



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

May 1, 2023

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on May 1, 2023 at 6:44 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Aaron Ash (via FaceTime), Reitha Stevenson, and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. Council Member Joe McDowell was absent.
2. Mayor Shamis asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session. At 6:45 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to enter into Executive Session regarding discussion about litigation with Landrum, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous. At 6:57 p.m., Council ended the Executive Session with no action taken.
3. The Work Session ended at 6:59 p.m. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 1st day of May, 2023.



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1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Aaron Ash (via FaceTime), Reitha Stevenson, and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. Council Member Joe McDowell was absent.
2. Introduction of the Mayor and Council was done.
3. Mayor Shamis asked if council had reviewed the April 3, 2023 work session minutes and April 3, 2023 council meeting minutes prior to the meeting and asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the April 3, 2023 minutes as written, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.
4. Mayor Jason made no comments.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill mentioned that he has not received the totals from Spartanburg County due to their system having technical issues, but he reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 25 calls for the month of April. Three of those being drug charges and the rest were speeding or vehicle violations. The SROs have done about 20-25 home visits. Mayor Shamis asked how far out the SROs have to go for home visits. Chief McNeill answered wherever the child lives and said that Officer Godfrey had to go Gaffney on Sunday due to a child being absent from school for 96 days. Council Member Stevenson asked if the wreck on 26 was included in the monthly totals. Chief McNeill answered in the negative as it was not in the town limits, but they did assist. Council Member Sprouse asked what types of drugs were found on the three drug charges. Chief McNeill said marijuana and meth. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Police Department. No further questions were asked.
6. Fire Chief McNeill went on to report that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 23 calls for the month of April. Of those calls, 9 were in the fire service area, 6 outside of our jurisdiction and 8 within the town limits. Fire Chief McNeill informed everyone that they assisted in three landing calls which is where they assisted in providing a safe area for a helicopter to land. Of those three calls, two of them were pediatric. Also, two firefighters went to Indianapolis for training. He also updated council that May 15th would be the closing date for the N. Main Street property. In closing, Chief McNeill read a ‘thank you’ post to our first responders from an individual in town. The post went on to say that they appreciate the officers who are cross trained to work at the fire department. Chief McNeill said it was a call where a child was injured and air lifted to the hospital and our officers got there 7-9 minutes faster than the ambulance. Mayor Shamis asked if the council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked. It was also said that the new ladder truck that was recently purchased was out front for viewing after the council meeting.
7. **Old Business-**
 - Officer Godfrey reported on code enforcement by starting with the several different structures in town that still have issues. He made mention that he has specifically brought the brick building at Hwy 357 and 176 to council’s attention in previous meetings, as zero has been done to this building and it

has now been through several different owners. He cautioned council that once the building is condemned and is not taken care of by the owner, then the town would need to take responsibility for the demolition of the building, as the town would be liable if the building collapsed and caused harm to someone. Council member Ash suggested we get bids on demolition of the building. Officer Godfrey stated that Police Chief McNeill got a single quote seven months ago and it was \$20,000 then. Mayor Shamis mentioned that we can't hold one person accountable and not the other. Council Member Ash said we don't need to jump on this without thought as we need to find out the cost. It was confirmed that the last purchase of this building has been over 90 days with nothing done to the building. Mayor Shamis asked for this item to be placed on June's agenda for a vote pending the obtaining of quotes for demolition of the building. Mayor Shamis also said he would talk with Officer Godfrey regarding some yards that need to have the lawn cut. Officer Godfrey has already spoken with one resident who will have it taken care of this week.

- Mayor Shamis received a quote on the ballfield lights which was \$67,000 and would like to put a hold on lighting. He would like council to consider moving forward with park equipment and grading of the ballfield. He referenced the Mayor's Intern document outlining the different quote of park equipment and they all have different install times. Mayor Shamis proceeded to make a phone call during the meeting to confirm the USA Play's install time. The response was 6-8 weeks install time. Both Council Member Ash liked the 'Honolulu' equipment with have a good mid-price and he liked that it came with swings. The age range is 2-12 years of age. Council Member Sprouse also liked the Honolulu. Council Member Ash made a Motion to purchase the Honolulu playground equipment, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.
- Mayor Shamis gave update on the litigation and the injunction currently in place. The developer does not want to be held up by the litigation. Mayor Shamis does not want to hold them back and asked Council to consider dropping out of the lawsuit. Council Member Stevenson agreed with that and for our attorney to draw up an ordinance to get that done. Council Member Ash said it is a difficult decision to make, but agrees. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to drop out of the litigation with Landrum/Graphel, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- No update on fuel usage was given or needed.
- Council Member McDowell was not present to give an update on sewer, but will update us in June. Mayor Shamis said he did talk with Senator Corbin about the \$600,000 budgeted for Campobello and it has to make it through two more committees before it can be voted on. Town resident J. Owenby asked if there been any progress made in contacting a sewer engineer to come Campobello. Mayor Shamis answered in the negative. Mr. Owenby asked if there had been any discussion on getting a firm to come in and discuss sewer feasibility. Mayor Shamis answered in the affirmative and that they are waiting on the funding. Mr. Owenby asked if the intern or council made an application to the two government agencies who hold money for sewer projects? Mayor Shamis responded that most want to see the project as 'shovel ready' before we can apply for grants. Mr. Owenby reminded everyone that he made mention of this last year and even invited council and anyone who wanted to attend a meeting with Inman's superintendent and Mayor Huff so that we could find out how Inman did it. No one showed up for the meeting but myself. Mayor Shamis said that the reason why no one showed up for the meeting is that we were ready and we are trying to get the funds from Senator Corbin. Mr. Owenby offered information on this months ago.
- Council Member McDowell met with Mr. Owenby and another person knowledgeable about sewer and talked about getting a group formed to get the necessary research and legwork to keep down the cost of the engineer. Mayor Pro Tem Ash asked if we had heard any update on the sewer funding and Council Member McDowell had not, but will get with Mayor Shamis to find out where we are on the matter. Mr. Owenby commented that this may be an opportunity for the Town to save some money.

We will probably hire more than one engineer. He suggested the Town make use of the work that he did which was over 100 hours, which included maps and information he submitted to the Town and Planning Committee. It also includes location of where pump stations should be and how much sewer line will be needed. This information should be provided to the engineer when hired.

- There was no need for an update on Garbage pickup discussion.
- Clerk Hyder reported that she has heard from only two neighbors regarding their say about the light pole to be put up at the corner of Pointe Drive and Roberts Street. She contacted Mr. Breen this morning to get an update for Council and he said that all of the other neighbors are in agreement with the light, but have not contacted Town Hall to confirm that. Mayor Shamis asked this item be taken off of the agenda until there is interest shown. As far as the light on Hwy 357 at Patterson Road, it was installed recently and the resident is pleased and believes this will help this intersection to be safer.
- Council Member Sprouse mentioned that Family Fun Day will be particularly awesome for the children, as we have a petting zoo, bounce house, princess impersonators and a fairy hair vendor. Overall, we have 65 vendors that have signed up and a variety of food vendors. Police Chief McNeill and other will assist in putting up banners announcing the festival. Council Member Stevenson requested that the bathrooms be cleaned. Mayor Shamis and Council Member Sprouse thanked several for their involvement in the festival.
- Fire Chief McNeill gave an update earlier in the meeting that the closing on 403 N Main Street is set for May 15th. Fire Chief McNeill also gave mention that he just received email confirmation that the Fire Department received a grant for \$13,400.00 for communication equipment, turnout gear and other equipment. Mayor Shamis asked who wrote the grant and Chief McNeill said that he and several other members of the Fire Department.
- Council Member Stevenson questioned whether or not the South Fork Tree Service signage on Hwy 11 could fall under our Town Ordinances. Police Chief McNeill said he could be fined for putting up an unapproved sign, but he falls under the State as far as it being on scenic Hwy 11. ACOG is working to finish up the zoning and ordinances. Clerk Hyder did call and put in a request to SCDOT and they will investigate it. Mayor Shamis said we will keep this on the agenda for an update in June.
- A second reading of Ordinance 8.501.5 – Authorizing and Directing the Town of Campobello to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; To Participate in One or More Local Revenue Service Programs; To Execute and Deliver One or More Participant Program Supplements; and Other Matters Related Thereto - was done by Mayor Shamis. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 8.501.5 – Authorizing and Directing the Town of Campobello to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; To Participate in One or More Local Revenue Service Programs; To Execute and Deliver One or More Participant Program Supplements; and Other Matters Related Thereto, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous

8. New Business-

- Police Chief McNeill said the owner of 108 Smith Street contacted us to say his property runs out to the middle road and would like to donate it to the Town. Mayor Shamis said that he would rather we hear from an attorney, instead of the owner, with more information. Mayor Shamis requested this item be removed from the agenda until we hear from the owner's attorney.

- Mayor Shamis asked Council to be thinking about how we as a Town want to go about in our purchasing process. He believes it should come with some purchase order form when an item is above a certain amount so that Council can review it. This will help future council members to know why we bought what we did. Council Member Stevenson suggested we discuss it further at the next meeting.
- Mayor Shamis mentioned that he asked for an equipment list before and there was confusion as to what needed to be on the list. Council Member Stevenson said we need an inventory list. The question is to what extent. Fire Chief McNeill mentioned an inventory list previously posted. Clerk Hyder confirmed that it was posted to the Google Drive in August 2022 and the list posted under today's meeting folder on Google Drive is an updated version. Council Member Stevenson mentioned that we have trailers, backhoes and other equipment that we need to know what we have in case of theft. Council Member Ash suggested that all items that are \$500 or over be inventoried. This would be if the items would cost \$500 to replace them. Both Chiefs mentioned that this would take time to gather this information. Council agreed that this list be provided to them by September 1, 2023.

9. Other Business-

- Clerk Hyder mentioned that Chairman, Rick Sweeney let her know that he would not be at tonight's meeting due to preparing for a trip out of town, but that the next Planning and Zoning meeting is set for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Jeff with ACOG will be present at this meeting.

10. Adjourned- May 1, 2023 at 7:52 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Sprouse 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 1st day of May, 2023.