill. She stated that a bullet came into her home, and it was very frightening.

Ms. Tangela Peeples stated her disappointment with the law enforcement in the town, and she wanted to address her concerns with the Mayor.

Mayor Exited Regular Session and Entered Executive Session at 6:52 pm

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session: Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilwoman S. McQuire. The motion was offered by Councilwoman S. McQuire; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The Council Voted 4-0 in favor of the motion to discuss:

Personnel:

Employee A Town Administrator

Contract: None

Legal: None

Mayor C. Bowers Exited Executive Session and Entered Regular Session at 7:20 pm

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to exit the executive session and enter into regular session: Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The Council Voted 4-0 in favor of the motion to discuss:

Personnel:

Employee A- Town Administrator

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Employee A for the position. Mayor C. Bowers recognize Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Contract: None

Legal: None

Adjourn

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor C. Bowers recognized Councilwoman S. McQuire. The motion was offered by Councilwoman S. McQuire; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The Council Voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor C. Bowers adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

ADOPTED 14th Day of May, 2025

Corrin F. Bowers, Mayor

Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem

Synetria McQuire, Councilwoman

James Williams, Councilman

Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

ATTE\$T:

Edna O'Banner, Clerk Treasurer