

Campobello Town Council Meeting

February 1, 2021

Minutes

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on February 1, 2021 in the Campobello Fire Department training room where the CDC Guidelines were followed by sanitizing all tables and chairs, spacing seating 6 feet apart, the wearing of face masks and hand sanitizer. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Wilds at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council Members, Jason Shamis, Don Cohenour, Reitha Stevenson and Alician Sprouse. Invocation was done by Mayor Wilds, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of the Council Members took place immediately following the invocation.
3. Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to accept the January 4, 2021 minutes, which were seconded by Council Member Reitha Stevenson and carried unanimous.
4. Police Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 88 calls for the month of January.
5. Fire Chief Eddie McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 17 calls for the month of December and 26 calls for the month of January. He was also pleased to report that the Fire Department's recent ISO (Insurance Services Office) evaluation went well and believes that they will score well.
6. **Old Business-**
 - Mayor Wilds asked for an update on the progress of the PARDs grant for the Park. Fire Chief McNeill reported that he had put that grant on hold due to it requiring matching funds of 20%. He has inquired about another grant that does not require matching funds and is wanting to investigate it further.
 - Town Clerk, Kim Hyder gave an update on the progress of getting a portion of Hwy. 176, in front of Big Glenn's restaurant. The request has been submitted to the SCDOT District office in Greenville for their review. Council Member Shamis asked if they had actually sent anyone out to look at the road. Mrs. Hyder confirmed that she was told by a SCDOT representative that this had been done by one of SCDOT's engineers.
 - Town Clerk, Kim Hyder reported that all preliminary financial statements, deficiency memos and audit findings had been sent to her and forwarded to the Mayor for his review. Mayor Wilds asked that the documents be sent to the rest of council and that they be prepared to discuss the audit findings at the next council meeting and that this be added to the March 1, 2021 Agenda. Clerk Hyder also reported that the accountants sent suggestions as far as Chart of Accounts for Quickbooks. Council Member Alician Sprouse noted that she would be more than happy to come answer phones whenever Elliott & Painter sent its CPA to Town Hall to go over the Chart of

Accounts and how to use them. Per Clerk Hyder, a date has not been set for that to take place, but looks for it happen within the next few months.

- Council Member Reitha Stevenson inquired as to the update on getting a new email domain. Police Chief McNeill responded that SLED has not pushed the issue due to COVID-19 and that GMAIL was working fine in every other area and that due to the expense of a new domain that we would not do anything until SLED brings it back up.
- Council Member Reitha Stevenson inquired as to the 2019 vehicle account document that had been provided to council. Clerk Hyder explained that this was SCDOT's 2019 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) totals. Council Member Stevenson asked what it was in comparison too and Clerk Hyder explained that it was not in comparison to anything, but that it showed the most recent daily count of vehicles for Asheville Hwy and for both directions of Hwy 11 through town. Clerk Hyder reported that the SCDOT was already conducting counts for 2021 as she had noticed the portable traffic counters at Hwy. 11 near Blackstock Road, on Blackstock Road and on Asheville Hwy. Council Member Stevenson also asked about the list that Representative Magnuson asked for regarding town roads and bridges that need immediate attention. Clerk Hyder expressed that she had a list together and would forward it around to the Mayor and Council for their input of any other roads and/or bridges that they believe need attention.
- Mayor Wilds asked about the new Park signs with the new park hours. Police Chief McNeill responded that they should be ready soon as there was a miscommunication on how many signs were to be made.

7. New Business-

- A second reading of the Town's Ordinance 13.513 – Drugs/Possession was done by Council. Motion was made by council member Don Cohenour to accept the second reading of the amendment, which was seconded by council member Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous. A second reading of the Town's Ordinance 13.514 – Exposing A Child To Methamphetamine was done by Council. Motion was made by council member Don Cohenour to accept the second reading of the amendment, which was seconded by council member Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous. Council Member Cohenour read a summary of Ordinance 13.513 to everyone. Council Member Shamis elaborated that these two ordinances give the Town of Campobello more control over enforcing these types of crimes and allows our Judge to hear the case instead of the Spartanburg County Judges and keeps the charges from going through the Spartanburg County Solicitor's Office.

8. Other Business-

- Council Member Jason Shamis updated everyone regarding the Planning & Zoning Committee. The Committee has scheduled a monthly meeting to be held the second Tuesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. In these meetings, the reviewing of the current planning and zoning ordinances will be done and recommendations given on how to update them.
- Town Resident, Brentley Campbell, submitted a request to speak regarding his initially wanting to move two single-wide mobile home onto his property located at 110 Montgomery street. Now he requests that just one mobile home be allowed on the property. He explained that the house

that was there, burned down 8 months ago and was then demolished. Making only \$9/hr, the only affordable housing Mr. Campbell could find was a 2020 Clayton mobile home. Mr. Campbell provided copies of the mobile home that he has purchased which is currently being built at Clayton Homes. Council Member Shamis informed the Mayor and council that the Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed the lot in detail and Mr. Campbell's request to put a mobile home on the property. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the area in and around 110 Montgomery Street is actually zoned as C1 which is transitional commercial and that a mobile home is not permitted to replace the house that was there, but that a stick built home or commercial business would be allowed. Council Member Shamis said that the Committee would like to dig deeper into the current zoning ordinance and make sure the Committee gives the best recommendation possible. It is not their intent for a town resident to own land and not be able to use it. Council Member Stevenson asked how big the lot is at 110 Montgomery and Mr. Campbell replied 0.63/acre. Mr. Campbell was accompanied by the father of his girlfriend who verified that Mr. Campbell is sleeping on his couch due to being without a home of his own and asked if it were possible for Mr. Campbell to use the lot for a commercial RV/Boat Storage facility. Council Member Shamis answered in the affirmative. Mr. Campbell has contacted the real estate attorney who did the initial closing on his property, Courtney Camferdam, Esquire, and she noted that there were no restrictions on the property; however, Mr. Campbell stated that he knew there were restrictions on the property when he bought it, but never thought he would lose his house in a fire. Council Member Shamis asked if there was a septic tank in place and Mr. Campbell confirmed that there was and that it had been updated by the previous owner. Council Member Stevenson commented that DHEC would have to inspect it. Council Member Cohenour also commented that the mobile home would need to be underpinned which doesn't have to be brick, just as long as the axel and tongs are removed. Mayor Wilds assured Mr. Campbell that they would get him an answer as soon as possible.

9. Adjourned- February 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Reitha Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Don Cohenour 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 1st day of February, 2021.