**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 12, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

Judy Coker, and Doyl Gray

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander, Town Administrator Bill Taylor, Clarendon County Councilman Benton Blakely,

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by **Mayor Pro Term Mims** who was serving in the absence of Mayor Turbeville. Mims then declared a quorum was present. **Councilmember Gray** offered the invocation.
2. **Mayor Pro Term Mims** asked if anyone was present who wished to address council. County Councilman **Benton Blakely** stated that Clarendon County gave away around $1.2 million to nonprofit organizations and Santee Electric donated $10,000.00 to the Turbeville Children’s Home. He said in January the cost of vehicle taxes will be lower. County Councilman Blakely also said two new ambulances were purchased and that Clarendon County is drawing closer on the property for the fire complex.
3. **Mayor Pro Term Mims** introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the September 14, 2021, regular council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilmember Hicks** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Gray** and passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Mayor Pro Term Mims** introduced the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2021 – 05. An Ordinance to Adopt a Revised Business License Ordinance in Accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176).** Administrator Taylor stated this is what the Municipal Association suggested. The Town of Turbeville would need to repeal the former ordinance on business licenses and adopt a new one. In 2023 the Town would be able to adjust the rates for the business licenses. A motion was made by **Councilmember Gray** to approve the second reading of this ordinance. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
5. Administrator Taylor said The Town of Turbeville has been working with the auditors this past week. He said the design work for the Puddin Swamp extension is being pursued.
6. **Councilmember Coker** asked Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander if there had been many people complain about the water, sewer and sanitation rates increasing. The Town Clerk stated there have been a few people complain but people would complain before the rates increased.
7. **Councilmember Coker** asked what she needed to do to help get the potholes on her road fixed. She stated her road is a private road and asked if the Town of Turbeville could place recycled asphalt in the potholes. **Councilmember Gray** replied that since it is a private road the Town would not be able to do that. He asked County Councilman Blakely if he could find out what **Councilmember Coker** needed to do to get the county to fix it. County Councilman Blakely told him to get in contact with John Hardy.
8. **Councilmember Hicks** stated she has heard people in the Town of Turbeville talking about the flower beds around town and that the town needed to make them look better. Administrator Taylor said he would talk to the public works director about it.
9. **Councilmember Hicks** also asked for the Councilmembers to receive copies of the letters that are sent out to town residents when an ordinance is not followed. Administrator Taylor replied and stated the Town would start sending the letters to the Councilmembers as well as the resident.
10. There being no further business, **Councilmember Gray** 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