**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 10, 2022**

**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, Town Administrator Bill Taylor, Public Works Director Ellis Evans, Clarendon County Councilman Benton Blakely, Fawn Pedalino, Joe Pedalino, Skippy Osborne, Pat Coker, Tammy Hicks, and Ginie Turbeville

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 May 10, 2022, regular council meeting. **Councilmember Gray** made a motionto approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. Mayor Turbeville asked if anyone was present who wished to address the town council. County Councilman **Benton Blakely** said the Clarendon County Council passed the new redistricting plan for the schools in the county at their last meeting and spoke about the proposed new library and fire station. **Councilmember Mims** asked Mr. Blakely if there is a start date for the library and he said there was no date set just yet. **Tammy Hicks** asked Mr. Blakely about the recreational ballfields. He stated that Clarendon County is in the process of trying to upgrade the fields in Turbeville and building a new sports complex in Manning. He said one thing they are trying to do is repave the parking lot at the Turbeville fields and that Dorn Smith was giving them the parking lot so they could get it repaved. **Ginie Turbeville** noted that it was her understanding that the town owned the parking that the county would need to verify before making any improvements. Mr. Blakely also stated that the proposed penny sales tax referendum should be a good thing for everyone in the county, however; **Mr. Joe Pedalino** did not agree with that statement.
4. **Fawn Pedalino** stated she is running for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 64 and wanted to introduce herself to the town council.
5. **Pat Coker** also stated that he was running for Clarendon County Council seat.
6. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the **April 12, 2022**, regular council meeting. **Councilmember Mims** made a motionto approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
7. Mayor Turbeville introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2022 – 03. An Ordinance Establishing Policies to Regulate Mobile Food Trucks, Food Trailers, and Related Vendors Operating Inside the Town of Turbeville.** Town Administrator Taylor stated the town would want to make sure the food trucks clean up after themselves and that they are thoroughly inspected by SCDHEC. He said the fee would not be implemented until September 1st, 2022. **Councilmember Mims** asked how the town would keep up with the hospitality tax and Administrator Taylor replied that they would need to report that to the town clerk. **Councilmember Mims** also asked about a cut off time to stop selling and Mayor Turbeville said that 11:00 p.m. would be the cut off time. **Councilmember Coker** made a motion to approve the second reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Gray** and passed by unanimous vote.
8. Mayor Turbeville introduced the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2022 – 04. An Ordinance Establishing an Annual Budget for the Town of Turbeville for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Councilmember Gray** made a motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
9. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the recommendation of a bid award for the Town Hall parking lot resurfacing project. Administrator Taylor stated that Town Council approved the money in the budget last year to resurface the parking lot. He noted that bids were sent out to nine (9) paving companies in the region. Osborne Concrete, Inc. was the only company which submitted a bid. He also stated that the bid that was received was a little more than what had been budgeted but that the town does have sufficient funds to cover the costs of the project. Administrator Taylor made a recommendation to approve the bid from Osborne Concrete in the amount of **$39,616**. A motion was made by **Councilmember Gray** to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
10. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the discussion on responding to nuisance violations in the town. **Councilmember Mims** stated there are vacant lots that are overgrown and unkept and that the town has no way of enforcing the ordinances. He said he would like to add the fine to their taxes. He stated that he and **Councilmember Gray** could ride around and inspect the town for ordinance violations. Administrator Taylor stated he had contacted Judge Percy Harvin and they met to see if there was anything the judge could do to help enforce these ordinances. Judge Harvin informed Taylor that if the town issued a municipal ordinance summons, that the town could set up a time with him to conduct court to hear those nuisance violations. Judge Harvin said he would be happy to work with the town on this issue and Administrator Taylor said he has a nuisance form that can be filled out and submitted to town hall. **Councilmember Gray** asked what the town’s ordinance says the penalty is for someone who does not comply. Administrator Taylor stated the South Carolina state law states that the town could charge up to $500.00 for someone who does not follow the local ordinance.
11. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the discussion on the use of the history building on the town square. She distributed a letter from Jean Boykin to the council members. **Councilmember Gray** said they did not say that Ms. Boykin was a dead beat. He stated they said that any other property in town would have to pay rent and that he does not think it is fair that she does not have to pay anything to the town. **Ginie Turbeville** asked if she pays any rent and **Councilmember Gray** said she does not. **Councilmember Coker** stated she was not in favor of charging Ms. Boykin rent since she pays for the upkeep and utilities of that entire building, not just her hair salon that is on one side. **Ginie Turbeville** said she doubted that any tax-paying citizen would appreciate that arrangement.

**Councilmember Mobley** said that the council could have Ms. Boykin come to town hall to talk with the council. **Councilmember Coker** asked how the town would let her know they want to speak with her on this issue. Mayor Turbeville said one of the town clerks could call her. **Councilmember Gray** stated that the council needed to figure out if it wants to rent the building or not. **Pat Coker** noted that Ms. Boykin’s situation was grandfathered in and that if she moved her shop that no one else would rent the property. He said that if someone in the future were wanting to rent the building there would be a considerable amount of work that would need to be done to meet the building code. **Councilmember Coker** stated that Ms. Boykin “paid the rent” by updating and repairing the building, even the side that is not her salon. She also said that Ms. Boykin considered retiring when her husband was sick and asked how long council thought it would be before she retired.

**Joe Pedalino** said he thinks the town should charge her a small amount like $5.00 or something just to cover the town. **Councilmember Mims** said he thinks the town should charge her a small fee and let her stay in the building. **Mayor Turbeville** said there were three options that the council could consider in this matter:

* The town could allow Boykin to remain in the building and leave everything the way it has been since she started using the building.
* The town could ask her to vacate the building, or
* The town could require that Boykin pay some sort of fee or rent to continue to operate her beauty salon.

**Councilmember Mims** said council should ask Ms. Boykin what fee amount she would be willing to pay to make it legal. **Councilmember Gray** said she would have to have rental insurance and **Pat Coker** disagreed. County Councilman **Benton Blakely** asked if the proposed new library would have any impact regarding the use of this this building. **Mayor** **Turbeville** said that the building may need to be removed as it may block the view of the library. After some additional discussion, a motion was made by **Councilmember Gray** to table this issue at this time. This motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed a unanimous vote.

14. 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 **7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk