



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Michael Locklear at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Michael A. Locklear
Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Councilmember DeWayne G. Kitts
Councilmember Latorie S. Lloyd
Councilmember Chadwick D. Sweatman
Councilmember James B. Ware, III

Staff Present:

John S. West, Town Attorney
Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Marilyn M. Baker, Administrative Services Director/Clerk to Council
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
Stephen G. Young, Police Chief
Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager

Absent: Councilmember James N. Law, Jr.

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Pastor Mickey White, Changed Lives Ministries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Councilmember Latorie Lloyd.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Swearing In Ceremony for Police Chief:** Stephen G. Young
Stephen G. Young was administered the Oath of Office by Attorney John S. West to serve as Police Chief for the Town effective February 21, 2023. Chief Young thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Minutes:** Regular Meeting of Council - January 17, 2023
Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 17, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Sweatman. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

REPORTS

3. **Mayor's Report:** Michael A. Locklear
Mayor Locklear referred to Recreation Director Becky Ellison. She was excited to report that we currently have 52 participants for the Miracle League this season. She also reported that April 1st will be Opening Day Ceremonies for Spring Sports. Registration will be open until March 1st. Currently, we have 1246 Participants and 96 teams. The numbers have greatly increased from recent years.
4. **Administrator's Report:** Jeffrey V. Lord
Administrator Lord referred to Chief Robert Gass. He introduced his Administrative Assistant, Lisa Beavers. She has been working with the Town since August 8, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Appointment:** Planning Commission
Motion was made by Councilmember Kitts; motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to appoint Glenn Pipkin to serve on the Planning Commission to serve Roscoe Haynes unexpired term through January, 2024.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

6. **Contractual Services:** Demolition Proposal - 122 Jolly Lane, Moncks Corner.
Administrator Lord explained, the Town recently purchased 122 Jolly Lane to facilitate the improvement of the California Branch culvert on that street. The building has been evaluated by staff and determined to be unusable.

Town staff directly solicited bids to demolish the building located on the property and received two responses.

Bidder	Total Bid
Kennedys Grading and Excavation	\$9,975
Action Abatement & Demolition	No Bid
Brown's Hauling and Clearing	\$6,175

Brown's Hauling and Clearing is the low bid at \$6,175. Staff request authorization to demolish the building located at 122 Jolly Lane and accept the low bid for demolition.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to authorize demolishing the dwelling located at 122 Jolly Lane and award the contract to the low bid submitted by Brown's

Hauling and Clearing. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ware. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

7. ARPA Funding: Moncks Corner Business Assistance Grant

Administrator Lord explained that \$750,000 was allocated for the business assistance grant out of the American Rescue Plan Act. Several businesses applied for the ARPA Business Assistance Grant. The Architect visited each location and presented staff with a list of recommendations. Staff met with owners and discussed the options. The information was compiled and presented to the ARPA Committee for review. 24 businesses were recommended for funding. Each business has the option to choose from the list of approved items, staying within their maximum approved cost. \$722,800 was allocated for business assistance.

Motion made by Councilmember Ware to approve the recommended list. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kitts. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

8. First Reading: An ordinance to annex real property located along Rembert C. Dennis Blvd., TMS#143-00-00-026, TMS# 143-00-00-079 and TMS#143-00-00-080, into the corporate limits of the Town of Moncks Corner, to re-classify TMS#143-00-00-079 and TMS#143-00-00-080 from GC, General Commercial District (Berkeley County) to R-3, Single Family Attached Residential (Moncks Corner) with conditions, and to reclassify TMS#143-00-00-026 from GC, General Commercial District (Berkeley County) to TD, Transitional District (Moncks Corner), and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Moncks Corner to so reflect.

Mayor Locklear added as information, that this is not a public hearing. This is one of two readings. The public hearing will be held during second reading. If anyone has any comments, they can address those comments at that time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kitts to approve the above referenced ordinance for first reading. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2023-01

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Section 10-46 of the Town of Moncks Corner Code of Ordinances pertaining to Business License and Seasonal Activities.

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sweatman to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kitts and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Lucy Watson of 108 Shamrock Ct, Moncks Corner asked, if the Town experienced a train derailment like the one that happened in East Palestine, Ohio, back in March of this year, would the Town be prepared to handle it? Administrator Lord responded that there is a Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan process in place that addresses instances such as this. There would be a coordinated effort between the County and participating jurisdictions.

Karen Roberts of 110 Lael Court, Moncks Corner expressed concerns of the new development, foot traffic, vehicle traffic, no turning lanes, pond with no fencing, no street signs and the lack of streetlights in the Merrimack area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Councilmember Sweatman to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Councilmember Kitts, Councilmember Lloyd, Councilmember Sweatman, Councilmember Ware.

A copy of this meeting's agenda was e-mailed to the Post and Courier, The Berkeley Independent, Live 5 News, Channel 4, Channel 2, and The News Journal Scene. As required, the agenda was posted on the Municipal Complex bulletin board and Town Website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

March 21, 2023

DATE