
MAYOR:
CORRIN F. BOWERS III



COUNCIL:
SYNETRIA McQUIRE
JAMES WILLIAMS
JOE N. HADWIN, JR.
TAMMY SOLOMON

Town of Estill
Regular Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025

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

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Mayor C. Bowers, Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon, Councilman J. Hadwin, Councilwoman S. McQuire, Councilman J. Williams, Town Administrator Joshua Richardson, Clerk Treasurer Edna O'Banner.

Approve June 18, 2025, Amended Agenda to include Executive Session.

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve June 18, 2025, Amended Agenda. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve May 14, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve May 14, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilwoman S. McQuire. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve May 28, 2025, Special Called Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve May 28, 2025, Special Called Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilwoman S. McQuire. The motion was offered by Councilwoman S. McQuire; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve Resolution 02-2025 Mrs. Opal Lee "Grandmother of Juneteenth".

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Resolution 02-2025 Mrs. Opal Lee "Grandmother of Juneteenth". Mayor Bowers 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.

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Approve Ordinance 05-2025 Water rate Increase Second Reading

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 05-2025 Second Reading. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve Ordinance 06-2025 Refuse Fund Schedule of Fees Second Reading

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 06-2025 Refuse Fund Schedule of Fees Second Reading. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilwoman S. McQuire. The motion was offered by Councilwoman S. McQuire; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Change the Monthly Meeting Day of the Week

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to table the changing of the monthly meeting day of the week. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Rural Infrastructure/Lowcountry Regional Water System Study

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to approve Rural Infrastructure/Lowcountry Regional Water System Study at no cost to the town. Mayor Bowers recognized Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Town Attorney Kenneth Davis stated that he and the town can monitor the website weekly for the Sunday sale of Alcohol for the town.

Finance Director Edna O'Banner stated that with the town's projected increase in water and refuse department, the prison increase in inmate and Canfor coming aboard, we are looking for positive changes.

May 2025 Income Statement

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to take the income statement as information only. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Police Chief Solomon- Absent (death in his family).

Fire Chief Toone – Absent

Public Works & WWW Director-Mr. Hamilton said the report was included.

Mr. Hamilton responded to Councilman Williams question stating in reference to water overflowing in certain area. Mr. Hamilton said that it is going to be between two entities, DOT, or Railroad along Highway 321. Mr. Hamilton said he will try to get an answer as soon as he can. Mayor Bowers stated that the person who is over the problem areas is Grant Fisher, and he will check if you make contact with him. Councilman Williams said something was blocking the water from flowing and this is why the water is backing up.

Safety & Recreation Dept. – Ms. Breland said she checked the parks, fire extinguishers and scheduled reservations for the Bull Durham. The Council along with the recreation department will sponsor the Juneteenth event on June 19, 2025. and movie night is scheduled for June 28, 2025.

Town Administrator- Joshua “Shane” Richardson -

Mr. Richardson stated that he had a meeting with the Prison Personnel, and they will bring some of the inmates back to the prison site in Jan. He met with the beautification committee for the upgrading of the town and also Ms. Susan Peeples to get an update on the policies for hurricane season to make sure everything is in order. Mr. Richardson said the Police design is completed, and it is being fine-tuned by the Engineers. \$1.5 million is what it will cost. We will bring contractors and payment requests to be presented at the meetings.

Public Comment

None

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matter at 6:45 pm

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Regular Session to Discuss Personnel Matter at 7:08 pm

Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to enter Regular Session to Discuss Personnel Matters Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Position

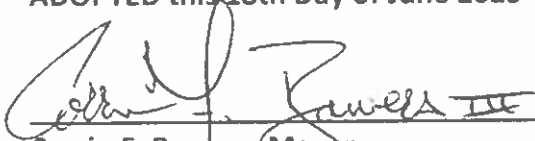
Mayor C. Bowers asked for a motion to accept Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Solomon back in the position as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Bowers recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

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 Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The Council Voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.


Mayor C. Bowers adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm

ADOPTED this 18th Day of June 2025


Corrin F. Bowers, Mayor


Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem


Synetria McQuire, Councilwoman


James Williams, Councilman


Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

ATTEST:


Edna O'Banner, Clerk To Council