

The Town of Winnsboro Council met in regular session on April 7, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. at the Town of Winnsboro Old Armory (due to the Covid-19 virus). 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
Chief John Seibles, Public Safety
William Castles, S&S
Trip Peak, WG&S
William Medlin, Electric
Jennifer Edwards, HR
Lorraine Abell, ATM
Guests
Gene Stephens, Fairfield Co. Chamber

Call to Order:

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

Invocation:

Councilwoman Janice Bartell Prather offered the Invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman John McMeekin made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2020, Town Council and Finance Meetings be approved as written. Councilwoman Janice Bartell Prather seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Public Comments:

None

Presentation:

Mr. Gene Stephens with the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce spoke on the small business loans that are available through CARES/Small Business Paycheck Loans. Mr. Stephens stated it started off on rocky grounds because the banks did not understand the process but clarification was received and the process has become smoother.

New Business:

a. COVID 19

Mr. Wood stated how the town was operating and requested the directors who were present to add comments on the operations of their departments. Most of the departments were operations as usual and spoke on the safety precautions they were taking for their departments. Councilman McMeekin inquired about the

hours of the annex and Mr. Wood responded they were working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Council discussed the budget meetings and decided to meet as scheduled; however, they would meet at the Old Armory.

Old Business:

None

Other Business:

Councilman McMeekin stated that the county had called wanting gas prices for a new industries. Mr. Trip Peak responded stating he had talked to Mr. Ty Davenport and Jason Taylor several times concerning gas prices.

Council was informed of a request from the county to join with the town in the cost of teleconferencing with Municipal Court for cases that were required to be held.

Council expressed concerns over the junk cars at the old dry cleaners location next to town hall. Chief Seibles will get Officer Jeter to address this concern.

Suggestions were given on how to distribute the masks received from the county.

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

Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather made a motion to enter into executive session for the discussion of Channel 3, access. The motion was seconded by Councilman Demetrius Chatman. Councilman Demetrius Chatman made a motion to resume the General Meeting, which was seconded by Councilman John McMeekin. Councilman McMeekin made a motion to have town attorney, John Fantry contact the Attorney General's office for a legal opinion concerning the franchise agreement. Councilwoman Janice Bartell Prather seconded the motion and all voted aye.

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 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lorraine Abell
Assistant to Town Manager/Town Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor Roger Gaddy