

The Town of Winnsboro Council met in regular session on March 18, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Following standard procedures, copies of the agenda were provided to Council and The Voice. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Roger Gaddy, MD
Councilman Danny Miller, District #1
Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather, District #2
Councilman Demetrius Chatman, District #3
Mayor Pro-tem John McMeekin, District #4
Don Wood, Town Manager
Others
John Fantry, Attorney
Chief John Seibles, Public Safety
Cyndi Gawronski, Grants
Lorraine Abell
Guests
None

Call to Order:

Mayor Gaddy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation:

Councilman John McMeekin offered the Invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Janice Bartell Prather made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2020, Town Council Meetings be approved as written. Councilman John McMeekin seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Public Comments:

None

Presentation:

Ms. Cyndi Gawronski presented to Council a request for matching funds for a SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant for the Forest Hills neighborhood. The Finance Committee made the recommendation to Council for the approval of \$37,840.00, which would be the Town's match. The total grant cost is \$447,480.00. Council voted in favor of the funding.

New Business:

- a. Resolution #03172020: To appoint Commissioners to a Commission Created Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of SC 1976 As Amended and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto – The resolution appointed Mr. Herb Rentz and Mr. Russ Brown to

represent the Town of Winnsboro as Commissioners. Councilman Demetrius Chatman made a motion to adopt Resolution #03172020 as presented. Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather seconded the motion. All voted aye.

- b. Capital Expense Request: Electric Director William Medlin
The Finance Committee presented to Council a request to purchase two small parcels from CDS Company for parking for the electric and sanitation departments. The total cost of the parcels would be \$10,000.00. The lots face West Palmer Street. This would provide a safe parking area for the employees; the employees are currently parking on the street. Council approved the request.
- c. Capital Expense Request-Public Safety, Chief John Seibles
The Finance Committee presented to Council a request for funds to replace 15 body cameras that are not working properly. The cost would be \$13,500.00. The company has given the town a reduced cost because the old cameras were not working as first proposed. The monies to purchase the cameras will come from the sales the department has made on the government website. Council unanimously approved the purchase.

Old Business:

None

Other Business:

Council discussed Covid-19 actions as needed. Close the buildings to the public but keep the drive thru open for customers and handle other business by phone and e-mails, so we can continue to serve the citizens. Social distancing should be practiced, hand washing, etc. Armory rentals and all parades will be suspended until further notice.

Councilman Miller entered into a discussion on the number of members on the Finance Committee. Councilman Miller requested the members be reduced to Two members and requested the statement be removed from the agenda.

Executive Session: Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2):

A. Legal/Contractual: TruVista-Channel 3: Public Education and Government Access Channel

Possible Actions by Council following Executive Session

Councilman Demetrius Chatman made a motion to enter into executive session for the Discussion of Channel 3, access. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather. Councilman John McMeekin made a motion to resume the general Meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Demetrius Chatman. There were no motions and the discussion was for information only.

Questions from the Media:

None

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Councilman Chatman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Abell

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Assistant to Town Manager/Town Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor Roger Gaddy

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