



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

July 6, 2023

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash on July 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Joe McDowell and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. Mayor Shamis was absent.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Jeff with Appalachian Council of Government (ACOG) spoke on the Zoning Ordinances and Map. He confirmed that the Planning and Zoning Committee made their recommendation for the Zoning Ordinances and Map to be approved by Council. He mentioned that there are several districts in the book that are not represented on the map, as they are in preparation for future growth. The Zoning Map does not show flood plains due to the property that is largely undevelopable but does show creeks.

Also, the Planning and Zoning Committee worked on various application forms and associated fees and made their recommendations to Council for their review and approval.

No questions were asked were asked regarding the Zoning Ordinance and Map.
 - No questions were asked with regards of the 2022-2023 budget review.

3. **OLD:**
 - No discussion of the 2022 Tahoe payment reimbursement and payoffs were had.

4. The Work Session ended at 6:52 p.m. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 6th day of July, 2023.



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

July 6, 2023

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash on July 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Joe McDowell and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. Mayor Shamis was absent.
2. Introduction of the Mayor Pro Tem and Council was done.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed everyone that Mayor Shamis would not be able to attend the meeting.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash asked if council had reviewed the June 5, 2023 work session minutes, June 5, 2022 council meeting minutes June 29, 2023 Work Session minutes, June 29, 2023 Public Hearing minutes and June 29, 2023 Special Meeting minutes prior to the meeting. He then asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member McDowell made a motion to accept the June 5, 2023 work session minutes, June 5, 2022 council meeting minutes June 29, 2023 Work Session minutes, June 29, 2023 Public Hearing minutes and June 29, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as written, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported the Police Department had a total of 68 calls for the month of June, which included 18 homes visits by the SROs. Police Chief McNeill informed everyone that 4 new reserve officers had completed their training and testing and will be introduced at the August Council meeting. Chief McNeill did proceed to introduce Jimmy Greene who will be the new SRO at Holly Springs Motlow School and James Mosley, the SRO for Swofford. Lt. Miller spoke on the National Night Out event and said that most of the school supplies have been spoken for and monetary donations have been received. 30 to 35 different groups/businesses/churches will be present to hand out supplies and/or provide a service. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash 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 14 calls for the month of June. Of those calls, 7 were in the fire service area, 1 outside of our jurisdiction and 6 within the town limits. Fire Chief McNeill requested for Council to consider allowing flags to be ordered which will replace the ones hung up and down Main Street during different holidays throughout the year. The total cost would be \$700 and he requests that the funds be taken from the Hospitality account. Motion was made by Council Member Sprouse for the flags to be ordered with the funds taken out of the Hospitality account, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash asked if council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.

7. Old Business-

- Police Chief McNeill reported that a meeting with the owner of the brick building at 105 N. Main Street has been scheduled for July 12th. Council Member McDowell asked who all was attending the meeting. Chief McNeill responded that he, the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement Officer, Clerk and Mayor would attend.
- Mayor Pro Tem Ash informed everyone that the park equipment that was originally going to be delivered in July is not set for the end of August. Council Member Stevenson asked if Police Chief McNeill had obtained a quote on mulch from the company used by Campobello First Baptist. Chief McNeill answered that it has been requested, but not received as of tonight's meeting. He is also asking another company for comparison.
- Mayor Pro Tem Ash had no update on litigation.
- Council Member McDowell said we were approved for the \$600,000 for sewer. This will allow us to move forward to get resources in place to get started with sewer. Resident Owenby asked if the town had entered into a contract with an engineer. Council Member McDowell answered in the negative. Mr. Owenby asked if any grants for sewer have been written. Council Member McDowell answered in the negative.
- Before a second reading was done of Ordinance 10.300, Mayor Pro Tem Ash informed everyone that the first reading of the Ordinance did pass as there was a quorum of members present and there were two votes in favor and one against it. This was confirmed by contacting the Municipal Association of SC. Council Member McDowell proceeding to read Ordinance 10.300 – Garbage Fees and

Enforcement. Council Member Sprouse made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 10.300 – Garbage Fees and Enforcement, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.

8. New Business-

- First reading, in title only, of the Zoning Ordinances and Map was done by Mayor Pro Tem Ash. He then asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked. Motion was made by Council Member Sprouse to accept the first reading of the Zoning Ordinances and Map, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.
- Council Member Sprouse asked Council to consider offering the two ‘We Support You’ scholarship applicants \$500.00 each. She stated that the Campobello Ladies’ Auxillary Group wished to donate \$100 to each applicant. Motion was made by Council Member Sprouse to award each applicant \$500, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.

9. Other Business-

- Rick Sweeney gave an update that the Planning and Zoning Committee is scheduled to move forward with working on building code and infrastructure ordinances. Their next meeting is set for July 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjourned- July 6, 2023 at 7:27 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member McDowell 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 6th day of July, 2023.



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

July 24, 2023

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Joe McDowell, Aaron Ash (via FaceTime) and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.

2. **Old Business:**

TOWN BUDGET:

- Council discussed the 2023-2024 budgets. Trash service, ACOG's fees for zoning ordinances, overage in attorney fees and the Mayor's Intern salary were taken from the Capital Expenditure which totaled \$91,018.00 in the 2022-2023 budget. Also, to come out of the Capital Expenditure line item would be the interest on the 2022 Tahoes due to only \$105,000 being budgeted for the payment, excluding the interest.
- Council Member Sprouse asked about the Miscellaneous line item for \$1,000, which was explained to be items that are not an every year expense and that do not fit any other line item.
- Mayor Shamis would like to dedicate some funds towards beautifying the triangle at Hwy 11 and Hwy 176 that SCDOT has control over. Council would also like to find money for another vehicle for the Police Department.

POLICE DEPT. BUDGET:

- The Police Department's budget went up \$70,000 due to the department taking on the new SRO contract for Swofford. We have already received the first payment for this position.

- In light of Spartanburg County's computer system being hacked, funding for IT support was in question. The Town currently uses Pivotal IT, but has been contacted by other IT companies. Council agreed that this needs to be looked into to make sure the Town's computer system is more secure. Other towns and fire departments spend well over \$100,000 or more on IT support and security.
- Tire replacement for the Police Department was down for the year, as tires were replaced in the previous year. Also, tires are bought through Goodyear on State bid since they are cheaper. The tires are then taken to Dill's Tire to be put on the vehicles.
- Psychological Evaluations were added to the 2023-2024 Police Department budget, as those are required for any new law enforcement officer who has not previously been employed in the law enforcement field.
- Council agreed for the 2022 Tahoes to be paid off and the Police and Fire Departments to be reimbursed.
- Gas/fuel for both the Fire and Police Departments are around \$2,000 or so a month. Mayor Shamis asked if the Assistant Fire Chief needed a brand-new Tahoe. Fire Chief McNeill said no, and that the 3rd Tahoe was purchased with the Police Department in mind and how they could buy the Tahoe from the Fire Department when needed. Police Chief McNeill said that SRO Godfrey puts the most miles on a vehicle due to traveling with the middle school on sporting events. Council Member Ash asked if an SRO needed a Tahoe and Chief McNeill answered no, but that Ford and Dodge are not making police vehicles any longer. Council Member Ash mentioned an SRO could actually use a truck. Fire Chief McNeill said that it is cheaper to buy a police packaged Tahoe than a civilian Tahoe. If a Tahoe is ordered today, you would receive it July 2024. A Truck is around \$51,000 and a Tahoe is \$42,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- The Fire Marshal's salary will be about \$1,800 - \$2,000 a year. Part-time and full-time wages increased a little which covers the Fire Chief's salary

and keeps one part-time firefighter on duty at all times. Volunteer on call bonus is to compensate volunteers if they go on a call and it causes them to miss work and the time they spend on the call. This is only for calls of excessive nature and that require a lot of hours.

- The building payment increase significantly due to the purchase of 406 N. Main St. The Fire Department still owes on Station #3 on Hwy 357 and makes a yearly payment of around \$10,000.
- The Fire Department Levy payment that is paid by the Town increased from \$48,600 to \$82,602 due to the assessed value of the Town having increased. Mayor Shamis asked if the Fire Department has an agreement with the County to cover the outside Fire District. Fire Chief McNeill said no Fire Department does, but believes that is being looking into by the County. Every Fire Department around Campobello has a higher millage rate. The Fire Departments current millage is 24 mils. Over the past five years, the Town has grown. 60 more homes were added to just the Cane Creek subdivision alone. Council Member Ash asked what kind of notice would the Fire Department receive if the County took away the outside fire district. Fire Chief McNeill said they would have to already have something in place in order for it to be covered, if not by us. Mayor Shamis requests that the wording be changed to leave out “Levy”. Council Member McDowell is fine with it as long as it is transparent and everyone is on the same page with where the money is going.

3. New Business:

- none

- 4.** The Work Session ended at 7:40 p.m. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 24th day of July, 2023.