**MINUTES**

**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**February 27, 2024**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

Albert Mobley, Judy Coker, and Ericson Coker

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Kaitlin Alexander, Assistant Town Clerk Taylor Osborne, Public Works Director Ellis Evans, Town Administrator Howard Garland, Santee Lynches COG Jeff Parkey, Caroline Floyd, Carolyn Newsome, and Ginie Turbeville

1. **Mayor Hicks** called the town council workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present. **Councilmember Mims** offered the invocation.
2. **Mr. Jeff Parkey**, with the Santee Lynches COG, started with giving an update on the progress of the town’s comprehensive plan. Comprehensive plans show the growth for cities and towns and should be updated every ten years. It has been 30 years since the last one for the Town of Turbeville has been done. He gave out some hardcopies of what they had so far, as well as some copies of the survey. He mentioned how there were a couple of reasons for comprehensive plans. The first reason pertains to the zoning ordinance. The second reason is that the plan is a guide for the future of the town, meaning that it helps identify any goals or projects the town may want to pursue in the future. It also helps the town from any potential liability that may arise. There are three parts to the plan. 1.) Background session, which they are currently waiting on now. 2.) Community input and stakeholder input. Mr. Parkey would like to have more focused sessions with the Planning Commission and Council. 3.) Goals and strategies and what the town would like to accomplish. The plan is about fifty percent done right now and hopefully will be complete around mid-summer for council to review. Once completed, it will need two readings to pass, and the zoning ordinance will come after the comprehensive plan is complete. The comprehensive plan also helps prepare for any future grants.
3. **Mayor Hicks** then went into a brainstorming session with Planning Commission, BZA and Council members present on any priorities for the Town of Turbeville. She started with the topic of the recreation fields. She was disappointed how they were turned over to the county and that there were numerous updates that need attention out there. The bathrooms, scoreboard, and bleachers being some of those concerns. Since 2016, Turbeville has not received any PARD money. A few years ago, there was an update to a new field drag and new playground equipment was installed.
4. **Mayor Hicks** brought to attention the issue concerning the Sheriff’s Department. She is trying to get the County to enforce codes for the town at no charge since we already pay a hefty amount of money to the county per our lease agreement. She sent a letter three weeks ago but has not heard anything back since. **Ginie Turbeville** requested that the town check out options with both the county and CC&I for code enforcement. Everyone in the room agreed to that.
5. **Mayor Hicks** then mentioned the building of the new library on town square. Mr. Howard mentioned that the building for the library was put on hold due to a price rise in materials due to inflation. She also mentioned that Dorn Smith had given the town permission to tear down the gazebo on the square, as it is in poor shape, but we would need his permission in writing.
6. **Mayor Hicks** brought to attention the possibility of turning the mobile homes at the recreation field into duplexes. Grant Cannon had mentioned the idea a couple of weeks ago to Mr. Howard, but zoning prevents it from happening. This is something that could possibly be brought up in the future with the town’s zoning ordinances before the Board of Zoning Appeals, but as of right now, zoning does not permit it.
7. **Ellis Evans** gave an update on the Cypress Street Well Project. He said that the pump had been released for shipping. Evans mentioned that he had put together a list of water expansion projects in order of greatest to least that would benefit the Town of Turbeville and add more customers in the future. Another need, that was budgeted for the current fiscal year, is a new truck for Mr. Ellis.
8. **Mayor Hicks** mentioned one last item that she had spoken to Sheriff Tim Baxley and Clarendon County were currently working on installing more cameras in the county, one being in Turbeville and another in Barrineau. Since we have had many issues with traffic running into objects in town, it is a good idea to have better access to footage from more advanced cameras, such as the flock cameras they are in the process of installing.
9. There being no further business, **Councilmember Mims** made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Ericson Coker** and passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kaitlin Alexander**

Town Clerk