

**Town Council Meeting – Work Session**  
**Location – 50 Broad Street, Campobello, SC 29322**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**Minutes**

- 1.** The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill.
  
- 2.** No discussions, votes or actions were taken by Council during the work session. The Work Session ended at 6:59 p.m. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 6th day of September, 2022.

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1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on September 6, 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 Alician Sprouse and Reitha Stevenson. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Introduction of the Mayor and Council was done.
3. Mayor Shamis asked if council had reviewed the August 1, 2022 work session minutes, August 1, 2022 council meeting minutes, August 16, 2022 public hearing minutes, August 16, 2022 work session and August 16, 2022 special council meeting minutes prior to the meeting and asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the August 1, 2022 work session minutes, August 1, 2022 council meeting minutes, August 16, 2022 public hearing minutes, August 16, 2022 work session and August 16, 2022 special council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
4. Mayor Shamis spoke about how tonight's meeting will be more about closing out a lot of items on the agenda.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported that he had not received the call report for August 2022 as of tonight's meeting, however, it was not a busy month with calls. He did introduce the newest hire to the Campobello Police Department which is Chris Miller who will fill the Lieutenant's position. He has approximately 24 years of law enforcement experience. Lt. Miller spoke on how he grew up in emergency services and has worked with Boiling Springs and Duncan. He is excited to work here and looks forward to helping out as much as he can.  
Chief McNeill spoke that in the 2021-2022 budget for the Police Department, he had a surplus of money left over in loose equipment which he would like to use for computers and/or update of our server. We are having syncing issues with our server and were told that it is 10 years old and will need to be upgraded. One bid was just over \$2,500. The two other bids should be in by the end of the week. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to allow the Police Department to purchase two new computers for police cars and to upgrade our server, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous. Mayor Shamis asked if the 911 issues had been corrected. Chief McNeill said that it has and that all who are in the city should be able to contact 911 and the Police Department get alerted. Mayor Shamis mentioned that the Clerk pinned the emergency and non-emergency numbers to the top of our Facebook page and on the town's website. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Police Department. No further questions were asked.
6. Council Member Sprouse read the call report on behalf of the Fire Chief Brandon McNeill as he could not be present this evening. The Campobello Fire Department had a total of 18 calls for the month of August. Mayor Shamis asked what commercial building needed assistance. Police Chief McNeill said it was the Dollar General. Electrical wires were not properly bolted to the wall and were shorting out. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.

## 7. Old Business-

- The current speed limit on Old Asheville Hwy is currently 35 mph. Discussion was had about reducing it to 30 mph. Chief McNeill said that 25 mph or 30 mph is the normal speed. He suggested 25 mph. He said it would take a week or two to get signs made. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to reduce the speed limit on Old Asheville Hwy to 25 mph, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- The issue with the culvert and fire hydrant on Emma Drive has been resolved, as the builders are going to take care of the cost of it. Chief McNeill said they are waiting on the water district, but may start building before that.
- The town did purchase 214 N. Main Street. Karen's Barbershop will remain in business until the end of 2022. Mayor Shamis asked how long she has been in business and Chief McNeill answered 29 years. It would be 30 years in February 2023.
- The building located at 105 N. Main St., is currently under contract. The buyer is a guy from California and wants to see the building maintained. He has been told that as soon as he buys it that the roof needs to be replaced. He has purchased older buildings in Hendersonville, North Carolina, which is where he lives now, and has revitalized them so that they would not be torn down.
- Mayor Shamis read the Duke Energy Service Agreement in title only and asked if Council had any questions about it. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the second reading of Duke Energy Service Agreement and to raise the percentage to 5%, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- Mayor Shamis read Ordinance 5.101 -Standard Codes Adopted. Modifications. Conflicts. It is proposed that Ordinance 5.101 be amended to update this Ordinance to adopt the latest editions and any revisions to the International Building Codes. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the second reading of 5.101 -Standard Codes Adopted. Modifications. Conflicts., and the amendments thereto, which was seconded by Council member Sprouse and carried unanimous. Mayor Shamis asked that the 2021 International Building Codes be added to the Town's website.
- Mayor Shamis read the proposed 2022-2023 American Rescue Plan budget in the amount of \$295,221.47. Out of that comes \$100,000 in park renovations. The School District has extended or lease on the park for 20 more years. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2022-2023 American Rescue Plan Budget, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.
- Mayor Shamis read the proposed 2022-2023 Fire Department's budget in the amount of \$373,569.00. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2022-2023 Fire Department's Budget, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.
- Mayor Shamis read the proposed 2022-2023 Police Department's budget in the amount of \$389,268.00. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2022-2023 Police Department's Budget, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.

- Mayor Shamis read the proposed 2022-2023 Town budget in the amount of \$1,143,201.82. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2022-2023 Town Budget, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- Mayor Shamis read the proposed 2022-2023 Victim's Advocate budget in the amount of \$2,535.00. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2022-2023 Victim's Advocate Budget, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.

**8. New Business-**

- The first reading of Ordinance 5.701 – Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance., Not Repealed., was done by Mayor Shamis. Chief McNeill said that the reason for this Ordinance is to be in compliance with Spartanburg County's Ordinance dealing with floodplain management. Mayor Shamis asked if there were any questions. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the first reading of 5.701 -Standard Codes Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Not Repealed., and the amendments thereto, which was seconded by Council member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- Mayor Shamis updated everyone on what Emily Jolley, Mayor's Intern, has done. As mentioned previously, the lease on the ballfield has been extended for another 20 years. Due to that, we can proceed with the application for the PARDe grant, which will be used for the improvements to the park. The grant is for \$25,000, with the Town matching 5% of \$25,000. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to proceed with the 5% match required to obtain the PARDe grant funds of \$25,000, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous. Emily has obtained quotes for playground equipment and new fencing. A portion of Wheeler St. will also be closed to provide more parking at the District Office. Emily has also applied for a grant to help pay for the master plan work that ACOG is doing. She is also looking into the Mary Black Wellness Grant. She has also gone through 90% of our ordinances online and is working on getting those up to date with the ordinances that we have a hard copy of. Emily will also attend a class this month through the University of Georgia for grant writing, which will make her a certified grant writer.
- Three quotes were obtained to install new HVAC system at the Fire Department. The current HVAC is 25 years old and not all are working. The quotes are as follows:

R&A Plumbing Services	\$14,000.00
Chandler Services	\$17,600.00
Josh Bellew	\$14,700.00

Council Member Sprouse made a motion to accept the quote from R&A Plumbing Services for \$14,000, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.

- Council Member Sprouse spoke about the 'We Support You' scholarship and which essay was chosen. Mateo David's essay was chosen who graduated from Landrum High School and plans to go to a local community college at the end of the year.

**9. Other Business-**

- Dennis Iskra of the Planning and Zoning Committee spoke of their meeting with ACOG and how a Public Hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., which will allow for

public comment on the proposed Flexible Review Plan. With this plan, it will allow the town to look towards the future as far as lot sizes for when the Rail Trail comes through. Mayor Shamis spoke that Landrum just finished with their flexible review plan and it gives towns the ability to negotiate with whomever owns the land. Town resident Skuba disagree with the time of the Public Hearing and Mayor Shamis responded that it was up to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

- A new candidate, Catherine Williamson, is being considered for the Planning and Zoning Committee. She was unable to make the council meeting and, therefore, this item will be considered for a vote at October's meeting when she will be able to attend and introduce herself.
- Town resident Robert Short wanted to clarify that the \$2,500 would be used to purchase two computers and a new server. Chief McNeill said yes, but the server takes priority over the computers.
- Town resident Phyllis Skuba asked if the old police cars had been placed online for sale. Chief McNeill said that they will be placed on GovDeals.com for bidding. Mayor Shamis asked what the vehicles would be listed for and Chief McNeill responded that it will be a bidding process. Council Member Stevenson asked when the end date for bidding would be and Chief McNeill said in two weeks. Town resident John Skuba asked if we had considered using CarMax. Chief McNeill said he had not but would call them to find out what they could do. Lt. Miller said there are certain stipulations on a government entity selling cars online.
- Town resident Phyliss Skuba asked does the Duke Energy Agreement affect everyone's bill. Mayor Shamis said it affects every resident in the town, which is why we voted to drop the millage rate for the town. The goal was to get the millage rate as low as we could, but with a little cushion. The Duke Energy Agreement is a revenue for the town.

## **10. Adjourned – September 6, 2022 at 7:52 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 6th day of September, 2022.