**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 14, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

Albert Mobley, Doyl Gray, and Judy Coker

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander, Part-time Town Clerk Taylor Osborne, Town Administrator Taylor, Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley, Clarendon County Councilmember Pat Coker, Helen Baxley, Tammy Hicks, Elizabeth Faulk, Scott Beasley, Eric Coker, John Osborne, and David Jones

1. Mayor Turbeville called the town council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and declared that a quorum was present. **Councilmember Mobley** offered the invocation.
2. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the agenda for the February 14, 2023, regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Gray** to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. Mayor Turbeville asked if anyone was present who wished to address the council. **David Jones** asked Council if Turbeville would receive the same type of police coverage if it did not pay the Clarendon County Sheriff’s Department for the Intergovernmental Agreement.
4. **Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley** passed out folders to the council members. He stated he was caught off guard at the last council meeting and did not have a copy of the agreement with him at that time. He stated when the agreement between the Town of Turbeville and the Clarendon County Sheriff’s Department was implemented in January of 2020, Dwayne Howell was the Mayor and Rodney Johnson was the administrator. He noted that there was a public hearing on December 3, 2019 at East Clarendon High School to discuss whether the town should consider entering into a contract with the Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement within the town. He stated that in the contract it says the Clarendon County Sheriff’s Office does not provide exclusive coverage to the town. He said the agreement states the duties are to hire and train deputies within the limits of the town and that they do not enforce local municipal ordinances. **Sheriff Baxley** stated the agreement will be active until one party wishes to terminate the agreement.

**Sheriff Baxley** shared with the council some of the statistics regarding calls for the town. He stated that from 2018 to December 3, 2019 The Turbeville Police Department responded to a total of 271 calls. He said the Sheriff’s Office responded to 980 calls within this same time frame within the town with the Turbeville Police Department providing help on 62 of those calls. He stated the Sheriff’s Office would provide services when they could. **Sheriff Baxley** said from October 2019 to December 2019 there were 282 service/medical calls to service the Town of Turbeville and 456 calls for property checks. He noted that the Turbeville Police Department responded to 12 service/medic calls and one property check call. In 2020, when the agreement went into effect, 3,790 calls were made and in 2021 4,149 calls were made regarding the Town of Turbeville whether it be calls for service, medical calls or property checks. **Sheriff Baxley** said that the point that he was trying to make is that the Clarendon County Sheriff’s Office is doing what they should be doing according to the agreement. He said he takes it personal for people to think that he or his department is not providing the services agreed to between the town and the county.

1. **Councilmember Gray** thanked Sheriff Baxley for the services that the county provides for the town and asked if the Town of Paxville pays Clarendon County for their services. Sheriff Baxley said Paxville has never had a police department. **Councilmember Gray** asked if Turbeville could get a break on the money.  **Sheriff Baxley** responded by saying he has nothing to do with the financials and that the town went to the county when this agreement first went into effectand agreed to the terms**. Baxley** encouraged the councilmembers to review the information that he provided and call him anytime with questions or concerns.
2. **Councilmember Coker** said from day-to-day observation, she sees the Clarendon County deputies. **Sheriff Baxley** said he is always open to any suggestions. **Councilmember Coker** asked the sheriff if there are any other responsibilities that need to be added for either party. He said the only thing that he could think of would be to hire someone to enforce the ordinances of the town.
3. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the January 10, 2023 regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Mims** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
4. Mayor Turbeville introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2023 – 01. An Ordinance to Authorize the Conveyance of a Portion of Real Property of the Town of Turbeville and Other Matters Related Thereto.** **Councilmember Mims** made a motion to approve the second reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.

1. Mayor Turbeville reminded the council about the Notice of BZA Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023 as well as the CDBG Needs Assessment Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 7, 2023.
2. There being no further business, **Councilmember Gray** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **7:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk