



# TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

## Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

### April 1, 2024

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on April 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. located at located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Alician Sprouse and Joe McDowell. Council Member Aaron Ash was absent. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.

#### 2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Council Member Stevenson wanted to get an idea of how much Council is wanting to spend on the time capsule. One made out of a composite material that is 11 x 14 x 15 costs \$579.00. A 32 x 24 x 12 stainless steel capsule is around \$2,000.00. Police Chief McNeill suggested we see if anyone or businesses in the Town would like to donate money towards it. This item will be tabled until the next regular council meeting.
- No questions were asked in regards to the FYE 2022 audit.
- Police Chief McNeill would like to purchase flags/banners to recognize the schools in our Town. 4 flags would be needed for each school to be placed at each entrance of the Town. If approved, these would be put up before the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.
- The Farmer's Market timeframe was discussed with either Tuesdays or Thursdays and would be once a month. Tuesdays are preferable with it running from 5p-7p. May 21<sup>st</sup> would be the start date, continuing every third Tuesday.
- No questions were asked regarding the Baseball/Softball Facilities Use Agreement and Rules and Regulations.

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS:

- None

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. Minutes were recorded by Police Chief, Chad McNeill on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2024.



# TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

## Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

### April 1, 2024

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on April 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Alician Sprouse and Joe McDowell. Council Member Aaron Ash was absent. 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 March 4, 2024 work session minutes, March 4, 2024 council meeting minutes and March 26, 2024 work session minutes. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the March 4, 2024 work session minutes, March 4, 2024 council meeting minutes and March 26, 2024 work session minutes as written, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.
4. Mayor Shamis made mention of all the events coming up and directed everyone's attention to the Town's Facebook and website to keep updated on these events. He also expressed condolences to the Clinton Fire Department and the family of the 27-year-old firefighter who lost his life on Easter.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported the Police Department had a total of 229 calls for the month of March. Of those calls, there were 110 traffic stops resulting in 46 tickets with 8 drug related charges. Also, the SROs had 41 home visits. Of the above traffic stops, 8 stops were done on Highway 11 near Parkway Baptist Church. Mayor Shamis asked how the SROs know to go visit a home? Police Chief McNeill responded that if a child comes to them or if they have missed multiple days in a row without doctor's notes. Council Member Sprouse asked if there was a need in the school or seniors in the community if he would let Council know about it. Police Chief McNeill answered in the affirmative. 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 35 calls for the month of March. 11 of those calls were in Town limits, 14 in the fire service area and 2 were assisting other agencies. Fire Chief McNeill confirmed the sale of the Ladder truck to the City of Sylvania, so the Fire Department does not have any spare vehicles. Mayor Shamis asked what it means to assist a citizen. Fire Chief McNeill said it is anywhere from physically helping a person, to helping cut off water and anything that falls in those major categories. 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 Mr. Mock has eluded that he wants to tear down the white house beside the two-story brick building and make that a parking lot. He mentioned he was sending documents to

Planning and Zoning for their review as he is out of town in California. Officer Godfrey is revisiting areas/homes throughout the Town that were in need of repair.

- Mayor Shamis received two quotes (one for \$10,000 and one for \$4,000) to paint the fence at Gosnell Park and the ballfield. Chief McNeill is trying to find a company to provide a third quote and hopes to have that by the next meeting. Also, Chief McNeill said that the outlets in the park restrooms will not carry a 30 amp so food truck vendors may need to use their own generator and required that they use a certain decibel generator to keep the noise down. Council Member Stevenson asked what was being done so that the pipes in the bathroom will not freeze in the winter. Chief McNeill said they are looking at using a heater in the exhaust fan or a heater like the Dog House plugs in.
- A Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the Baseball/Softball Facilities Use Agreement and Rules and Regulations as written by the Town attorney, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the FYE 2022 Audit/Financial Statements from McKinley Cooper, CPA., which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously
- Council Member McDowell gave an update on the sewer project. Blue Line Consulting, LLC who was voted on for the job is digging in and meeting with Spartanburg Water and ICWD. Mayor Shamis said that part of the engineering survey is getting easements to properties of where this sewer is going to go. If we don't get easements then that could stop the sewer project. Chief McNeill will help with this process and be at the next meeting. Also, part of this project is to make sure we are looking at funding while the engineer is doing his job. Town Resident Owenby made mention about the contract and wanting to view it. He asked if we had a place in mind that can treat our waste water. Council Member McDowell said that is part of what the engineer is looking into. Mr. Owenby was adamant that it was taking too long. Mayor Shamis responded that we had to obtain funding for the engineer and that a project of this magnitude takes time. Council Member Stevenson asked if a gas line was going to be put in when sewer lines were run. That issue will be brought to the engineer's attention. The cost for gas is around a million. Council Member McDowell stated that this is a lengthy process and we have to make sure we are doing this the correct way. The Town will need to see the different options we will have when the plans are drawn.
- Mayor Shamis would like to borrow a truck to put down straw at the Hwy 11 Town sign, as well as paint the sign. He asked about the progress of getting lighting at the sign. Chief McNeill said that when they come out to look at the ballfield outlets, they will also get the lights put in at the sign.
- Council Member Stevenson spoke on the time capsule and that we can get one anywhere from \$2,897.00 which is a 48 x 40 x 16 or the cheapest being \$36.92 which is 3.9 inches x 10.2 inches. It really comes down to how much Council wants to budget. Items received so far are a small statue from Campobello's Apple Fling and documents which include some officers being sworn in back in the 1960s, pictures and newspaper clippings. Fire Chief McNeill will work on getting prices of what it would cost to build one. Pictures of time capsules will be brought to the next council meeting. We also need to come up with a time frame of when we want the time capsule opened. i.e. 50 years, 100 years, etc. Mayor Shamis suggested we have something at our Town table at Family Fun Day to let residents know about it.
- Cost of Exhaust Brake signage will be about \$75.00 for 4 signs, before taxes and shipping. We would need one for Hwy 11, Old Mill Road and Asheville Hwy and Hwy 357. Mayor Shamis asked that we send a letter to Capps Brothers just to give them notice that we will be enforcing that. Motion was

made by Council member Sprouse to purchase the Exhaust Brake signs, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.

- Campobello's Farmer Market will begin on the third Tuesday of every month, beginning May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5p – 7p. This will take place at either Campobello First Baptist Church parking lot or Lude Johnson Blvd/Wheeler Street. Police Chief McNeill will contact the Church to see if they would be agreeable to having it in their parking lot. Council Member Stevenson asked this to be added to the digital sign at Town Hall.
- Discussion of the Ed McNeill Memorial will be tabled until May's meeting when Council Member Ash is present.
- Council member Sprouse said that three people responded to the "Giving Back" scholarship, one that is not in the Town's limits. Right now, there is \$1,575.00 in the scholarship fund and she expects to receive that much or more from this year's Family Fun Day event entry fees. She proposes that \$800 be given to the two applicants that are Town residents, one of which is going to Clemson and the other Anderson with North Greenville as a backup. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to give \$800 to each applicant who is a Town resident, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.

## **8. New Business-**

- None.

## **9. Other Business-**

- Rick Sweeney gave the update on Planning & Zoning by saying that their last meeting was more about the Rails to Trails with Laura Ringo speaking on the subject. They hope to begin construction in 2026. A feasibility study should be done this spring. Council may want to consider ordinances to encourage/discourage the types of businesses that will come once the trail is in place. Mr. Sweeney said it wouldn't be profitable to have 8 of the same business, such as coffee shops/bike shops. We want the businesses that come to each be successful. Their next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m. Mr. Sweeney spoke of the plans at Old Mill Village, which was the former Campobello Oaks. Mayor Shamis elaborated that Old Mill Village has a mile and a quarter of railroad through their property which will be a huge benefit for them. They want to do a biblical facility here in Campobello similar to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. They want to invest \$30 million into the project. They already have \$4 million donated. They want to annex into the Town and we are working on getting information to them on that. They will have treehouses, A frame houses and caves you can stay in. They will have an event center anyone can rent. They will also have an amphitheater and a place for church/youth retreats. Their main focus in for children and youth to have a Christian place to go. They currently have an Air BNB that is in current operation. Their website is [www.oldmill.me](http://www.oldmill.me). Town Resident K. Williamson said we might want to consider inviting Laura Ringo to Family Fun Day and putting up some of the posters throughout Town. Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Ford who are on the Planning and Zoning Committee are going to become a part of the advisor board of the Rails to Trail so that our Town has as much up to date information as we can get.
- Mayor Shamis said that Erik Horton with Blue Line Consulting who was hired to draw plans for sewer is also going to help with ideas for a New Town Hall. Once this is done, we give it to an architect and see what we can build. Parking is an issue where the old Town Hall stood.

## **10. Adjourned- April 1, 2024 at 8:04 p.m.**

With no further business presented, Council Member Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, seconded 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 Police Chief, Chad McNeill on this 1st day of April, 2024.