**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 13, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

1. Mayor Turbeville called the town council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and declared that a quorum was present. **Councilmember Mobley** offered the invocation.
2. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the agenda for the September 13, 2022, regular council meeting. **Councilmember Gray** made a motionto approve the meeting 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 the town council. County Councilman **Benton Blakely** indicated that the Town of Turbeville needs to submit a request for funds from the County Accommodation Tax if they wish to get any money. **Councilmember Coker** stated that the Clarendon County Recreation Department started with fall sports yesterday and asked County Councilman **Benton Blakely** if the county is currently doing anything to promote sports for young girls. She commented that in the past the county has had volleyball for young girls. She asked if the county is going to be having volleyball in the future and if participants from Turbeville would have to drive to Manning to play each time. County Councilman Blakely said the county could pursue any sport as long as there are enough players. Mr. Blakely said an additional 17 % tax decrease is going to take effect in January 2023. He also stated the check for the new Walker Gamble Elementary School will be picked up tomorrow and that the old school will not be torn down.

1. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration the minutes from the August 9, 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.
2. Mayor Turbeville introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2022 – 05. An Ordinance Amending Section 10-19 of the Turbeville Town Code Regarding the Adoption of Certain Codes.** Administrator Taylor stated the South Carolina Building Codes council met in October and approved the new codes that will go into effect January 1st, 2023. He stated these new codes are required by the state of South Carolina. **Councilmember Coker** made a motion to approve the second reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mobley** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. Mayor Turbeville introduced the second reading of **Ordinance No. 2022 – 06. An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 36 of the Turbeville Town Code and Establishing a Policy of Participating in the Installation of Water and Sewer Mains in any New and Undeveloped Subdivisions.** Administrator Taylor stated that this program may help encourage developers to move forward with building new subdivisions. It places the burden on the developers to install the appropriate infrastructure and they can be reimbursed a portion of their investment once a home is built and tied to the town’s utility system. Any potential developer would have to present the details of the project to the council. **Councilmember Gray** asked why this could not be offered to the individual that will own the house. Administrator Taylor said the town would look into that but, typically, it is the developer that installs the infrastructure and, therefore, they would be entitled to a reimbursement of a portion of that investment. **Councilmember Coker** made a motion to approve the second reading. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mobley** and passed by a vote of **3 to 2** with **Councilmembers Gray** and  **Mims** voting against this ordinance.
4. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration **Resolution 2022-R-01. A Resolution Agreeing to Participate in the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool.** Administrator Taylor stated the CDs the town currently has invested in locally, are only getting 0.1% interest and have been automatically renewed once they have matured. The Local Government Investment Pool is a special investment opportunity through the South Carolina State Treasurer’s Office that is offered to local cities, counties, school districts, and other public entities across the state. Pooling these funds affords the town an opportunity to realize a greater return on its investment and the funds are readily available if needed. **Councilmember Gray** asked if the town wants to move all of the current CDs. Administrator Taylor said that the town would certainly like to maintain investments in the local banks, but it would depend on whether or not they might offer rates equal to or better than what the town can receive at the state. A motion was made by **Councilmember Mims** to adopt this resolution. This motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by unanimous vote.
5. Mayor Turbeville introduced for council’s consideration **Resolution 2022-R-02. A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Cypress Street Well Replacement Project.** Administrator Taylor stated the first time the town received any bids on the well project that they came in significantly higher than expected. The town approached the State Revolving Fund about increasing the size of the grant for this project and was told that they would agree to take the funding originally approved for the Puddin Swamp Road Water Extension Project and apply it toward the Cypress Street Well Project. The lowest bid was from the firm of A. C. Schultes of Carolina, Inc. from Rocky Point, North Carolina in the amount of **$1,135,830**. **Councilmember Gray** asked about the location of the new well. Public Works Director Ellis Evans stated it would be approximately about one hundred (100) feet from the existing well. A motion was made by **Councilmember Gray** to adopt this resolution. This motion was seconded by **Councilmember Mims** and passed by unanimous vote.
6. Administrator Taylor stated that the council needed to have a special called meeting on **Wednesday September 21st** at **11:00 a.m.** so that they could approve the loan assistance agreement for the Cypress Street well project.
7. **Councilmember Gray** asked if the fence that was erected by Gamble Farms was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals . Administrator Taylor said the only thing the Board stated when they approved the variance to allow the construction of the grain silo was that a privacy fence be installed and only that the type of fence be approved by the adjoining residential property owner.
8. There being no further business, **Councilmember Mims** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Coker** and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **7:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk