**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 14, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

Albert Mobley, Judy Coker, and Ericson Coker

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander, Public Works Director Ellis Evans, Clarendon County Councilman Pat Coker, Rett Floyd, Pat Goodwin, Ginie Turbeville, Eric Coker, Tim Baxley, Helen Baxley

1. **Mayor Pro-Tem Herbert Mims** called the town council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present. **Councilmember Mobley** offered the invocation.
2. **Mayor Pro-Tem Mims** called for the newly elected councilmembers and mayor to come forward. Pat Goodwin administered the oath of office to Ms. Tammy Hicks, Mr. Ericson Coker, and Ms. Judy Coker, who won their seats on the town council and as mayor on the November 7, 2023, general election. They will serve four-year terms through November 2027. **Councilmember Doyl Gray** stepped down from his position on town council after a four-year term.
3. **Mayor Hicks** asked if anyone was present who wished to address council. **Clarendon County Councilman Pat Coker** discussed many projects that are going on in the county and how it is growing. **Public Works Director Ellis Evans** said they have been busy decorating the town for Christmas and still waiting on the pump for the new well to be built.
4. **Mayor Hicks** introduced for council’s consideration the agenda for the November 14, 2023, regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Ericson Coker** to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
5. **Mayor Hicks** introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the October 10, 2023, regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Judy Coker** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Ericson Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
6. **Mayor Hicks** introduced for councils’ consideration the minutes from the November 1, 2023, special 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.
7. **Mayor Hicks** introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2023 – 08. An Ordinance Amending the Business License of the Town of Turbeville to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020. Councilmember Mobley** made a motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Ericson Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
8. **Mayor Hicks** introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2023 – 09. An Ordinance Amending the Business License of the Town of Turbeville to Update the Business License Rate Schedule. Councilmember Judy Coker** made a motion to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
9. **Mayor Hicks** introduced for council’s consideration the election of mayor pro-tem. The mayor pro-tem is selected after every general election. That individual would serve in the absence of the mayor. **Councilmember Mims** has served in this capacity for the past two years. **Councilmember Judy Coker** made the motion to elect **Councilmember Mims** as mayor pro-tem. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mobley** and passed by a unanimous vote.
10. **Councilmember Judy Coker** wanted to let council know she had attended the Risk Management Services Annual Meeting in Columbia on Thursday, November 9th. This deals with the insurance the state covers under the municipalities.
11. There being no further business, **Councilmember Mims** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mobley** and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **6:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk