

**MINUTES**  
**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 12, 2021**  
**6:30 p. m.**

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

**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 Hicks** 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 a tax decrease is coming for Clarendon County. He also stated a new drain line across the East Clarendon practice football field was approved.
4. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council's consideration the minutes from the November 10, 2020 regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Hicks** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
5. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council's consideration a proposal for Joel Welch to go forward with repairing the problems with the floor in the court room. She stated that he was not sure if he would have to replace the floor joists until he can get under the building and inspect the problem. A motion was made by **Councilmember Hicks** to accept the proposal for Joel Welch to move forward with repairing the floors in the court room. This motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
6. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council's consideration **Ordinance 2021-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Turbeville's Business License Ordinance**. Town Administrator Taylor stated that the new legislation approved by the General Assembly last year calls for all cities and counties to comply with standardizing their business licenses to be effective as of January 1, 2022. The new standard license year will be set as May 1<sup>st</sup> with all business licenses due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Local governments must adopt an updated business classification schedule

every other year. The state will provide a portal to allow business owners to renew their licenses online. The town council will still set the rates for each business classification. The proposed ordinance does not change the current rate schedule, however; Taylor suggested that council may want to review business rates from other jurisdictions and decide if any changes are warranted later in the year. A motion was made by **Councilmember Hicks** on the ordinance to amend the business license. This motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Public Works Director Evans reported that the Cypress Street Well has failed and that a new well will need to be installed to meet the DHEC requirements that the town maintain a minimum of two independent sources of groundwater to service the town's water system. He indicated that the Layne Well Drilling Company of Savannah, Georgia came and inspected the well and had offered an estimate to drill a new well. Evans stated that the town would be seeking potential funding for this project from several separate funding agencies during the upcoming March funding application cycles. In the meantime, Ellis noted that he was waiting on a proposal for engineering services for the well project and anticipated having that for council's consideration at their February meeting.
8. There being no further business, **Councilmember Mims** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Hicks** and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **7:00 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kaitlin Alexander*

Town Clerk