1. The Campobello Town Council had a Work Session meeting which was held on February 7, 2022 in the Day Room at the Fire Department located at 50 Broad Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 6:33 p.m. Members present were Council Members, Alician Sprouse, Reitha Stevenson and Aaron Ash.

2. Also in attendance was Police Chief, Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.

3. Old Business-
   
   - Council Member Stevenson asked if three (3) quotes had been obtained for the two (2) signs. Mayor Shamis answered in the affirmative.

   - Mayor Shamis mentioned that he had obtained one quote from Ashley Tree Service Company regarding the trees at the ballfield. The quote was for $400.

4. New Business-
   
   - Clerk Hyder updated council on the request submitted to the SCDOT regarding the rock wall up and down Asheville Hwy. Mr. Cochran with the SCDOT had told her that they are not masons and that they are only required to fix the rock wall where the rocks have fallen into the roadway, which they did send a team to do in a couple of areas that we marked.

5. Other Business
   
   None

6. Adjourned February 7, 2022 at 6:59 p.m.

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

   Town of Campobello Council Meeting minutes recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 7th day of February, 2022.
Campobello Town Council Meeting
February 7, 2022
Minutes

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on February 7, 2022 in the Campobello Fire Department training room located at 50 Broad Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Aaron Ash, Alician Sprouse and Reitha Stevenson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. Mayor Shamis asked if council had reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting and asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the January 3, 2022 work session minutes, January 3, 2022 Council Meeting minutes and January 13, 2022 Special Meeting minutes which were seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.

3. Mayor Shamis made an announcement that a lot of work is being done by council which is the reason for the long agenda. He asked if the public would hold all questions until the end and then he would open the floor for questions.

4. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 100 calls for the month of January. Mayor Shamis asked if there were any wrecks at the traffic light at Hwy 11. Chief McNeill said that there was a wreck but that it was not at that light and that wrecks were down, but usually pick up in the spring when people are out and about. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any questions for Police Chief McNeill. No further questions were asked.

5. Fire Chief Brandon McNeill reported for Fire Chief Brandon McNeill that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 22 calls for the month of January. Chief McNeill said to keep in mind that the fire calls involve those fire departments with whom we have a mutual aid agreement with. Council Member Ash took a moment to commend the Campobello Fire Department for its great job in getting the roads clear during this last snow storm. Mayor Shamis jokingly said that he was going to file a complaint against the fire department due to them not allowing him to drive the snow plow. He also mentioned that our town is very fortunate to have these guys work so hard to make sure our residents are safe. Fire Chief McNeill took a moment to thank the volunteers and paid staff who came out to help. He also gave his appreciation for all of the snacks, drinks and food that was provided to those who work throughout the snow storm. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any questions for Fire Chief McNeill. No further questions were asked.

6. Old Business-

- Mayor Shamis asked about the meter on Hwy 11. Police Chief McNeill said that due to the snow and new power poles being installed, Duke Energy was behind and it would be a while before they could work on getting that meter up and running. Chief McNeill also gave an update on the lights for the ballfield in that he had received a quote of $8,000 to fix 12 lights said that the other one just needs to be bought and Duke Energy contacted to come and put it in. Hope to have that done by the end of next month.
- Mayor Shamis gave an update on the pothole on Cantrell Street. The SCDOT will only do a cold patch repair on this, which won’t last long. They suggested we wait until the spring when it will be warmer.

- The Old Asheville Hwy project has been approved and is now open for bids. Once this project begins, it will take care of repaving Old Asheville Hwy., making it 20 feet wide which is what it was originally. The project should start the early part of summer. Council Member Stevenson asked if this would also take care of the bridge. Mayor Shamis said no that the bridge is in bad shape and cannot be repaired. It will have to be replaced which will be very costly. He does not see this being done in the near future.

- Mayor Shamis said that he is getting nowhere with the road fee money. He does not know what is going to happen with the money, and has been told several different things, such as, Spartanburg County is going to take the money and give it back to the municipalities. This would be $37,000-$40,000. The do not have a date set as to when this will be done. They are worried about getting sued over taking the money in the first place. That money belongs to the citizens of Campobello so we deserve to get it back.

- Mayor Shamis gave an update on the quotes for the two new town entrance signs. The following are quotes given on AgCraft signs: $6,844 for two signs. Give Me A Sign company quoted $13,840 for two signs. Nichols quoted $5,103.00 with tax for two signs. Mayor Shamis asked council if they had any questions about the quotes. None were asked. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a motion to accept one of the quotes for the new signs. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to accept the quotes from Nichols of $5,103.00, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson, and carried unanimous. It was then brought up by Mayor Shamis about which account to the money should be taken from. Mayor Shamis said that it could be split between the hospitality account and the account where we saved money on this year’s audit.

- With regards to the lighting survey update, Duke Energy will be installing 13 news lights throughout town. Mayor Shamis has been on contact with the representative from Duke and they are up north repairing/restoring power after the snow storm, but will get in touch with him when he is back in town. Hope to have this done in 3-4 weeks. Lights will go up on Hwy 357, Hwy 11 and Old Asheville Hwy. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any questions about lighting, but none were asked.

- Chief McNeill updated everyone on the condemned homes. He has been in touch with Spartanburg County as to anything else we can do as we have exhausted all ways to get in touch with the owners of the Smith Street property. Chief McNeill also is trying to get an appointment set up to meet with Spartanburg City Codes and Enforcement since they have condemned multiple abandoned homes near Westgate mall. Mayor Shamis asked if the Chief ever saw any activity at the Smith Street home and the Chief answered in the negative, yet the owners pay a power bill every month because it still has a meter hooked up. We’ve sent letters to where the tax notices go and also sent a police officer in that County to the residence, but no one will answer. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any questions about the Smith Street property, but none were asked.

- Council Member Ash spoke about setting a date for a trash pickup day. March 5th was brought up which worked best for most. Council Member Stevenson asked what hours. Chief McNeill answered that the morning would be fine. 8a-12p. Bags, gloves and vests will be provided. Mayor Shamis asked that the Town Clerk put something out there on Facebook and the website about the March 5th trash day. We will meet at the Fire department. Council Member Sprouse spoke about Family Fun Day that will take place on May 7th this year and we have about 40 vendors that have already signed up. Council member Sprouse said that we had 70 vendors last year and would like to add 10 more and stop at 80
vendors. Mayor Shamis asked if we had a problem with restrooms last year and Council Member Sprouse said not that she saw. Council Member Sprouse mentioned that we had sent letters to the vendors that came out last year to give them first chance at signing up again before opening it up to new vendors. We will post about the Family Fun Day event in the near future. Mayor Shamis asked Council Member Sprouse to give a summary of what Family Fun Day is. She began by saying that it is an event which shows everyone what our community has to offer and who we are. We have our Police and Fire Department, artist and authors that live here and we have some amazing churches. She also said that it was meant to bring the community together. Council member Stevenson asked if we had an issue with parking. Chief McNeill said that we did not as a lot of people used the First Baptist Church’s lot and the School District Office parking lot. If the church is not done with their project by then, we will prepare for it.

- Council Member Sprouse mentioned that she is going to Avery Creek Nursery on Hwy. 108 and she will take pictures of things coming in that are smaller with some color just for some ideas for the Hwy 11/Asheville Hwy median. Mayor Shamis said he is not sure what SCDOT is going to do with that intersection so he suggested we wait so as not to put something in the median only to have it torn out if they have plans for that intersection.

- Chief McNeill gave an update on grants. We did get the grant for the cleanup equipment. $12,000 is what we will get for a vacuum system that we can cleanup the sides of the roads and pick up leaves at the park. He has been in touch with someone on the Parks grant. They will not give us any money until we have a plan/drawing of what we want our park to look like and what are plans are for our park. The PARDS grant will open in July so we need to go ahead and get a plan together to be ready to apply for that grant. Council Member Stevenson asked how much is the grant worth. Chief McNeill said it is for whatever we need as they will match our funds 50/50. If the Town does a lot of the work that counts towards our part in the funds. Council member Sprouse asked if we could add the ballfield lights to the grant, but we can’t wait until July to fix those since the ballfield is being used. Chief McNeill said that the reason why they don’t use our ballfield for tournaments is due to not having sufficient amount of working lights. A lot of kids use the ballfield from Inman, Landrum and Campobello. Coach Fusaro has the team PROWL and he leases the ballfield. Council member Ash said that Coach Fusaro said that they are willing to help in any way they can. Some issues he mentioned were trees that hang over into the field. The dirt in the field has not been replaced in years and is like concrete. Coach Fusaro grew up using that field and has a lot of ties to the area. Mayor Shamis mentioned that we are working on getting quotes for getting the trees cut. Chief McNeill mentioned that each council member submits their plans for the park and we all review them at a work session.

- As of today, Mayor Shamis said that he can report that SCDOT were out and about cleaning up our sidewalks. There is an issue that he needs to bring up to the First Baptist Church about the sidewalk and if they are going to have it repaired after their construction work is done.

- Council Member Ash did not have an update on the Campobello Youth, but plans to have an update at the next council meeting.

- Mayor Shamis did not have an update on the Pacolet River. The issue is we have a lot of water draining down NC and it is creating some issues with flowing over our bridges. An update is forthcoming in a future meeting.

- Chief Chad McNeill gave an update on quotes for computers for council to use for council meetings and communication with each other and town employees. The first quote is from Computer Software
Mayor Shamis proceeded with the second reading of Ordinance 2.224 – Remote Attendance Policy. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any questions about Ordinance 2.224. None were asked. Mayor Shamis asked for a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2.224. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2.224 – Remote Attendance Policy, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.

Council Member Sprouse spoke about her desire to continue with the “We Believe In You” and “We Support You” scholarships for $1,000. This is open to all residents of Campobello and not just those living within the Town’s limits. The “We Believe In You” would be for a high school senior who would be the first in their family to go to college. The “We Support You” would be an adult who is wanting to go back to school for the betterment of themselves and/or their family. Essays would be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a motion to accept these scholarships. Council Member Ash made a motion to accept both the “We Believe In You” and “We Support You” scholarships for $1,000, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.

7. New Business-

Council Member Ash made mention that Rachel Wall and Dawn Ford have stepped up wanting to join the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mayor Shamis mentioned that there is training coming up for this Committee. Clerk Hyder confirmed that all Planning and Zoning Committee member completed and returned the forms to her for the classes and she is waiting for ACOG to send an invoice for payment. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a motion to accept these two candidates to be members of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Council Member Stevenson made motion to accept Rachel Wall and Dawn Ford as members of the Planning and Zoning Committee, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous. Town resident Owenby asked if there was a set schedule for when the Planning and Zoning Committee meets. Council Member Ash said that the Committee meets every second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

An update on the rock wall up and down Asheville Hwy., was given by Mayor Shamis. SCDOT had originally asked us to mark the places that needed fixing. Numerous flags were put into place pursuant to SCDOT’s request and then when asked when they would come fix the issues that they are not rock masons and only fix places where the rock has fallen in the roadway. Chief McNeill mentioned that there is a streetscape grant for beautification purposes which would help us to pour concrete and move the wall out a few inches and even up with the sidewalk.

Town resident Owenby has worked regarding research on sewer for the town. He is working with Inman to find out what we can do. Mr. Owenby mentioned that he has obtained new maps of the towns and would like a short informal meeting with him after tonight’s meeting.
8. Other Business-

- An update on the Planning and Zoning Committee was given by Council Member Ash in that the committee has met with Matt Parkkonen regarding homes he is wanting to build on lots that he owns on Emma Dr. All looks well, and the only thing left for him to do is to meet/talk with Chief McNeill regarding a turnaround or pull off that would need to be done on that road so that a fire truck could get down the road and turn around. Mr. Parkkonen does not own the last lot on this road, so that is why a cul-de-sac could not be put into place. He would want put into the housing agreement that whomever buys those houses that they are responsible for their road and that the town does not own it as it is a private drive. The road still has to meet the Town’s standards. Other homeowners on that road are happy to have the other homes come. Other than that, his plans are approved.

- Town resident R. Short asked why there are only 2 new entrance signs going up. Mayor Shamis said he did not know how much land we have going out Hwy. 11 towards Gowensville. Chief McNeill said we might could talk with Parkway Baptist Church to see if they would allow us a piece of their property to put a sign up. Mayor Shamis asked how the Town obtain the land where the other two signs are and Chief McNeill said he could not answer that because they were bought in 1960 prior to his coming here. He does believe the sign/water wheel on Hwy 11 was originally right across from Flip My Fur and Duke Energy said it had to be move due to it being too high so Mr. Hyder gave the Town the piece of land where the sign sits now, but when the water wheel was moved, it was old and fell apart. Mr. Short asked what type of signs are going in and Mayor Shamis said that they are sand blasted signs and the same material and they come with a one-year warranty. It's a foamy type of material. The paint is UV protectant and a clear coat will also be applied. Campobello resident Rachel Wall asked what type of structure the signs would be on. Mayor Shamis said the structure would be made of series of 4x4s on each side and several 2x4 across it. He is building the structure himself. She asked what the town would do with the metal structure there and Mayor Shamis said we would keep it. Town resident Wade Peeler asked if there would be azaleas planted around it and the Mayor answered that yes, but that he would like to get the Ladies’ auxiliary group involved with that.

- Town resident W. Peeler mentioned that on his tax notice where he used to live, he noticed that there was a line for Spartanburg Park and Rec and everyone in Spartanburg County pays that tax. Do they help with the anything such as the lights? Chief Chad McNeill said that the ballfield is actually the school districts property. However, through that PARDS grant is where we get a portion of our money back to be used on our parks. Mr. Peeler asked can you go ahead and pay for the lights and then get reimbursed from the grant? He thinks that would be something to look into.

- Campobello resident Dawn Ford asked if the $42,000 that Rep. Magnuson contributed was from his personal fund or state fund. Mayor Shamis responded that it was from his state fund. That they have money they can choose where they want it distributed to and he chose Old Asheville Hwy. Mayor Shamis said that he reached out to several elected officials and Josiah was the only one that jumped onboard in a hurry and got this done in a quick manner.

- Campobello Dawn Ford also asked for an update on the Rails to Trails project. Mayor Shamis said the last time he spoke to Senator Tom Corbin, he said that they were looking to give $10 million to the project but there is no timeframe as to when that was going to be done. Mayor Shamis urged everyone to contact him to give him their thoughts on the matter. Town resident W. Peeler said he
reached out to Senator Corbin about lights in different towns and how dark some of the towns are and he did respond back to him. That led Mr. Peeler to research our lighting issue, especially around Exit 5 where it is so dark. Mayor Shamis said that is exactly why he added more lights throughout town. Campobello resident said it would be nice to have the cute café lights like Landrum has.

-Campobello resident Dawn Ford also asked Council Member Sprouse how she publicizes the scholarships. Council Member Sprouse responded that she takes copies of the letters to each school and we also post to the website and Facebook. Council Member Sprouse also had Senator Corbin’s number of 803-212-6100 so that anyone could get in touch with his office about the Rails To Trails project. Town resident W. Peeler said he would rather have sidewalks all the way to the high school. Town resident Beth Short asked if the railways were open and how far would it go. Mayor Shamis said that they are not open and from his understanding that the trail would go from Inman to Tryon.

-Landrum resident Kim Sherwood of 202 Ridgetop Rd., congratulated the Town for finding a new CPA firm which is a big savings. Landrum was in the same shape and did the same thing. She asked if we had taken a look at the Hospitality fund money because it is limited to what you can do with it and is limited to touristy use and she thought she heard earlier that we were using funds from it to pay for the computers. Mayor Shamis said that the hospitality money was used for the signs, not the computers.

-Campobello resident Dawn Ford asked if any of the other computer companies were local as she hates to use Amazon. Chief Chad McNeill answered that one was in Spartanburg and one in Boiling Springs. He said the reason we went with Amazon was not only they were cheaper, but they have donated chainsaws and other things to the Police and Fire Dept. Fire Chief McNeill said they have received thousands of dollars of equipment from Amazon and that they also donate to Toys for Tots. Police Chief McNeill said that they are a big fan of buying local too.

-Town resident Peeler said that there is a deep hole developing on Exit 5. Clerk Hyder will put in a request for repair.

-Campobello resident Dawn Ford asked if the remote attendance policy was just for council. Mayor Shamis said that it was just for council just in case there are some circumstances as to why they can’t be here. Certainly, we want them present if they are able to be. We are not sure yet what we want to do about having the council meetings available online or live.

-Town resident Owenby mentioned that he had done some research and found a place to get maps for the Planning and Zoning. The Kennedy room at the Spartanburg County Library has walls full of maps and you are able to copy maps. He had several maps to provide to them for their use. They have hard copies and can scan copy to your email. Town resident Robert Short said that he dealt with the ladies at the County about the GIS system and they said we can look it up ourselves. Mr. Owenby said it is good to do that, but said it is good to have hard copies as well.

9. Adjourned- February 7, 2022 at 8:18 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Sprouse made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Stevenson 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 February, 2022.
TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO
Public Hearing on February 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. A Public Hearing was held on February 22, 2022 in the Campobello Fire Department training room located at 50 Broad Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 6:33 p.m. Council Members present were Aaron Ash and Reitha Stevenson. Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill were also present.

2. The purpose of this Public Hearing was to allow the public to voice their opinion and/or concern on the following proposed Annexation Ordinance:

   **Annexation Ordinance 5.824**

   Map # 1-14-00-016.03
   19100/19200 Asheville Hwy.
   Ten (10) foot strip along Asheville Hwy.

   Map # 1-14-00-050.02
   Landrum Mill Road
   Entire Property

3. Mayor Shamis opened the meeting by asking the Town Clerk to provide him the list of people who signed up to speak. Town resident, Wade Peeler, spoke in favor of this annexation and welcomed the growth in the area. He went on to say that recently he and his wife were in a restaurant in Spartanburg and overheard the people behind them speak of how they had just sold their home and wanted to move to Campobello, but they couldn’t find a home. We have to meet the challenges of growth and plan for it. It is good for all surrounding communities. Town resident, Dennis Iskra, spoke in favor of the annexation and for a less tax burden on the town residents. Greenville County/Landrum resident, Kim Sherwood, spoke of her concern that no one knows what it means for this to be annexed and asks what the before and after picture would be. Mike Spencer, site manager for Graphel, spoke on behalf of the company and their opposition to the annexation. He believes there are still a lot of unknowns, including infrastructure. He provided council a copy of a letter from Graphel’s attorney, Brian Martin, that was addressed to Chief Chad McNeill, which confirmed their opposition of the annexation. Bob Briggs, Mayor of Landrum, spoke of a correction that needed to be made to Campobello’s January 3, 2022 minutes wherein it was stated that he is against growth. He mentioned that in the past year, 35 homes have been built in the Landrum area. He then read a letter that was written by Landrum City Council to the Campobello Town Council which, in summary stated that the City of Landrum would like to express its concerns about the Town of Campobello’s plan to annex new areas into the town. Landrum is not opposed to growth and supports good growth. The letter continued on with the mention of Campobello’s aggressive annexation procedures in 2012 and how Landrum sued Campobello and prevailed due to Police Chief Chad McNeill many mistakes and illegal practices in annexations and that the annexation was not contiguous. In addition to the Court’s ruling, a handshake agreement was done between the towns for Campobello not to annex north of Hulon Howard Road. The result of this annexation being approved would result in complication and
confusion of service agreements and specifically water tap agreements. Mayor Briggs stated that Landrum is asking Campobello to honor the handshake agreement made by its predecessors many years ago. Litigation would be expensive for all parties involved and the service agreements would be confusing to new residents. Landrum Council asks that Campobello avoid these practices as it would cause ill will between our communities for years to come.

At the end of the public’s comment session, Mayor Shamis stated that while he did not grow up in the Campobello area, he has been here for seven years and has spoken with many people throughout the Greenville-Spartanburg area and all have said the same thing…. that Campobello has never had a voice. He is here to change that. He does not want overgrowth in Campobello, but acknowledges that there must be some growth in order for Campobello to survive. We do not have sewer; our tax base is very small and the taxes that town residents pay is very high. We cannot get that under control if we do not grow. We do not have sewer like Landrum, which allows them to take on new restaurants to help curve their tax. We are not overtaking Landrum and that has never been the case. We can’t sit here stagnant and keep bearing the burden of high taxes. That does not mean that Campobello takes on 500 subdivisions to accomplish that. Mayor Shamis stated that he, in fact, reached out to the Mayor of Landrum and the last text to him was how it would be so beneficially if Inman, Campobello and Landrum could all work together with the developers coming in. Instead, we are pulling the ropes in different directions. To his understanding, if the development doesn’t become annexed into Landrum or Campobello, Spartanburg County has agreed to allow the developer to build whatever they want because they will be allowed to tap into the sewer and water. Mayor Shamis said that he spoke with the builder and was told by them that Landrum did not want them there. Mayor Briggs objected, saying that wasn’t true. Mayor Shamis said that he grew up in West Ashley, outside of Charleston, and they did not accept the change and it looks terrible. If you look at Mt. Pleasant who accepted the change, it is totally different and beautiful. We have to work together. Whatever has happened in the past between Landrum and Campobello, he couldn’t care less. It is all about now and it’s about moving forward together. Mayor Shamis expressed his passion for the area and that he has to accept that there will be change and that if we all work together the growth can be something that we all are proud of, not just Campobello. We have to make sure this will be a nice place not only for us to live, but for our children as well. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a Motion to accept the Annexation Ordinance 5.824. Before anyone on council could speak, Greenville County/Landrum resident, Kim Sherwood, asked where it said that council would be holding a vote on the Ordinance and what did our agenda say. Mayor Shamis read the Public Hearing Notice stating that the meeting was about Annexation Ordinance 5.824. Ms. Sherwood said that this was a public hearing and that it said nothing about a first reading. She stated that it doesn’t say on the agenda that it is a first reading and not a vote was taking place. Town resident Wade Peeler stated that you vote on the first reading. Ms. Sherwood said that you are supposed to put that you are voting on it, as she looked back at Landrum Mayor, Bob Briggs, for confirmation of that. He answered in the affirmative. Ms. Sherwood went on to say that you can have a first reading, but not a vote. Council Member Aaron Ash made a motion to not vote on Annexation Ordinance 5.824 until we had full council in attendance. Council member Reitha Stevenson seconded the motion. Mayor Shamis briefly excused himself to speak to Chief McNeill. Upon re-entering the meeting, Mayor Shamis asked council member Ash to repeat what his motion was for. Council Member
Aaron Ash made a motion to not vote on Annexation Ordinance 5.824 until the next council meeting, when we will have full council in attendance. The motion was seconded by Council member Reitha Stevenson, and carried unanimous.

4. The Public Hearing was adjourned by Mayor Shamis on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Town of Campobello Public Hearing minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 22nd Day of February, 2022.