

Campobello Town Council Meeting

March 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, face masks made available and hand sanitizer. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Wilds at 7:01 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 February 1, 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 98 calls for the month of February. Council member Jason Shamis commended the Police Department on their quick response time, which consisted of 4-5 minutes.
5. Fire Chief Eddie McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 21 calls for the month of February.
6. **Old Business-**
 - Mayor Wilds asked for an update on the progress of the portion of Hwy. 176, in front of Big Glenn's restaurant. Clerk Hyder was happy to report that the road had been fixed by SCDOT gridding the asphalt down so that it was smoother than before. Council member Cohenour and town resident, John Owenby both confirmed that they had noticed the repair.
7. **New Business-**
 - Mayor Wilds informed everyone that when he met with the accountants that the biggest auditing issue the Town had was the purchasing of gift cards as they do not leave a paper trail. However, it is a requirement of some Grants used by the Fire Department that funds be used to purchase gift cards; therefore, a form has been put into place that must be completed with all gift card information, the gift card recipient, the amount of the gift card and the number of the gift card. This will produce a paper trail for the accountants. Mayor Wilds also asked if council had reviewed the preliminary financial statements, deficiency memos and audit findings and, if they had any questions on the matter. There were no questions, therefore, Motion was made by Council member Cohenour to approve the preliminary financial statements, deficiency memos and audit findings as written, which was seconded by Council member Shamis and carried unanimous. Council member Shamis asked Clerk Hyder if a representative of Elliott & Painter had come to the Town for a training session with her. Clerk Hyder answered that while Steven with Elliott & Painter had helped her via email, that she would reach out to him to see if was ready to set up the in-person training session. Mayor Wilds explained that the training session was to help get

our Quickbooks in order with the accountants and how to code expenses and income properly so that when our next audit is performed, it will not take as long as our last audit.

- Mayor Wilds asked if council had reviewed the two estimates that were received for fixing the issues with the roof at Town Hall and the Police Department. Council Member Reitha Stevenson inquired as to the last time the roof was fixed and Police Chief McNeill responded that it had been patched 2-3 years ago and that was due to insurance only paying for it to be patched. Council member Shamis asked about the current leaks. Police Chief McNeill said that the leaks toward the back of the building had been patched, but that there was a leak at the front of the courtroom as the panel was bucking. Council member Cohenour imputed that if we plan to keep the building for whatever reason that we needed to get the roof repaired. Council member Shamis had concerns of mold that could be growing and the risks to the employees. Council member Cohenour said that he knew of someone who could look into the mold issue, but Council member Shamis thought it best to wait until we know which direction we go in with regards to the roof. Council member Cohenour said we shouldn't wait too long to get it inspected. Town Resident Aaron Ash commented that he was a roofing construction rep and while flat roofs are cheaper in the beginning, they cost more in the end with maintenance and upkeep. Mayor Wilds made a Motion to take a further look into the roof situation and not make a decision at this time.

- Council Member Alician Sprouse asked council for their approval of the \$1,000 'We Believe In You' Scholarship for 2021. This would apply to high school students within the town who had unmet financial needs and would be the first to attend college in their family. She also wanted to add an additional \$1,000 scholarship called 'Returning To School To Better My Household' scholarship. This would apply to adults who want to go back to school to gain a degree or trade that would help further them in providing for their family. Essays would be accepted and reviewed. This scholarship would not have to follow the high school schedule and could go into the first part of summer. Motion was made by Council member Cohenour to accept both the 'We Believe In You' and 'Returning To School To Better My Household' scholarships, which was accepted by Council member Shamis, and carried unanimous.

- Council member Sprouse introduced her desire to have drug and alcohol awareness/prevention meetings in Campobello. She proceeded by giving the number of calls dealing with drugs: In a month's time, Spartanburg County District One had 25-35 calls dealing with prescription and illegal drugs and 5-7 calls dealing with overdoses resulting in death. She is involved with programs such as FAVOR of Greenville (Faces and Voices of Recovery), Freedom Recovery Center and the Phoenix Center. She tearfully stated that "Not knowing is not an excuse", and said that we would be surprised at the amount of people needing help, the addicts and their families. She proposed that the Town allow her to use the pavilion at Gosnell park to offer different treatment programs to hold their meetings there. Mayor Wilds had concerns if the pavilion was big enough and that weather could be an issue, therefore, he asked Council member Sprouse if he could offer his church as a place for the meeting. Council member Sprouse gladly accepted and will follow-up with the programs to see what they would need. Council member Shamis would like for the links to each program to be added to our Facebook page and website.

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.
- Council member Shamis gave an update on the mobile home issue that was presented to the Town by resident, Brentley Campbell, at the last meeting. Council Member Shamis explained that our zoning ordinances are outdated and need to be revised before Campobello grows any further. He understands that everyone deserves a place to live, but we want to be fair to everyone in our Town. Therefore, Council member Shamis reached out to the SC Municipal Association and they proposed that a Moratorium Ordinance be put into place for at least a year, which would halt any further mobile homes or multi-family homes being brought into the Town. He then proceeded to read proposed Moratorium Ordinance 5.111. Town resident, Owenby, asked if current mobile homes already in place were grandfathered in and if these ordinances were online and easily accessed. Council member Shamis answered in the affirmative on each question. He also stated that the moratorium could take less than a year, but to be safe it would remain in place for a year. Motion was made by Council member Cohenour to accept the first reading of the Moratorium Ordinance 5.111, which was seconded by Council member Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- Mayor Wilds mentioned that we are now at the 6-month mark into our budget and would like to have placed on April's Agenda that an overview of the accounts and budget be given. This would include any big expenditures over \$5,000 that might take place in the next 6 months and also show us if we are over or under budget. Clerk Hyder confirmed that the figures will be handed out in April's Council meeting.
- Town Clerk Hyder asked if council would like the final bill from the 2018-2019 audit from Elliott & Painter to be paid from the hospitality account, like the previous bill. Council member Cohenour stated that as long as we didn't use more than 44% of our ending balance, that should be fine. Clerk Hyder confirmed that had not happened. Motion was made by Mayor Wilds for the final bill for the 2018-2019 audit from Elliott & Painter to be paid from the Hospitality Account, which was seconded by Council member Cohenour and carried unanimous.
- Council member Stevenson asked when the last time the roof of the Department had been repaired or replaced, to which Fire Chief Ed McNeill answered that it had never been repaired or replaced due to it being metal.
- Council member Shamis made Motion and all approved for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss a financial matter. No action was taken. After the Executive Session, Council reconvened and Motion was made by Council member Cohenour to approve the Town making an offer on two properties, which was seconded by Council member Sprouse and carried unanimous.

9. Adjourned- March 1, 2021 at 8:06 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Reitha Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Jason Shamis 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 March, 2021.