



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

March 26, 2024

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on March 26 2024 at 6:30 p.m. located at Campobello-Gramling School - 250 Fagan Ave., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Alician Sprouse, Aaron Ash and Joe McDowell. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill.
2. Mayor thanked everyone for being present and then turned the meeting over to Council Member Ash.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Council Member Aaron Ash presented medallions to the players on the Campobello-Gramling Boys and Girls Basketball teams and Landrum Cardinals Boys and Girls Basketball teams. Plaques were presented to each of the teams' coaches. Rep. Magnuson was also in attendance to present an award to each team
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - None.
4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - None
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:00 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. Minutes were recorded by Chief McNeill on this 26th day of March, 2024.



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Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

March 4, 2024

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on March 4, 2024 at 6:32 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Alician Sprouse, Aaron Ash and Joe McDowell. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.

2. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Review of the proposed ballfield agreement was done. Clerk Hyder mentioned that there was no paragraph included that states Town residents can rent the ballfield for free. She stated that the Town's attorney said you have to charge something, even if it's \$1.00 to make is a binding agreement.
- Chief McNeill spoke on the three IT Support quotes received. The company must be CJIS certified. Smarttech is the preferred company as they already work with Town of Duncan, City of Lyman and Wellford and they are CJIS compliant. Smarttech can start immediately and we would be in a month to month contract, instead of a 3 or 5 year contract like the other quotes. We have several support tickets in to Pivotal IT that have gone unresolved.
- We already have an Exhaust Brake Ordinance in place and all we need is signage.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Clerk Hyder contacted McKinley Cooper about the FYE audit and having someone to come out to speak at the council meeting, but instead was directed to page 4 of the Management's Discussion and Analysis in the Financial Highlights section. CPA McKinley said to point that out to Council.
- At 6:52 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Ash to enter into Executive Session in regards to contracts, which was seconded by Council member Stevenson and carried unanimously. At 7:10 p.m., Council exited the Executive Session with no action taken.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:10 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned by Mayor Shamis. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 4th day of March, 2024.



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 4, 2024

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on March 4, 2024 at 7:11 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Alician Sprouse, Aaron Ash and Joe McDowell. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Council was introduced.
3. Mayor Shamis asked if Council had reviewed the February 5, 2024 work session minutes, February 5, 2024 council meeting minutes and February 22, 2024 Work Session minutes. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the February 5, 2024 work session minutes, February 5, 2024 council meeting minutes and February 22, 2024 Work Session minutes as written, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.
4. Mayor Shamis had no comments.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported the Police Department had a total of 78 calls for the month of February. Of those calls, there were 81 traffic stops resulting in 41 tickets with 3 drug charges. Also, the SROs had 41 home visits. Council Member Sprouse asked what type of drugs were on the stops and Chief McNeill responded with marijuana. Chief McNeill asked Council Member Sprouse to get our Judge a copy of the calendar for upcoming FAVOR meetings. She also mentioned that the main FAVOR office in Spartanburg located at 2 Real Estate Way always has meetings. Mayor Shamis asked about Hwy 357 and the dip in the road. Chief McNeill said that DOT has met with the water department to find out what needs to be done. Several requests have been made to the State about it. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Police Department. No further questions were asked.
6. Fire Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 46 calls for the month of February. 11 of those calls were in Town limits, 29 in the fire service area and 6 were assisting other agencies. Fire Chief McNeill mentioned that the revenue coming in for next year was calculated in error by the County, as they did not factor in the growth. Now he is expected to receive \$23,000 more, which is good news since the County initially said he would be negative \$800 in his revenue. The millage has gone down from 24 mils to 22.7 mils and will be factored based on the Town's assessed value. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.
7. **Old Business-**
 - Police Chief McNeill reported Officer Godfrey is working with Mr. Mock on the two-story brick building and white house. He is going to get the Fire Marshal involved. At this time, there are rodents and wild animals living in the white house, so something needs to be done, especially since this

property is on main street. Also, Officer Godfrey will be going around to commercial properties making sure they are compliant with the International Property Management Code.

- Mayor Shamis would like to get some quotes on getting the fence painted at Gosnell Park. Chief McNeill said we have one quote, but need suggestions on who else to use. Council Member McDowell told Chief McNeill that he would be doing his share to maintain the ballfield. Council Member Sprouse asked about using Mosquito Joe. Police Chief McNeill said the Fire Department is taking care of getting it sprayed. Also, we are still in the process of getting three bids for electrical outlets at the park. Council Member Stevenson asked about the rails and steps. Chief McNeill is working on getting quotes for rails, but thinks they can handle doing the steps.
- Voting on the Ballfield Agreement will be put off as they have another paragraph that needs to be added. They will review it at their next Work session.
- Council Member Stevenson asked if any feedback has been received in regards to the time capsule. People have asked what size of objects and pictures should be. Council Member Stevenson said no bigger than 5x7. She mentioned that she received an email from the National Time Capsule Registry and we can register it free of charge when we are ready. Clerk Hyder said we have received a few items/pictures/documents from the public. Fire Chief McNeill asked if there was a committee that will decide what will go into the time capsule. Council Member Stevenson said it will be small items that will be used. Fire Chief McNeill mentioned getting a yearbook from CGS. Council Member Ash suggested we go ahead and purchase a time capsule so the public can see how big it will be. There is no end date as to when Council will stop receiving items.
- Council Member McDowell gave an update on the sewer project. Three quotes have been received from three engineering firms. We should be ready to get the preliminary phase going. Once Council makes a decision, the firm can start within a month. This will be getting the drawings done as to how the sewer should be. Town Resident Owenby reminded Council that the wastewater will need to be treated. The most cost-effective way would be the Page Creek facility or the Lawsons Fork facility. Also, how much treatment capacity needs to be known, due to the amount of stormwater that gets in with the wastewater that goes to the treatment plant. Stormwater needs to be eliminated from going to the treatment facility. Chief McNeill said the study in Landrum addressed the Enchanted and Leigh Fibers properties and they were only at 40% capacity and could take on more. They gave how much stormwater was involved. Mr. Owenby said to ask Landrum if the facility has been smoke tested.
- Mayor Shamis will get the Hwy 11 town sign painted this week if weather permits. He would also like lights put in just like the sign on Asheville hwy. At this time, we only have solar lights at the sign on Hwy 11.
- Police Chief McNeill said that when Council hires a sewer engineer, they will also help us with the sidewalk plans. After we get our engineer drawings for sewer, we can then meet and apply for the sidewalk grant. We want to get rid of the rock walls and install solid walls, crosswalks and handicap ramps. We would also want more decorative lighting in town instead of the lights on the power poles. Mayor Shamis, Lt. Miller and Chief McNeill met with DOT this week regarding crosswalks for downtown and at the high school.
- Council reviewed the three IT support quotes from Pivotal IT, Smarttech Consulting and Morris Business Solutions. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to accept the quote from Smarttech Consulting, LLC, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.

- Council reviewed the request of both the Fire and Police Department which in summary the Fire Department wants to sell their 2022 Tahoe to the Police Department and purchase a new Tahoe. The Police Department would then sell the Tahoe that gives them the most trouble and cost the most in repairs. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to allow the Police Department to buy the 2022 Tahoe from the Fire Department and allow the Fire Department to purchase a new Tahoe or Truck, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell. Mayor Shamis asked for a show of hands in favor of the motion and Council Member Ash and McDowell raised their hands. Council Member Sprouse and Council Member Stevenson did not raise their hands in favor. Therefore, Mayor Shamis was the deciding vote and his vote was in favor of the Motion. As such, the motion passed.
- A Second Reading of CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE VII – FOOD TRUCK AND ROADSIDE VENDORS was done by Mayor Shamis. This included Sections 8.701 – DEFINITIONS, 8.702 – REQUIREMENTS AND FOOD VENDOR AGREEMENT, 8.703 – STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, 8.704 – MOBILE FOOD VENDORS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, 8.705 – APPLICATION CONTENTS, 8.706 – GENERAL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, 8.707 - INSPECTIONS and 8.708 – PENALTIES, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the first reading of CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE VII – FOOD TRUCK AND ROADSIDE VENDORS, Sections 8.701 – DEFINITIONS, 8.702 – REQUIREMENTS AND FOOD VENDOR AGREEMENT, 8.703 – STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, 8.704 – MOBILE FOOD VENDORS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, 8.705 – APPLICATION CONTENTS, 8.706 – GENERAL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, 8.707 - INSPECTIONS and 8.708 – PENALTIES, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.
- An Exhaust Brake Ordinance is already in place in the Town’s Ordinances. Signage will need to be ordered in order to enforce this Ordinance. The cost of this signage will be added to March’s work session.

8. New Business-

- Laura Ringo with PAL Spartanburg reached out to Mayor Shamis to request the Town’s support in their applying for the ARISE grant to help with the Rails to Trails project. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to sign a letter in support of the ARISE grant, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.

9. Other Business-

- Mayor Shamis mentioned wanting to start a Farmers Market to be held once a month in Campobello. He is open to ideas on how to start this. Council Member Sprouse suggested we do an evening instead of on the weekend. Greer has their market during the week. Clerk Hyder asked who would work this event. Police Chief McNeill said they could either shutdown the roads like they do at Family Fun Day or use the School District Office. Council Member Ash asked if it could be in conjunction with Movie Night since we will already have coverage. Police Chief McNeill said from a farmer’s perspective, you are trying to get rid of your produce by Saturday night. Mayor Shamis asked about starting it in May or June and have it once a month, maybe on a Thursday. Council Member Sprouse said a good time would be 5-7p. More discussion will be had about this event.
- Mayor Shamis said that we did receive the PARD grant, but we do not get the money up front, but we do get reimbursed for any money that we spent on the park.

- Rick Sweeney gave the update on Planning & Zoning by saying they met on February 13th wherein they approved a building permit at 610 Bascule Ridge Road. The new owner of 305 N. Main St has made a request for rezoning so there will be a public hearing in April. Mayor Shamis asked if there was any way to make the meeting time to be later in the afternoon as there is a resident interested in joining, but due to his work schedule could not make the meeting until later in the afternoon. Mr. Sweeney will talk with the Committee about changing the time. Their next meeting is March 12th at 1:00p.m.
- Mayor Shamis gave an update on the Town Hall Committee in that he has been talking with Clayton Construction and Autorino Construction. Chief McNeill said that HomeLine Builders has also expressed interest in meeting with us to get started with a plan to build.
- A review of quotes for sewer were done and a Motion was made by Council Member McDowell to accept the bid from Erik Horton (Blue Line Consulting, LLC), which was seconded by Council Member Ash and carried unanimously.
- Council scheduled a Work Session for March 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Council Member Ash would like for Council to discuss and consider putting an Ed McNeill memorial on the grassy area at the Fire Department. Fire Chief McNeill said that we only own half of the grassed area and there is septic there. Mayor Shamis asked that this be added to April's agenda.
- Council Member Ash explained that the reason for the Work Session in March is to honor the local basketball teams that have done so well. Police Chief McNeill would like for Council to consider purchasing flags that say 'Home of the Landrum Cardinals' and 'Home of the CGS Wildcats' just to give our schools some recognition. The flags cost about \$100 each. Mayor Shamis asked that this be added to the Work session.
- Town resident L. Lopshire asked what kind of Emergency Management plan we have as a Town. Fire Chief McNeill said that the Fire Department could assist in helping with a place to sleep and a shower, but no food is kept at the Fire Department. However, all schools in Spartanburg County are designated for that purpose.

10. Adjourned- March 4, 2024 at 8:15 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.

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 4th day of March, 2024.