

Town Council Meeting
October 5, 2020
Minutes

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on October 5, 2020 in the Campobello Fire Department bay area where the CDC Guidelines were followed by sanitizing all tables and chairs, spacing seating 6 feet apart, the wearing of face masks and hand sanitizer. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Wilds at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council Members, Don Cohenour, Reitha Stevenson, Jason Shamis and Alician Sprouse. Invocation was done by Fire Chief, Eddie McNeill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of the Council Members took place immediately following the invocation. Also, in attendance were Fire Chief, Eddie McNeill and Police Chief, Chad McNeill.
3. Council Member Don Cohenour made a motion to accept the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, September 8, 2020 Work Session minutes and September 29, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Reitha Stevenson and carried unanimous.
4. Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 65 calls for the month of September. 5 of those calls were due to reports of stolen vehicles. Mayor Wilds asked if all 5 vehicles stolen were stolen from within Campobello. Chief McNeill answered in the affirmative. Chief McNeill also added that the Police Department received a grant for salary reimbursement for the extra personnel during the COVID-19 shutdown. The grant also covered the cost of masks, hand sanitizer and gloves for the officers to have on hand in their patrol cars.
5. Chief Eddie McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 16 calls for the month of September.
6. **Old Business-**
 - Fire Chief, Eddie McNeill, gave an update on the PARDS Grant for the updating of equipment at Gosnell Park. Currently, bids are being obtained for playground equipment and picnic tables. Council Member Reitha Stevenson asked what the deadline was to get the grant submitted. Chief McNeill said that it could be submitted anytime a month or so prior to the first of the year.
 - Council Member, Don Cohenour, inquired as to the progress of getting a portion of Hwy. 176, in front of Big Glenn's restaurant repaired. Town Clerk, Kim Hyder, responded that a second maintenance request had been submitted to the SC DOT and that she would follow-up before the next council meeting.
7. **New Business-**
 - Police Chief McNeill is currently waiting to hear back from Spartanburg County School District One as to the cost they pay for an email domain. It has been researched and if the Town obtains

10 email addresses from its current domain that is used for the website, the cost would be anywhere from \$600-\$800 per year. SLED has given the Police Department a year to obtain a government approved email domain.

- Mayor Wilds spoke regarding what to do when a council meeting falls on a holiday. Council Member Jason Shamis said that a vote was needed in order to do this and by moving the meeting it would be beneficial as it could possibly help more of the public to be able to attend. A motion to move any council meeting that falls on a holiday to the next business day was made by Council Member Reitha Stevenson, which was seconded by Council Member Don Cohenour and carried unanimous.
- Council Member Jason Shamis announced the nominees willing and able to serve on Campobello's Planning and Zoning Committee. The nominees are Rick Sweeney, Tammy Bowers and Aaron Ash. This will leave 2 spots available for any other town residents who wish to serve. A Motion was made by Council Member Jason Shamis to approve and accept Rick Sweeney, Tammy Bowers and Aaron Ash as members of Campobello's Planning and Zoning Committee, which was seconded by Council Member Don Cohenour and carried unanimous.
- In September, town resident, Joann Treacy, completed a request to speak at tonight's council meeting regarding her desire for the town to take over the remainder of Emma Drive. As of now, her portion of Emma Drive is a private driveway which she has had widened to at least 15 feet. She is concerned whether or not it would be more beneficial for everyone if the town would take responsibility and control of the private driveway and possibly have it graveled. By way of history, Ms. Treacy bought lots A, B and C which totaled 2.2 acres. She then had the lot split three ways and is in the process of trying to sell two of the lots. She plans to move a mobile home onto her lot in the near future. She believes that a 1-foot culvert is needed in order for any gravel work not to be washed away. Council Member Jason Shamis did, in fact, view the property and reported that it was a very muddy area. A prospective buyer of one of the lots, David, also spoke that he would like to see the driveway graveled and that lots A and B would definitely need a culvert pipe installed. Council Member Jason Shamis was concerned about the town taking on a new road when the bridge at Old Asheville Hwy. had not yet been repaired and reopened. Police Chief McNeill commented that the Department of Transportation (DOT) said the ground on each side of the bridge needed to be raised 6 inches. As for Emma Drive, the County defers to the Town as to what it would want done to the road should the town take it over; however, a culvert would probably be necessary and to have it graveled could cost anywhere from \$3,000-\$5,000. Council Member Don Cohenour asked if it would be easier to do all that was needed at one time. Chief McNeill answered in the affirmative. Mayor Wilds asked that we get a recommendation from the County prior to the next council meeting. Therefore, a motion was made by Council Member Alician Sprouse to get the County's recommendation and cost prior to the next meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Reitha Stevenson and carried unanimous.

8. Other Business-

- Mayor Wilds brought up that Gosnell Park is in need of 'Hours of Operation' signage that is clear and visible to all who visit the park. He has noticed cars parked at Gosnell Park late at night and wondered if the sign should state that the park closes at dark to coincide with the time change. He would ask that Council consider what hours should be considered operational for Gosnell

Park and that this be added to next month's Agenda for more discussion. Police Chief McNeill added that a sign of the operational hours was in place, but that it was at the pavilion where it may not be seen by all. He did have to ask a person to leave the park due to it being after dark, which was objected to because it was not 9:00 p.m. as the current sign states. Chief McNeill agreed that the hours need to be adjusted.

- Town Resident, Mr. Owenby, inquired as to whether or not property that the town currently owns, would be sold and the proceeds used to fund a future community center. Council Member Jason Shamis responded that while most of the lots owned by the town were unbuildable sites, if they were sold, the funds would certainly go towards the construction of a new municipal complex. Mayor Wilds added that they are currently looking for land to use for a new Municipal Complex. Council Member Jason Shamis confirmed this, but explained that any available land in Campobello was priced very high in the \$30,000 - \$40,000 an acre range. For example, the asking price for the 7.85 acres for sale near Landrum High School is \$185,000.

9. Adjourned- October 5, 2020 at 7:26 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Reitha Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Alician Sprouse 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 5th day of October, 2020.