The Town of Winnsboro Council met in regular session on February 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

William Castles

Trip Peak

Bill Hancock

Lorraine Abell

Guests

Raymond Howard

Yvette Howard

Brandon Peake

Thomas Hearn

Susan Chatman

Martha Ladd

**Call to Order:**

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

**Invocation:**

Councilman John McMeekin offered the Invocation.

**Motion to Amend the Agenda**

Councilman McMeekin made a motion to amend the agenda for the discussion of

nominees for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. The motion was seconded by

Councilwoman Bartell Prather. All voted aye.It will be discussed under other business.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilman John McMeekin made a motion to accept the minutes of the

January 21, 2020, Finance and Town Council Meetings be approved as written. Councilwoman Janice Bartell Prather seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Presentation:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Proclamation: March 2020 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

The proclamation was presented to Council for acceptance and Councilman

McMeekin made a motion to accept the proclamation as presented. Councilman

Chatman seconded the motion and all voted aye.

1. 2019 Auditors Report-The Brittingham Group – Mr. Bill Hancock, CPA

Mr. Bill Hancock had presented the audit to the Finance Committee prior to tonight’s meeting. Mr. Hancock explained the audit in detail to Council and answered any questions. Mr. Hancock stated the town did stay within the budget figures and the expenses were greater than revenues; however, it was a timely issue and council was aware of the capital purchases. Mr. Hancock stated he found no deficiencies and no violations. Mr. Hancock stated that the Town’s net operations are within the guidelines for Service debt. Mr. Hancock stated the Town had about six months of operating cash on hand; however, he stated that the bonding company would like to see 330 days cash on hand. Mr. Hancock advised the Finance Committee that the town needed to watch the Victims Funds and maybe do an intergovernmental agreement to use the funds or the State Victims may take the funds. Councilman McMeekin made a motion to accept the audit as presented.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bartell Prather. All voted aye.

1. Capital Expense Request: Water Department – Mr. Trip Peak

Mr. Peak presented to Council a request for a new gas meter for MLILY.

Mr. Peak explained the current meter is losing around $750.00 per month because

the meter does not read low flows correctly. The cost is $11,200.00 and the cost

includes engineering, prefabrication and installation. The Finance Committee is

recommending the approval to Council. Mr. Wood stated the funds are available.

Council voted in favor of the purchase.

1. Verizon Cell Phone Antenna – Mr. Trip Peak

Mr. Peak had presented a proposal to the Finance Committee from Verizon.

Verizon would like to lease the Town’s water tank on Cook Road to place and cell phone antenna. Verizon stated they were willing to pay $22,000.00 per year and go up every five years. Mr. Peak stated they would have to construct a 15’ x 20’ metal building at the site and there may not be enough room for the building. The Finance Committee made a recommendation for Mr. Peak to meet with Verizon

to see if the property would fit their needs. Council agreed that Mr. Peak should

see if the property would be suitable for Verizon and report back to Council.

1. Capital Expense Request: Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Bill Castles

The Finance Committee presented a request to the Council for a new

flat dump truck. The truck is a 2018 Freightliner that is fully equipped for the

needs of the department. The total cost is $74,711.00 which is $10,711.00 over the

original capital expense request. Council approved the purchase of the truck.

**Old Business:**

a.Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #02182020 Blythewood Water

Franchise Agreement

A Public Hearing was held prior to second reading of Ordinance 02182020 and

no public comments were expressed. The ordinance was presented to Council for

second reading and Councilman McMeekin made a motion to adopt the Franchise

Agreement with the Town of Blythewood as presented. Councilman Chatman

seconded the motion and all voted aye.

b. Code Enforcement: Officer Jeter and Chief Seibles

Officer Marvin Jeter presented to Council and updated code enforcement report.

Council strongly expressed concerns over Cemetery and Davis Circe properties

owned by Samson LLC. Council expressed that Samson LLC had more than

adequate time to resolve issues with the properties. Council requested Officer

Jeter start writing citations if Samson LLC is not responding to the request of the

department. Councilman Chatman stated the residents of the area have waited long

enough and action needed to be taken immediately.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Wood and Mayor Gaddy explained to Council that Fairfield County would

be presenting a Capital Project Sales Tax. A committee would have to be formed

to address concerns of the citizens. The committee would have three nominees from

the county, two from the town and one from Ridgeway or Jenkinsville. It was

suggested that Council submit names of nominees to Mr. Wood before the next

Council meeting and nominees be appointed at the next Council meeting.

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

**Council following Executive Session- None**

**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 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Abell

Assistant to Town Manager/Town Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Roger Gaddy