

TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO
Public Hearing on September 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. A Public Hearing was held on September 7, 2021 at 6:40 p.m. in the Campobello Fire Department Training Room where the CDC Guidelines were followed by sanitizing all tables and chairs, spacing the chairs several feet apart. Members present were Mayor Philip Wilds, council member Jason Shamis, council member, Don Cohenour and council member, Alician Sprouse.

2. This hearing was scheduled to allow the public to bring forth any concerns or questions they may have about the 2021-2022 Town of Campobello Budget, 2021-2022 Campobello Police Department budget, 2021-2022 Victim's Advocate budget and 2021-2022 Campobello Fire Department budget. Questions asked by the public were as follows:
 - Town Resident R. Short asked what would be the solution if there was an increase in fuel costs. Fire Chief McNeill answered that there would be cut backs in other areas. So far, the millage rate has stayed the same and has not been raised. The Fire Department receives \$200k from outside the city limits and \$48,600 from within the city limits.

 - Town Resident B. Short asked if the town new of any new subdivisions coming to Campobello. Police Chief McNeill said that other than Vanderbilt Crossing, he knew of no new subdivisions, which takes about 2-3 years to develop. As for Vanderbilt Crossing, they plan to break ground in October, and it is projected that it will be 10 years before all of the lots are sold.

3. No other questions were asked.

4. The meeting was adjourned on September 7, 2021 at 7:02 p.m.

Town of Campobello Public Hearing minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 7th day of September, 2021.

Campobello Town Council Meeting
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1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on September 7, 2021 in the Campobello Fire Department training room located at 50 Broad Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Wilds at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Council Members, Don Cohenour, Jason Shamis and Alician Sprouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Introduction of the Council Members took place immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Wilds asked if council had reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting(s) and asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to accept the August 2, 2021 council meeting minutes, and the September 3, 2021 work session minutes, which were seconded by Council Member Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
4. Chief Chad McNeill reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 25 calls for the month of August. Mayor Wilds asked if council had any questions or Police Chief McNeill. None were asked.
5. Fire Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 23 calls for the month of August. Fire Chief McNeill wanted to bring attention to the fact that the Fire Department's overall response time inside the fire district for the month of August was 5 minutes and 47 seconds. Also, he gave an update on two grants that former Fire Eddie McNeill was working on prior to his passing. Two days after Ed passed away, the Fire Department received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 and, with the help of the Police Chief to finish out what Ed had started, the Fire Department received another grant in the amount of \$114,000. After a brief round of applause by everyone in attendant, the Mayor asked if anyone had any questions for the Fire Chief. None were asked.
6. **Old Business-**
 - A second reading of Ordinance 8.501 – Business License was done. The Mayor asked if council had reviewed the ordinance and was ready to vote on it. Motion was made by council member Don Cohenour to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 8.501, which was seconded by council member Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous.
 - A second review and reading of the 2021-2022 Town of Campobello Budget, 2021-2022 Campobello Police Department budget, 2021-2022 Victim's Advocate budget and 2021-2022 Campobello Fire Department budget was done with no revisions/additions. The following Motions were made regarding the 2021-2022 budgets:

- 1) Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to approve and accept the 2021-2022 Town of Campobello, which was seconded by Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
- 2) Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to approve and accept the 2021-2022 Campobello Police Department budget, which was seconded by Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
- 3) Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to approve and accept the 2021-2022 Victim's Advocate budget, which was seconded by Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
- 4) Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to approve and accept the 2021-2022 Campobello Fire Department budget, which was seconded by Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.

7. New Business-

- Mayor Wilds introduced a Resolution Designating An Authorized Representative And Contact Person For Purposes Of The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This resolution was read by Council Member Cohenour which proposes that Council Member Alician Sprouse be designated as the authorized representative and Town Clerk Kim Hyder be designated as the Contact Person pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mayor Wilds asked if there was a Motion to accept the resolution as written. Motion was made by Council Member Jason Shamis to accept the resolution as written, which was seconded by Council Member Don Cohenour and carried unanimous.
- Next on the agenda was discussion of the current candidate requirements the Town has in place for those who file for the Mayor or Council seats. Mayor Wilds brought to everyone's attention that Charleston had been sued for its residency requirements and lost. Therefore, discussion should be had regarding the Town's requirements, since they are different than the County's requirements. An Ordinance will be drawn up and reviewed at the next council meeting. Therefore, the Mayor asked that this issue be put on October's agenda.
- Mayor Wilds spoke regarding a Resolution on the requirement of credit scores that has been prepared for discussion, but asked that it be added to next month agenda. This resolution proposes that the Town require proof a credit score of at least 600 from any Council Member or Clerk who would be handling the finances of the Town and before being added to any of its bank accounts. Before Mayor Wilds obtain his position with the Town, he was told that the Town was broke. That in the past, certain council members spent late nights at Town Hall working on the books and paying themselves in gift cards. Also, records were destroyed. Mayor Wilds exclaimed that this is the taxpayer's money and everyone on council is responsible for it. Therefore, this resolution will be added to next month's agenda for a vote.

- Mayor Wilds asked if council had any questions. Questions asked are as follows:

1. Council Member Cohenour stated that he was waiting for a can of orange paint to be provided to him so that he could continue marking potholes. Police Chief McNeill said that a can was at the office whenever he was able to come by.
2. Council Member Shamis made mention of the blue lights in Town. Fire Chief McNeill said that Duke Energy asks anyone having an issue with their street light turning blue complete a request form online to have it repaired. The Town has submitted a request for the lights on Main Street.

Mayor Wilds then asked the public for any questions they may have. Questions asked are as follows:

1. Elizabeth Dorn who lives in a portion of Town that is not in the Town's limits questioned why the Town was so shabby looking. She said that she and her husband had moved to Campobello a few months ago and while driving through almost ran over the median at the Hwy 11 and Hwy 176 traffic light due to it being so grassy and rundown. Mayor Wilds thank her for her question and said that while he was told prior to taking the Mayor's position that the Town was broke, it is, in fact, not broke, especially when we have \$60,000 in savings. He agreed that there are many things such as sidewalks and the park that need repair, but when Covid hit in 2020, projects got dropped and were never resumed. Council Member Shamis mentioned that he understood her concern and that if everyone pays their taxes, then projects should resume, but that the Town has certain priorities that need to be taken care of first, such as payroll and needs of the Police and Fire Departments to keep them going so they can keep the Town's residents safe.
2. Town Resident Beth Short asked about the guardrails at the Hwy. 11 bridge over I-26 and if they could be lowered. Police Chief McNeill said that the bridge actually became a problem when the State had all bridges raised and that the Town has argued with the State to get it fixed so that drivers can have a better view of oncoming traffic while when turning onto Hwy. 11 from the Exit ramps. Town Resident Nylene Wilds asked if an engineer could possibly come and look at it, to which Chief McNeill replied that those same engineers to come look at the bridge also work for the State. Town resident Robert Short asked if a traffic light could be placed there like the one on Hwy 292. Chief McNeill replied that the State determines when and where lights are put.
3. Town Resident Robert Short asked why there are so many power outages in Campobello. He has lived in Town for 3 years and has had numerous outages. He asks why are we so vulnerable? Mayor Wilds asked that this be added to next month's agenda to give us time to research the matter.
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8. Other Business-

- Council member Shamis gave an update as to the Planning & Zoning Committee, which will be meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Items to be discussed at this meeting are as follows:
 1. ACOG's help in redoing the planning and zoning ordinances, which would cost the Town about \$18,000. That also includes a plan for the town for the next 10 years. It would take about 6 months to complete. A representative from ACOG has been asked to be present at Tuesday's meeting.
 2. Discussion of sewer for the Town and the cost. A representative from Spartanburg Water has been contacted to be present at Tuesday's meeting. At this time, it is unknown if they will be present or not.

9. Adjourned- September 7, 2021 at 7:32 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous.

Let it be known, there are times it may be necessary for the Council Members to enter an executive meeting.

Town of Campobello Council Meeting minutes recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 7th day of September, 2021.