



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Town Council Chambers, Moncks Corner Municipal
Complex, 118 Carolina Avenue
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 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.
Council Member DeWayne G. Kitts
Council Member James N. Law, Jr.
Council Member Latorie Lloyd
Council Member Chadwick D. Sweatman
Council Member James B. Ware, III

Staff Present:

Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
John S. West, Town Attorney
Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk to Council
Rebecca T. Ellison, Recreation Director
R. Logan Faulkner, Public Service Director
Robert L. Gass, III, Fire Chief
Mohamed A. Ibrahim, Technology Manager
Ehrichs B. Ollic, Police Chief

Absent:

Justine H. Lovell, Finance Director
Douglas R. Polen, Community Development Director

INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Mike Doty of Pointe North Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Miracle League Field Check Presentation:** Reeves Skeen, SC Coastal Area Executive and Dorothy Gatlin, Senior Vice President/Market Executive of First Citizens Bank.

Dorothy Gatlin, Senior Vice President/Market Executive of First Citizens Bank and Reeves Skeen, SC Coastal Area Executive presented Mayor Locklear and Recreation Director Becky Ellison with a donation to the Miracle League Field of \$20,000. Mayor Locklear, Town Council and Director Ellison expressed their deepest appreciation to Mrs. Gatlin, Mr. Skeen and First Citizens Bank for their support. Mayor Locklear added that the project is moving forward, and the Town has collected over a million dollars toward this project. He also added that he was excited to report that Administrator Lord is meeting with the engineers in the morning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Regular Meeting Minutes:** December 21, 2021
Motion made by Council Member Law, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 21, 2021, seconded by Council Member Kitts. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

3. **Inauguration Ceremony:** January 3, 2022
Motion made by Council Member Ware, to approve the Inauguration Ceremony minutes of January 3, 2022, seconded by Council Member Sweatman. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

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

REPORTS

4. **Mayor's Report:** Michael A. Locklear
Mayor Locklear commented that the year 2021 was a very stressful year for everyone. The Town like many other businesses was short staffed but we made it through okay. He added that he is looking forward to 2022.
5. **Administrator's Report:** Jeffrey V. Lord
Administrator Lord reported that the Town has a lot going on right now. We are in the process of renovating the Administration Offices. We have moved some of our staff over to the CPW offices. He expressed his appreciation to the CPW for allowing the Town to use their space while renovations were going on. Renovations include an office for a new Accounts Payable Clerk. We are now taking applications for that position. RFP's will be going out this week for the ARPA Funding. Bids are coming in this week for the sidewalks that will continue around the backside of the recreation fields at the Recreation Complex. Staff is also meeting with Santee Cooper on the lighting along the sidewalks. The bid for field lighting has been awarded to Torrance Lighting for the soccer and football event fields. They are waiting on materials to be shipped and hopefully the work can commence sometime in March. Culverts under the Winter Street Bridge will be replaced. The project is being funded by CTC funds

and will be completed by the SCDOT. Permits have been issued but they are still waiting on some of the easements. Whitesville and Jolly Road improvements will be funded by ARPA Funds and an RIA Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Staff Appointment: Town Attorney

Motion made by Council Member Ware, to appoint Attorney John S. West as Town Attorney for an additional two-year term to expire January 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Sweatman and was approved unanimously as follows:

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

7. Staff Appointment: Administrative Services Director and Clerk to Council

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, to appoint Marilyn M. Baker as Administrative Services Director and Clerk to Council for an additional two-year term to expire January 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and was approved unanimously as follows:

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

8. Resolution No. 2022-01R: Safety Policy

Administrator Lord explained that the Municipal Association requires that the Town adopt a Safety Policy as part of our insurance coverage. It also allows the Town to take a 5% discount on insurance premiums.

Motion made by Council Member Law, to adopt a Safety Policy Resolution for the Town of Moncks Corner. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and was approved unanimously as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to be brought before Council.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tom Hamilton of 205 West Main Street just moved here in October. He wanted to thank Bobby Wall of the Moncks Corner Water Works, Community Development Director Doug Polen, Building Inspector Tim Shiner, Permit Clerk Bobbi Jo Seabrook and the Moncks Corner Police Department for their assistance during the construction of his home. He also expressed his concerns of the amount of traffic and speeding throughout Town. He added that he would like to see Council address this. He also added that he would like to see the tennis courts at Lacey Park re-located to the Recreation Complex due to flooding issues at Lacey Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Law, seconded by Council Member Kitts to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously as follows.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, Council Member Kitts, Council Member Law, Council Member Lloyd, Council Member Sweatman, Council Member 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

February 15, 2022
DATE