



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr. at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Council Member Leroy S. Dingle, Jr.
Council Member James N. Law, Jr.
Council Member Latorie S. Lloyd
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman
Council Member James B. Ware, III

Staff Present:

James E. Brogdon, Town Attorney
Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Marilyn M. Baker, Administrative Services Director/Clerk to Council
Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
Antwan L. Richardson, Police Chief
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Director
James C. Jackson, III, Fire Chief
Elizabeth B. Rentz, Recreation Director
Justin S. Westbrook, Community Development Director
Carter France, Town Planner

INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Pastor David Clanton of The Grove Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Chadwick Sweatman.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Proclamation:** Overdose Awareness Day in Moncks Corner

Mayor Hamilton presented a proclamation to Nanci Steadman Shipman, Founder and Executive Director of Wake-up Carolina and J.R. Weaver of Wake-up Carolina

proclaiming August 31, 2026, as Overdose Awareness Day in the Town of Moncks Corner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Budget Workshop Minutes: July 14, 2026

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the budget workshop minutes of July 14, 2026. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

3. Regular Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2026

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2026. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

REPORTS

4. Mayor's Report: Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr.

Mayor Hamilton reported the following:

July 29: He attended the swearing-in ceremony for PFC Police Officers Jonathan Ayer and Joshua Phillips.

July 31: He attended the Training High School Class of 1958 reunion. He presented six honorary proclamations on behalf of the Town Council and himself. Those recognized were Joseph Sanders, Alma Gethers Brown, Thomasena Baylor, Gertrude Haynes Trescott, Gladys Wilson Wallace and Beauty Isabella Manigault Richardson. Chiefs Antwan Richardson and James Jackson also participated and addressed the attendees.

August 1: He attended the Berkeley One Event at the Recreation Complex, which drew thousands of attendees. He thanked the Recreation Department, Public Service Department, and Moncks Corner Police Department for their efforts in organizing the event and ensuring the safety of those in attendance.

August 7: He attended the promotion ceremony for Officer Tommy Harger. He was promoted to Corporal.

August 7: He attended the 2nd Annual "No Filter Friday", a teen night to connect and chill with attendees. The event was hosted by Latorie Lloyd.

August 8: He attended the book bag giveaway hosted by Charlamagne, a nationally recognized media personality and recent recipient of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In addition to providing book bags filled with school supplies, Charlamagne

purchased food for attendees from the event vendors. The Mayor commended him for remembering his hometown and giving back to the community.

August 15: He participated in the 2026 car, truck and motorcycle show hosted by the Moncks Corner Police Department. Council Members Dennis, Dingle and Susan Gilmore were also in attendance.

5. Administrator's Report: Jeffrey V. Lord

Administrator Lord reported the following:

Lacey Park: Construction is underway, and the project remains on schedule. The Town acquired the adjacent property on the corner of Murray Drive and West Main Street which will be incorporated into the redesign.

NRCS Project: The project is progressing. Twenty property owners expressed interest in the buyout program. Of those, eight have submitted all required documentation, which has been forwarded to NRCS for approval, and responses are still pending from the remaining 12. Eight additional property owners declined to participate.

Winter Street Project: The project is complete. Administrator Lord reminded Council that completion of the Winter Street Project was necessary before the Town could apply to the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) for funding the Main Street Project. The Town plans to use the remaining EPA project funds and apply to RIA for the balance. Because RIA will not supplement the project until the EPA funding is secured, the Town will apply in the spring rather than the fall. This will delay the project by approximately six months; however, if everything proceeds as anticipated, the Town will then solicit bids.

Youth Field LED Lighting Upgrade: The Youth Field LED lighting upgrade scheduled for the current budget year has been completed. The lighting upgrade for Field No. 3 is planned for the 2027 budget year.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. First Reading:** Consider a Conditional Zoning Map Amendment (CZ-26-03) request for a parcel (142-00-01-009) totaling ~0.86 acres, located at 311 W Main Street. The parcels are requesting to be zoned Conditional Zoning - General Commercial (CZ C-2).

Community Development Director Westbrook provided Council with an overview of the request. Staff recommended Town Council's consideration.

Council expressed concern about the uses under the requested zoning classification, screening for outdoor storage, parking and signage. Director Westbrook added that he will work with the property owner with signage and screening.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

7. **First Reading:** An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2025-08 and the budget attached thereto and to adjust certain revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending 2026.

Administrator Lord provided Council with an overview of the recommended budget amendments.

Motion was made by Council Member Sweatman to approve. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

8. **Consideration:** Bids for Accounting Services for the Town of Moncks Corner Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2026 thru 2028.

Finance Director Justine Lovell explained that staff solicited bids for accounting services for the Town's financial statements for fiscal years 2026 thru 2028. Only one bid was received from Greene, Finney, Cauley, LLP as follows. Staff recommended Council's approval.

All-Inclusive Fee For Fiscal Year Ending	Accounting Services with ACFR Prep
2026	28,325
2027	30,500
2028	33,000

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the bid from Greene, Finney, Cauley, LLP for fiscal years 2026 thru 2028 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

9. **Consideration:** Bids for Auditing Services for the Town of Moncks Corner Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2026 thru 2028.

Finance Director Justine Lovell explained that staff solicited bids for auditing services for the Town's financial statements for fiscal years 2026 thru 2028. The following bids were received. Staff recommend awarding the bid to Baird Audit Group, LLC. Baird submitted the low bid and based on our experience; Baird has delivered exceptional service to the Town for the last 8 fiscal years.

- **Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accounts**

All-Inclusive Fee For Fiscal Year Ending	Basic Financial Audit	Single Audit	Total For Financial Audit and Single Audit
2026	25,000	7,500	32,500
2027	26,500	7,500	34,000
2027	28,000	7,500	35,500

- **Baird Audit Group, LLC – Total:**

All-Inclusive Fee For Fiscal Year Ending	Basic Financial Audit	Single Audit	Total For Financial Audit and Single Audit
2026	16,500	2,500	19,000
2027	17,000	2,500	19,500
2027	17,500	2,500	20,000

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to approve the bid from Baird Audit Group, LLC for audit services for fiscal years 2026 thru 2028 as recommended. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2026-10

An ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Administrator Lord provided a brief overview of the recommended budget.

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public

Motion was made by Council Member Sweatman to approve the proposed FY 2027 Budget as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Bruce Francis, Pastor of Moncks Corner AME Church, located at 309 West Main Street, expressed concerns regarding the proposed rezoning of the property at 311 West Main Street. He stated that the church had not been notified of the request and that no public notice signage had been posted on the property.

Director Westbrook explained that a public hearing would be held before the ordinance is considered for adoption. He further stated that, in accordance with state law, signage would be posted on the property, and notice would be published in the newspaper at least 15 days before the public hearing. Director Westbrook added that the Town is committed to working with the community and will be happy to share information regarding the rezoning request should they desire to contact us.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and seconded Council Member Law to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Voting Yea: Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Dingle, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member Ware.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk to Council

September 15, 2026

DATE