**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 13, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

Doyl Gray, and Judy Coker

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander, Town Administrator Bill Taylor, Public Works Director Ellis Evans, Clarendon County Councilman Benton Blakely

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 the meeting agenda. **Councilmember Coker** made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember** **Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. Mayor Turbeville asked if anyone was present who wished to address council. County Councilman **Benton Blakely** stated that under the American Rescue Plan Act Clarendon County will be receiving $6.6 million. The county council has agreed to provide the Town of Turbeville with $100,000. He also stated that the county has established a Community Grant Program and has set aside $850,000 that would be available for special events, festivals, and to nonprofits. Local nonprofits can be reimbursed up to $15,000 from this program. He urged to mayor to contact the county administrator’s office for further details about this program.
4. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the June 8, 2021, regular town council meeting. Councilmember Mims made a motionto approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Hicks** and passed by unanimous vote.
5. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2021 – 04. An Ordinance Amending the Town of Turbeville’s Purchasing Policy.** Town Administrator Taylor stated the Town of Turbeville recently participated in a close-out of the sewer expansion grant that was funded by a Community Development Block Grant made available through the SC Department of Commerce. It was suggested during the monitoring review that the Town adjust its purchasing policy so that whenever any federal funding is involved that the town would follow the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code. Councilmember Hicks made a motion to approve the second reading of this ordinance. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
6. Administrator Taylor stated the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) recently awarded the Town of Turbeville with $500,000 grant to fund the Cypress Street Well Project. He also noted that the South Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) announced that $251,000 was being awarded to the town for engineering and design work associated with the Cypress Street Well Project and that $508,833 was being awarded for the Puddin’ Swamp Road Water Expansion Project. The funding from SRF will be in the form of a forgivable loan as along as the town meets the program guidelines. The town will be waiting on formal grant agreements from both agencies.
7. 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 **7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk