**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 10, 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, Bill Hancock with the Brittingham Group, LLP, Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley, 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 Mims** offered the invocation.
2. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the agenda for the January 10, 2023, regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Coker** to approve the minutes 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** stated that a sheriff deputy is supposed to be in the Turbeville town limits at all times. He asked what the town was going to do since the sheriff’s office has not been following the contract. Mayor Turbeville said her father’s alarm went off a couple days before and a deputy arrived at his house less than five minutes. Mr. Jones stated that the mayor’s father does not live inside the town limits.
4. **Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley** responded to Mr. Jones and said the contract between the Clarendon County Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Turbeville does not state that a deputy has to be inside the town limits at all times. **Councilmember Gray** asked how many deputies are supposed to be around town and Sheriff Baxley’s response was one person. David Jones stated the town of Paxville does not pay for the Sheriff’s Office to enforce the law. **Councilmember Gray** asked why Turbeville has to pay and other towns do not have to pay. The Sheriff said the Town came to him about this contract.
5. **Councilmember Coker** stated she was not exactly sure what all the contract says and asked if the councilmembers could get a copy of the contract so this could be discussed at the next council meeting. Mayor Turbeville said she will get the councilmembers a copy of the contract.
6. Mayor Turbeville introduced Mr. Bill Hancock from The Brittingham Group to present the Town of Turbeville’s Annual Audit Report for 2022. He stated that internal control looked good, and they did not have any recommendations for changes. He said there were no instances where taxes were withheld, and the municipal court is being handled correctly. Mr. Hancock said there are no new issues and the previous issues have been corrected. He also said the town had more money coming in than what was planned and this year has been the cleanest year yet.
7. Mayor Turbeville introduced the first 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.** Mayor Turbeville said Tract D is a small strip of land that the Town is wanting to deed back to James Ham. **Councilmember Gray** made a motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
8. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the November 7, 2022 regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Mims** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mobley** and passed by unanimous vote.
9. Mayor Turbeville reminded the council about the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government classes on February 8, 2023.
10. There being no further business, **Councilmember Mims** 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