

Campobello Town Council Meeting

October 4, 2021

Minutes

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on October 4, 2021 in the Campobello Fire Department training room located at 50 Broad Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Wilds at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Council Members, Don Cohenour, Jason Shamis and Reitha Stevenson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Introduction of the Council Members took place immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Wilds asked if council had reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting(s) and asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to accept the September 7, 2021 Public Hearing minutes, and September 7, 2021 Council Meeting minutes, which were seconded by Council Member Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
4. Chief Chad McNeill reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 123 calls for the month of September. Mayor Wilds asked if council had any questions for Police Chief McNeill. Council Member Stevenson asked if the new Open Carry Law would affect the Town. Chief McNeill responded in the negative and said that the new law hasn't changed a lot and does not foresee it affecting the Town.
5. Fire Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 17 calls for the month of September. Mayor Wilds asked if anyone had any questions for the Fire Chief. None were asked.
6. **Old Business-**
 - Mayor Wilds spoke about the requirements for candidates and while he may disagree with the Board of Voter Registration and Elections for Spartanburg County, we must change our Ordinance to reflect that anyone interested in running in any election the Town has need only be a resident of the Town for 30 days prior to the election date. Council Member Cohenour agreed and said that it is not worth the legal fees to fight the issue. Council Member Shamis added that the person would still need to get votes to win. Mayor Wilds brought up that we have a hard enough time getting people to serve as Mayor and on Council. Therefore, an Ordinance will be drawn up to change the residency requirement and voted on in November.
 - Mayor Wilds introduced and read Resolution R-8.118-A - Authorization of Clerk/Treasurer and Council Members to Execute Financial Transactions, which gives authorization to the Clerk/Treasurer and (2) Council Members to sign checks and make financial transactions on behalf of the Town. However, before someone is authorized to be added to the Town's bank accounts, they must provide proof of a credit score of at least 600 to show financial stability and the capability to handle the Town's finances. Mayor Wilds asked if there were any questions about the resolution. Council Member Cohenour stated it was long overdue. Council member Shamis agreed with the need for such resolution. Mayor Wilds then asked for a Motion to accept the resolution as written. Motion was made by Council Member Don

Cohenour to accept the resolution as written, which was seconded by Council Member Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.

- Clerk Hyder updated everyone on research done on the amount of power outages in our Town. She read the 2-year outage history that was provided by Duke Energy Engineer, Anthony Kerr. The outages listed were as follows:

10/9/2019	Fallen Tree Limb	1.5 Hours
6/20/2020	Fallen Tree	8 Hours
6/29/2020	Animal in Substation	2.5 Hours
10/29/2020	Storm Damage	2.5 Hours
5/28/2021	Pole Fire/Defective Equip	4.5 Hours
6/8/2021	Infrastructure Work	1 Hour
6/23/2021	Infrastructure Work	45 Min
6/28/2021	Infrastructure Work	45 Min
7/3/2021	Fallen Tree	9 Hours

Mr. Kerr went on to explain that the 3 outages that happened in June were due to our protective devices being set to lock out under any fault condition during infrastructure upgrades. These outages would not have happened under normal conditions and the improvements made should enhance reliability long term. He did not see any additional outages for the subdivision of Cane Creek or the transformer feeding Roy Hall Way. Council Member Cohenour commented that he thought the number of outages would have been greater than that. Council Member Shamis commented that most of the time the outages are due to power lines and not the Substations.

7. New Business-

- Mayor Wilds said that no new annexation matters need to be discussed this month. Therefore, this will be added to November's agenda.

8. Other Business-

- Council member Shamis gave an update as to the Planning & Zoning Committee, which will be meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The item on the agenda is discussion of October 4th meeting with Appalachian Council of Government (ACOG) and their proposed agreement. Town resident Rist asked what the goal was in getting ACOG involved. Council member Shamis said the goal is to protect its residents and their property values. While he understands that everyone deserves a place to live, a home owner with a property value of \$300,000 doesn't necessarily want a mobile home next door, as mobile homes depreciate in value. Plus, our Planning and Zoning Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan has not been reviewed since 2000 and that was originally done by the County. Council Member Cohenour reaffirmed that this is to protect the Town's residents. Ms. Rist asked if that were also the reason for the moratorium on mobile homes. Council member Shamis answered in the affirmative. She also asked if there were certain places for businesses as her house on Main Street is zoned for commercial use. Council Member Shamis answered by saying that this was all in the early stages of getting things in order and that he hopes to have

an answer for her should it be voted for ACOG to get involved. Mayor Wilds asked that the reviewing and possible vote of ACOG's agreement be added to next month's agenda.

- Council Member Stevenson asked if anything would be done about the bridge on Old Asheville Hwy. Mayor Wilds commented that the last decision made was to hold off until construction of the mini farms is done. Otherwise, the trucks and other vehicles would damage the bridge even more.
- Town resident Rist asked when the food boxes would be put up. Council Member Cohenour said that he found out there were no food boxes when he went to put food in there and he only found books. He contacted Council Member Sprouse who said that the man who was going to build the boxes did not follow through. Chief McNeill commented that he thought the old paper boxes used by the News Leader were going to be used as food boxes for Operation Hope, but that they have all been took up to be painted.
- Town resident Rist asked about a Christmas Parade. Fire Chief McNeill said that a parade is planed for the first Sunday in December and they usually have 100 different entries.
- Campobello resident Cook asked how news gets out to its residents. Mayor Wilds said that he sends out a quarterly news letter to those living in the Town's limits and news is also posted to the Town's Facebook page and website.
- Council Member Cohenour asked that two new flags be ordered as the one on Hwy 11 and the other entrance were torn. Fire Chief McNeill said he would place an order for them.

9. Adjourned- October 4, 2021 at 7:34 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 4th day of October, 2021.