

The Town of Winnsboro Council met in regular session on January 5, 2021 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, The Voice and The Country Chronicle. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Roger Gaddy, MD
Councilwoman Janice Bartell-Prather, District #2
Councilman Demetrius Chatman, District #3
Mayor Pro-tem John McMeekin, District #4
Don Wood, Town Manager
Absent
Councilman Danny Miller, District #1
Others
Chief John Seibles, Public Safety
Ms. Lorraine Abell, ATM
Mr. John Fantry, Attorney
Guest
Mr. Robert White
Barbara Ball
Joseph and Ruth Brown

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:

Mayor Pro-tem John McMeekin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Finance and Town Council Meetings of December 15, 2020, be approved as written. Councilman Demetrius Chatman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Public Comments: None

Presentation: None

New Business:

a. Resolution #R010521 Forest Hills Water Line Replacement Contract Award

Mr. Wood explained this Resolution is to award the bid process to McMahan Brothers Pipeline, Inc. of Lexington, S.C. Their bid was \$377,693.00 and will replace water lines in the Forest Hills area. This is an SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant. The town will pay for engineering and the remaining funds will be covered by grant funding.

b. First Reading Ordinance #010220-B Amended: Utilities Security Deposits Rates

The ordinance amends Ordinance 010720 and changes the residential utilities security deposits as follows: electric \$100.00

water and sewer \$75.00

gas \$75.00

electric, water and sewer \$150.00

gas, water, and sewer \$150.00
electric and gas \$150.00
electric, gas, water and sewer \$300.00

Should an account be later terminated for nonpayment, the Town shall collect in addition to the unpaid sum, a reconnection fee and an additional \$50.00 dollars in security. Each subsequent disconnection shall raise the required deposit by \$50.00.

c. **First Reading Ordinance #010521 – requiring face masks in retail and foodservice establishments**

The ordinance will replace the temporary emergency ordinance that were being renewed every 60 days. As soon as the pandemic is over, this ordinance will be rescinded.

Old Business:

None

Other Business:

Mayor Gaddy stated that there had been several inquiries about leasing the Armory. Mayor Gaddy requested Council's input on this matter. All present agreed that because of the increase in Covid-19 numbers in the past few weeks not to lease the Armory at the present time but to review the matter again in April 2021.

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

Possible Actions by Council following Executive Session

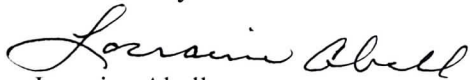
- a. Legal/Contractual: Fairfield County Farmers Market Water Line:
Jason Taylor, County Administrator
This discussion was tabled at the request of Mr. Taylor. The matter will be discussed at a later date.

Questions from the Media:

Mr. Robert White with the Country Chronicle inquired if the water line was a budget item. Mr. Wood replied this project is grant funded by the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Prather made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chatman. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by:


Lorraine Abell
Assistant to Town Manager/Town Clerk

Approved: 
Mayor Roger Gaddy