



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

August 7, 2023

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on August 7, 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. Council Member Ash was absent.
2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A quote for IT support from Morris Business Solutions was discussed among council. Clerk Hyder reported that we currently use Pivotal IT at \$320/month as we are on their bronze plan. We have more computers to add coverage on, but need to decide which computers need full coverage and who does not. Council asked that Mr. Morris come to the next Work Session to speak about the quote and take questions from council.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Jeff Guilbault spoke regarding the application fee scheduled recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee. These fees will cover the advertising cost and administrative costs.
 - Council reviewed the 2023-2024 Budgets. Mayor Shamis stated that most departments were the close to the same budget as the year before, but verbiage on the Fire department's budget had been changed regarding a Fire Protection Service payment made by the Town. Clerk Hyder confirmed that had been changed and that the total amount of the American Rescue Plan had also changed since another ballfield project was set to begin and partial payment had been made to the company. Another work session to work on the budget was set for September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Council is waiting for the estimated numbers from the County to see how they measure up to the Town's budgets.
4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mayor Shamis asked about 406 N. Main Street becoming a temporary Town Hall/Police Department was had. This would be necessary once Council decides on who to use to demo 208 N. Main Street down to the end of the building. Police Chief McNeill is working with Council Member Ash in looking at a metal building structure to rebuild Town Hall, plus a Community Center.
- Council member Stevenson asked if the new proposed application fees would be categorized with the building permits. Clerk Hyder answered in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session ended at 6:59 p.m. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 7th day of August, 2023.



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Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

August 7, 2023

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on August 7, 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. Council Member Aaron Ash was absent.
2. Introduction of the Mayor and Council was done.
3. Mayor Shamis welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Mayor Shamis asked if council had reviewed the July 6, 2023 work session minutes, July 6, 2023 council meeting minutes and July 24, 2023 Work Session minutes prior to the meeting. He then asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept July 6, 2023 work session minutes, July 6, 2023 council meeting minutes and July 24, 2023 Work Session minutes as written, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.
5. Mayor Shamis gave the floor to Council Member Sprouse for the awarding of the scholarships so that the recipients and their families did not have to stay for the entire council meeting. A scholarship of \$500.00 was presented to Mrs. Morgan Farmer who spoke on her goal of getting her master's degree in dentistry. A second \$500.00 scholarship was awarded to Ms. Kathryn Murray who spoke of her plans to attend college to become a physical education instructor. The Campobello Ladies Auxiliary Group gave each scholarship recipient an additional \$100.00. Council Member Sprouse then presented Clerk Hyder with a gift of appreciation from the Town of Campobello.
6. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported the Police Department had a total of 28 calls for the month of July. A checkpoint was done in July which resulted in 36 tickets, 10 drug charges, 5 alcohol charges and some tag issues. Marijuana and Meth were the drugs confiscated on the stops. Council Member McDowell came through the checkpoint and applauded the department for a job well done. Chief McNeill said that National Night Out was a huge success and provided 500 kids with school supplies. Some tables ran out of school supplies. Chief McNeill commended Lt. Miller for all his hard work on the event. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Police Department. No further questions were asked.
7. Fire Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 22 calls for the month of July. Of those calls, 13 were in the fire service area, 4 assisting other agencies and 5 within the town limits. Mayor Shamis asked what the average number of firefighters per call. Chief McNeill responded with 5 to 6 people. Chief McNeill also thanked Buck N' Brew and Dog House for their donation and all of the other times they step up to help with events. Mayor Shamis asked about a fire hydrant being put in at the four new homes at the corner of Old Asheville Hwy and Asheville Hwy. Chief McNeill said that as long as the homes are at least 1000 feet from an existing fire hydrant, they are fine. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.
8. **Old Business-**

- Police Chief McNeill reported on behalf of Code Enforcement that a meeting with the owner of the brick building at 105 N. Main Street has been done and he will be meeting with Planning and Zoning in September. He is keeping us updated with his plans. His plans are to keep the building and renovate it. Council Member Sprouse said he is to report every 30 days.
- Mayor Shamis informed everyone that we should see work being done on the ballfield by the end of the week. We could possibly have more funding coming to the park in the amount of \$100,000. The park equipment will be installed on August 20th and some of the outdated swings will be removed. Council Member Stevenson asked about mulch quotes and Chief McNeill said he is waiting due to not knowing how much will be needed until we see how big the structure is. He will measure the structure to know how many truck loads will be needed.
- Mayor Shamis spoke with the Town's lawyer and we are pulling our annexation. He is working on an ordinance to remove the annexation and once the annexation has been removed, there should be no lawsuit. We are in a holding pattern until we remove the annexation.
- Council Member McDowell said we were approved for the \$600,000 for sewer. He is beginning to reach out to get ideas of cost-effective ways to get the ball rolling. He will set up a meeting with Joel Watson with the County to get things started. Mayor Shamis said once that begins, he will look for more grants for more funds as \$600,000 is not enough to finish the project. Town Resident Owenby asked why the Town was getting that and Mayor Shamis said it was because of the letter Mr. Owenby wrote to our Senator.
- Before a second reading was done of Zoning Ordinance 5.112 and the Zoning Map, Jeff Guilbault from ACOG said that a correction was made on the Map to show the boundary lines of the Town. Council had no questions. Mayor Shamis read Zoning Ordinance 5.112 and asked for a Motion to accept the second reading of the Ordinance and Map. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the second reading of Zoning Ordinance 5.112 and the Zoning Map, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.
- Clerk Hyder stated that she obtained the payoff of the 2022 Tahoes and the full payoff amount was sent in check form which was signed by Council Member Stevenson.
- Council had no questions regarding the proposed application fees from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

9. **New Business-**

- Mayor Shamis asked if council had any questions. Council had no questions. Mayor Shamis proceeded to read the 2023-2024 Town budget, 2023-2024 American Rescue Plan budget, 2023-2024 Police Department budget, 2023-2024 Victim's Advocate budget and 2023-2024 Fire Department budget in title only. Motion was then made by Council Member Stevenson to accept the first reading in title only of the 2023-2024 Town budget, 2023-2024 American Rescue Plan budget, 2023-2024 Police Department budget, 2023-2024 Victim's Advocate budget and 2023-2024 Fire Department budget, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimous.
- Council Member McDowell read Ordinance 8.501 – Amending the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Campobello to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020. Council had not questions. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the first reading of

Ordinance 8.501– Amending the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Campobello to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.

- Clerk Hyder asked Council to review an amendment needed to clarify the minutes of June 29, 2023, wherein it was initially thought that Ordinance 10.300 – Garbage fees and enforcement did not pass due to lack of votes in favor of it. After the SC Municipal Association was contacted, it was confirmed that it did pass as there was three members present which constitutes a quorum and the majority of the quorum voted in favor of Ordinance 10.300. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept the amending of the June 29, 2023 minutes, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.

10. Other Business-

- Mr. Sweeney of the Planning and Zoning Committee was not present. Jeff Guilbault with ACOG did mention that they are meeting on August 8th at 1p to go over land development regulations.
- Mr. Lopshire declined to speak and would like to move his request to speak to the September 5th meeting.
- Mr. Loop, president of the Cane Creek HOA, spoke on a few issues the homeowners have at this point. He mentioned the utility work being done at Hwy 176 and Old Asheville Hwy., where a temporary patch was put into place, but is deteriorating. The speed hump on Old Asheville Hwy., has damaged some cars and they request to have it lowered or made smoother and larger. Drainage has and continues to be an issue for Old Asheville Hwy. The ditches on both sides of the road have not been maintained properly, causing flooding. They would like the bridge on Old Asheville Hwy to be reopened immediately, especially since a new subdivision is coming to the road (Vanderbilt Farms). Council Member McDowell asked for Mr. Loop to email him a summary of complaints and Mr. Loop responded by giving him his copy of notes. Mr. Loop stated that Cane Creek is a large part of Campobello's tax base and represent hundreds of voters.
- Police Chief McNeill made an announcement that he just received word that the PARD grant submitted by Campobello has been approved. We do not know for how much, but it has been approved.

11. Adjourned- August 8, 2023 at 7:44 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 7th day of August, 2023.