

Town Of Pelzer Council Meeting

Minutes

March 14, 2023

Council Present – Will Ragland, Donna Ide, Alisha Tuttle, Mike Mathews

Absent – Eddie Waits

Staff Present – Town of Pelzer Clerk – Cheryl Bates, Town Attorney – Richard Thompson

Press – David Meade

1. Call to Order Meeting – Mayor Ragland

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Mathews

3. Citizen's Comments –

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Feb 14, 2023 Council Meeting – Donna Ide made the motion to approve, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor.

5. Clerk's Report/Presentation

a. Cheryl Bates stated that the town had 51 work orders in the month of February, 10 were to connect service, 11 to disconnect and 30 miscellaneous. Police Coverage – 36 traffic stops, 86 contacts, 34 calls for service and 5 arrest made in the month of February. Get Egged – the deadline for signing up to have your yard egged for Easter is March 29th, you can call the office or sign up on the post that is on Facebook. Requirements are you must live within the town limits and its for children 12 and younger. If you know of anyone that has children, please share this information with them. There is no cost for this event.

b. Richard Thompson, Town Attorney updated Mayor, Council and residents. Concerning the Church of God property sale, April 28th is the last day for defendants to file answers and the case for the pool litigation is still going on and Atty Logan will be in contact with town employees for their depositions.

c. Brad Skelton gave a presentation for the Textile Tax Credit for Development of Textile Communities, explained that this is incentive for developers and builders to develop old mill sites, answered questions for the Mayor and Council. Also advised that if a property is sold this credit follows the property.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 23-004 – Business Regulation and Licensing Ordinance. Motion made by Alisha Tuttle to approve, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor.

b. Pelzer Heritage Commission gift of Overlook Park properties – Mayor Ragland advised the Council and residents that the PHC has donated/gifted this property to our Town for the future trail system, he thanked Larry Coker and the PHC for this generous donation.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lease agreement – 100 Building - Mayor Ragland stated the terms of the renewal lease agreement that was offered to Nicole Higgins and her photography studio. Mike Mathews made motion to accept this agreement, Donna Ide 2nd the motion, all in favor.

b. Wilson Family Cemetery location of burial sites – Mayor Ragland stated that he put an ad in the Journal looking for quotes for this project, he advised that he received only one quote from Preservation South for a flat fee of \$3,000.00. Mayor Ragland motioned to accept this quote, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion, all in favor.

c. Duke Energy proposal – new streetlights – Mayor advised that we are adding new upgraded LED, the proposal is for the following streets Kugley – Lopez – Langley – River – Dillon – Adger – Guy – Front – Hale – Dora – Square – Baptist – Courtney. The proposal is for \$10.05 x 25 lights = \$251.25 per month. Alisha Tuttle made motion to accept this proposal, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all on favor.

d. Hospitality funding – July 4th Celebration – Mayor stated that the PHC has asked for funds for the fireworks show they host for the town on July 4th, Mayor would like to give them \$2,000.00, to pay for fireworks for their celebration. Mayor Ragland made motion to give the PHC, \$2,000.00, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion, all in favor.

e. Resolution 2023-002 – Certifying former mill site properties for textile tax credits. Mayor stated that their was a discrepancy in some of the taxmap numbers and he did not receive the information until late in day, they would like to have time to review this new information. Mayor also stated that they definitely are interested in doing this just wanted to take another look with the correct information, so they will table this matter until the April council meeting unless they need it to be done sooner, then they will have a special called meeting to address this matter. Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion to table this, all in favor. This item is tabled until April meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Board of Zoning Appeals – seeking applications for 5 seats – have 2 applications, if anyone is interested in serving on this board please contact the office.

b. Election Commission – seeking application for 1 seat – Mayor advised that we are still in need of 1 applicant.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Ragland made motion to go into Executive Session for contractual matters, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor. Mayor Ragland made motion to come out of Executive Session, Alisha Tuttle 2nd the motion, all in favor. No decisions were made.

10. REQUEST BY COUNCIL – Donna asked for an update on the C-Fund grant for road paving. Mayor stated that Anderson County moved this until May, and we haven't heard anything different.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Alisha Tuttle made the motion to adjourn, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor.