**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 10, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Kathryn Turbeville, Councilmembers Herbert Mims, Tammy Hicks,

and Doyl Gray

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander, Town Administrator Bill Taylor, Clarendon County Councilman Benton Blakely, Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley

1. Mayor Turbeville called the town council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and declared that a quorum was present. **Councilmember Mims** offered the invocation.
2. Mayor Turbeville requested consideration of amending the meeting agenda to add VII FOR COUNCIL ACTION: A. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, as well as adding C. Proposal for Engineering Services for Puddin’ Swamp Road Water Main Extension/Looping Project. **Councilmember Mims** made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember** **Hicks** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. Mayor Turbeville asked if anyone was present who wished to address council. County Councilman **Benton Blakely** stated that Clarendon County is still trying to get people to apply for the Community Grant Program. He also noted that in some areas the older residents are spending between $30 to $50 on transportation to buy groceries, attend medical appointments, etc. and that the Clarendon County Council is having a study prepared to see if it might be feasible to develop or expand some regional transportation system in the county that would assist those needing such.
4. **Sheriff Tim Baxley** offered an update on the Clarendon County Sheriff’s office providing law enforcement activities within the Town of Turbeville. He initially asked if the Town had an ordinance that prevented someone from living in a commercial building. Mayor Turbeville stated that the town did not. Sheriff Baxley stated that the town cannot evict anyone living in a commercial building as there is no ordinance preventing that. He said he would do more research and have officers around town to try and remedy any such situations that are found. He noted that before he makes the drive to the Sheriff’s Office in Manning that he makes sure he sees a deputy in town. The Clarendon County Sheriff’s Office just increased deputy pay by 7% in the new budget. Law enforcement agencies in the surrounding areas were paying more and the department is looking to fill four (4) open positions.
5. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the July 13, 2021, regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Mims** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Hicks** and passed by unanimous vote.
6. Mayor Turbeville introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2021 – 04. An Ordinance Amending the Town of Turbeville’s Purchasing Policy.** A motion was made by **Councilmember Mims** to approve the second reading of this ordinance. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Hicks** and passed by unanimous vote.
7. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration **the Proposal for Engineering Services for Puddin’ Swamp Road Water Main Extension/Looping Project.** Administrator Taylor stated that the town was able to reapply for this funding and were recently awarded the money in the form of a forgivable loan. This proposal will allow the engineers to begin preliminary engineering design work on the project. A motion was made by **Councilmember Hicks** to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
8. There being no further business, **Councilmember Gray** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **7:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk