



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Information Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024

1. The Information meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Ash on June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. located at located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Joe McDowell and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. Mayor Shamis and Council Member Reitha Stevenson were absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

Laura Ringo, Executive Director of PAL Spartanburg, gave a presentation and update of the Rails to Trails project. The trail will start in Inman at Inman Health & Fitness on Land Grant Road and continue through downtown Inman, into Gramling and then Campobello and through Landrum into North Carolina, where it will come to an end in Zirconia, NC. It is 31 miles long and they are in the final stages of the acquisition phase. PAL has applied for a grant to help with the expenses and the chance of being awarded the grant look very promising. This grant would allow them to begin Phase 1 and get property surveys completed. They are also doing a feasibility study to understand the amount of funds it will take to complete this project. They would like more community feedback as to what is important to the public.

Jeaneen Cobourn, owner of Country Peddler, asked how does a business or community get people to leave the trail and come into town and who is responsible for getting that to happen? Ms. Ringo answered that while they do not yet have a design of the trail, it would be wider in some areas in the towns and narrower in the rural areas. This would allow the property owners and the town to use public space to their advantage. While this is not the responsibility of PAL, they would certainly try to help in trying to figure that out and encourage town leadership to incorporate this into any planning that is done. Ms. Cobourn asked if signage would be allowed on the trail. Mr. Ringo responded that PAL would have its own signage, but it would be up to each property owner as to what signage, if any, they would want.

Billy Inman, co-owner of Campobello Self-Storage, asked if there would be room for a horse trail? Ms. Ringo said that if it's allowed, she is not sure if it would be the entire trail, but they have not come to any conclusion on that.

Dan Aho, co-owner of Jaymarc Holdings, LLC, asked what Phase 1 consisted of and do they have an idea of where they will start construction? Mr. Ringo responded that Phase 1 is the environmental assessment. She does not know where they will start construction but are waiting for recommendation that will come out of the feasibility study. A public presentation of the results of the feasibility study for SC will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 5:00p. Ms. Ringo will get this information to Clerk Hyder.

Coleman Carson, owner of Hybrid Hypersport, LLC, asked if there would be limits on how long the trail would be open each day? His concern would be a possible increase in criminal activity. Ms. Ringo

said that once the rail is purchased and the trail is built, the full corridor in SC would be owned and maintained by the Spartanburg County Parks. As far as enforcement, the part of the trail in the Town's limits would be the responsibility of the Police Department. The unincorporated areas would be enforced by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Typically, any park is open from dawn until dusk unless the community needs to extend the time.

Cassie Jackson, owner of Southern Paws, expressed her concern of security since her home and business are close to the trail. Ms. Ringo stated that they will do all they can to work in conjunction with each community to prevent crime; however, there is not a fool proof way to prevent it all. With all the trails they have been involved with they have had not crimes against people in Spartanburg. We want to make sure it is safe as possible and beneficial to everyone.

Billy Inman, co-owner of Campobello Self-Storage, asked if rail biking has been considered in the feasibility study? The towns could benefit from the licensing and fees. Ms. Ringo said while SC is not investigating it, NC is. However, Norfolk Southern said that one of the conditions to the sale of the rail is that they do not want it operated by anyone else. The same criteria apply to NC, but a legislator in NC wanted it investigated anyway. Mr. Inman said with 200 feet of right of way on either side of the trail you could easily do both. Ms. Ringo said it is 100 feet off each side from the center line of the rail.

Marty Chupp, manager of Granide Stoneworks, asked if fencing would be offered to anyone resident or business that has property along side of the trail? He has 500 feet that butts up to the trail and doesn't necessarily want people walking all over his property. Ms. Ringo that in the rural areas of the trail, they are looking into fencing. They would speak with each property owner and work with them. She said that as a property owner/business owner, you can like the property, but also file a claim against the Federal Government for rail banking, which would provide some compensation to cover the cost. However, she suggested you talk with a local attorney as opposed to a large firm.

Jeanen Cobourn asked how long it would take for the trail to be complete? Ms. Ringo said it will take them a year to get ownership of the property, but they have 6 million set aside to start Phase 1. She hopes construction will start in 2026 and the start of the project will happen closer to the town's center.

Council Member Sprouse asked if the trail would be handicap accessible? Ms. Ringo said that we want anyone and everyone to be able to use the trail, so they do want it to be ADA compliant.

Marty Chupp asked if there would be bike rental available? Ms. Ringo said that was not up to PAL, but is certain that some businesses owners may want to offer that.

It was also asked if there would be mountain bike trails. Ms. Ringo said not on the trail, but some property owners in the area have expressed interest in having those types of trails.

Also, parking lots were on the list of questions and, would be the town's responsibility to provide those. Ms. Ringo said not necessarily. They would set up trailheads.

Ms. Slanaker, owner of Carolina Cutting Tools, asked how many people do we think will use the trail? Will there be portable potties? Ms. Ringo said that there would be facilities constructed for such things, which would also have a kiosk for information. PAL will do most of that as far as the construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Ash thanked everyone for coming out as they wanted to make sure everyone is well informed and get ideas of how we want to grow.

At 6:30 p.m., the Information meeting was adjourned. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder, on this 3rd day of June, 2024.



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

June 3, 2024

1. The Work Session meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ash on June 3, 2024 at 6:31 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Joe McDowell and Alician Sprouse. Mayor Shamis was absent. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A review was done of the Yard Sale Ordinance and Zoning Ordinances relating thereto. Chief McNeill brought before Council complaints he had received from various residents.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Council Member Stevenson is still working on getting pest control quotes. Clerk Hyder stated that Earthworks will not be submitting a quote for the job. She also asked if the quotes could include the area where we have Food Truck Mondays.
- Council Member Ash said that the crosswalk item needs to be removed from the agenda until we get the sidewalk grant.
- Chief McNeill is looking for companies that can make and put in railing at the park. Council has two quotes and needs a third. The walls at the ballfield need to be redone. Chief McNeill mentioned if we have enough money left over from the PARD grant it would be nice to have a paved walking path at the back of the ballfield.
- Council Member Stevenson needs to know what size of time capsule we want so she can get more specific quotes. Fire Chief McNeill mentioned that we might can get the metal donated. He also mentioned that Swofford Career Center could help in making it. He will talk with them to find out.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mayor Pro Tem Ash said he spoke with Mr. Wayne Hyder regarding honoring Campobello's veterans.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:59 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder, on this 3rd day of June, 2024.



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 3, 2024

1. The Council meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ash on June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Joe McDowell and Alician Sprouse. Mayor Shamis was absent. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.
2. Council was introduced.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Ash asked if Council had reviewed the May 6, 2024 work session minutes and May 6, 2024 council meeting minutes. Council Member McDowell made a motion to accept the May 6, 2024 work session minutes and May 6, 2024 council meeting minutes, as written, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Ash mentioned the very busy month of May. The Family Fun Day was a success, the Farmer's Market has begun, and Food Truck Monday is a big hit. Council Member Sprouse thanked everyone for their help with Family Fun Day and commented that it went well, but she would like to get feedback from the vendors on how to improve the event.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill reported the Police Department had a total of 142 calls for the month of May. Of those calls, there were 32 traffic stops resulting in 20 tickets with 5 of those being drug related charges dealing with meth and marijuana. Also, the SROs had 39 home visits to check on families who may need help with food during the summer. Chief confirmed that the Exhaust Brake signs are in place and two tickets have been issued to two tractor trailers. Also, our National Night Out is set for August 6th and will accept any donations towards this free event for the community. 6 to 7 Churches have already signed up to give out a specific school supply and a few businesses have made monetary donations. Lt. Miller has heard from the humane society, PAL Spartanburg and the Forrester Center who will hand out information. Flyers for the event have been given out and will be provided to parents on the day of school registration. Mayor Pro Tem Ash 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 26 calls for the month of May. 9 of those calls were in Town limits, 14 in the fire service area and 3 were assisting other agencies. On June 1st, our Fire Department sent a truck and with three personnel to stand by from 9a – 3p in the North Spartanburg area to cover calls because of the funeral of a commissioner that had passed away. It was a big deal to help since so many people helped when our former Fire Chief passed away. Chief McNeill would also ask Council to consider spending up to \$1,500 to replace all our American flags throughout Town. He would like to purchase 100 and have some in reserve when they get tattered and worn. Council Member McDowell said that he was in favor of this if the funds could come from the Hospitality account. As such, Motion was made by Council Member McDowell to purchase up to \$1,500 worth of flags using funds from the Hospitality Account, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously. Council Member Stevenson asked about the monthly siren that happens and why it comes and goes. Chief McNeill said they used to use the siren to alert of a tornado and the other is an alert of air defense. They are set off the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Any sirens that do not work are not being repaired but removed

due to the alerts going out on phones now. Mayor Pro Tem Ash asked if the council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.

7. Old Business-

- Council Member McDowell said that a meeting with Erik Horton, the Mayor and himself will happen sometime over the next few weeks to look over Mr. Horton's plans for going forward with sewer and what options we have.
- Police Chief McNeill reported that he had received some complaints and Officer Godfrey will be addressing those this week.
- Chief McNeill would like to use some of the PARD grant money to purchase 9 to 10 metal picnic tables to replace the wooden tables at the park, to put some at the vacant lot at 208 N. Main St. that is used for Food truck Mondays and two would be placed at the Old Asheville Hwy bridge which may turn into a walking trail. Two loads of gravel is needed to put in the vacant lot at 208 N Main St. as it is getting used for Food Truck Monday every week. The total that would be spent would be around \$9,000. There is \$100,000 of the PARD grant money is available. Quotes for the fence painting were sent in as follows:

\$10,800	Carolina Roofing, Siding, Painting
\$4,850.00	Elite Decorative Services
\$5,600.00	CertaPro Painters

Council Member Stevenson asked if the quotes included the company purchasing the paint. Chief McNeill answered in the affirmative. Fire Chief McNeill said that one thing that is not looked at is the back fence of the ballfield being cleaned off. Council would like clarification on the quotes as to if they include getting the fences cleared off prior to painting, therefore, this will be tabled and moved to July's meeting. However, Motion was made by Council Member Sprouse to approve the purchase of 9-10 picnic tables and two loads of gravel, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.

- The painting of the Hwy 11 Town sign will be tabled until July's meeting.
- Discussion of the time capsule will be tabled until July's meeting.
- Crosswalks will be tabled until we obtain our sidewalk grant.
- Two pictures were shown as an idea of how to make the Old Asheville Hwy bridge usable. Mayor Pro Tem Ash mentioned that this bridge needs repair and instead of allowing vehicles, it could be turned into a walking bridge. Further discussion will be held before any construction begins.
- A second reading of ReZoning Ordinance 2024.1 to approve the rezoning of 305 N. Main Street from R-1 (residential) to C-2 (Planned Neighborhood Commercial) was done by Mayor Pro Tem Ash. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson to approve the rezoning request for 305 N. Main Street to become a C-2 property, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.

- Review of the Yard Sale Ordinance was done in the work session.

8. New Business-

- None

9. Other Business-

- Rick Sweeney gave the update on Planning & Zoning by saying that Dan Mock, owner of 203 N. Main Street, gave an update on his plans to get 203 N Main St. rezoned from R-1 to C-3 so he can use the property for septic and parking. He plans to have three businesses on the first floor and will have six apartments.

Also, there are a few candidates coming to the next meeting to learn more about what the Committee does and possibly joining. Mr. Sweeney has submitted his resignation as chairman of the Committee but would stay on until we fill the vacant seats. He recommended that Dawn Ford be the Chairman.

- There were no updates from the Town Hall Building Committee
- Council Member Stevenson reminded everyone that a budget work session is scheduled for June 25, 2024 at 5:30p.
- Chief McNeill did comment that the Farmer's Market went well. Some of the vendors that signed up did not come due to not having any produce to sell. The next Farmer's Market is set for June 18th.

10. Adjourned- June 3, 2024 at 7:29 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Stevenson 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 3rd day of June, 2024.



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

June 25, 2024

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Shamis on June 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Joe McDowell, Reitha Stevenson, Aaron Ash and Alician Sprouse. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill.
2. A request to speak was previously submitted by Dave Stoltzfus, owner of Hidden Treasures, to speak regarding his mercantile store. He opened with reference to a letter sent to him by the Town on June 13, 2024. The issues he had with the letter were the ordinances referencing fraud and merchandise on sidewalks. Mayor Shamis said he believed that was explained in the meeting that was held on Monday. Mr. Stoltzfus said there are no sidewalks and that it is still unclear to him where he can and cannot put his items, as he is not obstructing any walkway. Mayor Shamis said that it is mandated by the County that a business must have a certain number of parking spaces available. Mr. Stoltzfus said that it is his property and to him there is no ordinance that was violated, and he referenced the Food Truck Mondays and how they are closer to the road than he ever was. Mayor Shamis said that a Food Truck Ordinance was implemented. Mr. Stoltzfus went on to say that he has had the Freedom Fighters of SC regarding legal representation on this matter. It is essential for his business for the items to be displayed outside so that people will know he has a store there. They also post items for sale on Facebook Marketplace. When they are not able to put items on display outside, it hurts the number of sales for that day. These are the two primary ways to lure people into the building. Council Member McDowell mentioned that it is more about presentation of the items. Mr. Stoltzfus said that he is open to suggestions to make it better. He said that Josiah Magnuson suggested being more professional in the signage. Mr. Stoltzfus said there is not enough in Campobello to invite people to come to Town so it is difficult to sell property. Mayor Shamis summarized that Mr. Stoltzfus submitted a sketch of where he would like to place items outside. Mrs. Stoltzfus said they would not go past the 'For Sale' sign in front of the store. They would need at least two parking spaces. He said they rarely have more than two cars at a time. Mr. Stoltzfus stated that he remembers when the Dutch Plate was open that he had to have a certain number of parking spaces made available to the public. His thoughts on that were if the County wanted to get ugly about it, they could go ahead and shut him down. Mayor Shamis mentioned that he had to acquire a parking variance for his business in Greer, but doesn't believe that applies to this situation. Mr. Stoltzfus said he realizes now that he made a mistake with the building at 206 N. Main St and how the electrical was done. At this point, Spartanburg County resident, Lou Nespeca asked to speak, which was denied due to his not completing a Request to Speak form such as Mr. Stoltzfus did the week before. Mr. Stoltzfus asked if he could involve the audience in this discussion. Mayor Shamis said this was a discussion between Council and him. Mr. Stoltzfus said that he believes his relationship with Campobello is not good like it once was. Mayor Shamis said that he believes that it can be like that again. Mr. Stoltzfus said that said that things are not always as they appear, but it appears that "Council sicced its dog on him, and he got bit, and he is not real happy about it". Mayor Shamis clarified that what Mr. Stoltzfus is proposing is that he use two parking spaces for items and for items to be placed along the front of the buildings, but not go past the for sale signage. Council Member Sprouse said how does this coincide with our ordinances. Mayor Shamis said that the rest of the ordinance states it can be approved by Council. Mr. Stoltzfus said that he

cannot help if someone drops off a donation on days the store is not open and does not want to be hounded if items are left outside without his knowledge of them. Mayor Shamis said that no items need to be left out overnight. He summarized Mr. Stoltzfus' request to use two parking spaces for merchandise up to the for-sale sign and display merchandise in front of the buildings. Mr. Stoltzfus also needs to meet with Planning and Zoning to get the use of the Dutch Plate building rezoned. Mayor Shamis asked Council for their thoughts. Council Member Sprouse asked if the benches could be removed the benches to put items there so that items are not out further. Mr. Stoltzfus answered in the negative. He said people need to be able to see the merchandise. That's why they stop. Sprouse asked if he would be willing to do a new sign. Mr. Stoltzfus answered affirmatively as long as he can also put merchandise outside. Council Member McDowell said he is willing to work with him to clean up the presentation of the merchandise. Mr. Stoltzfus asked if there was a problem with the presentation before. Council Member McDowell said that when he has driven by that it was just stuff put out there and usually a business will incorporate signage and arrange it in a neater way. Mrs. Stoltzfus said that he worked with what she had to make a sign with what she had. Council Member McDowell said the goal for Campobello is to bring more things to downtown which is why they are working on sewer. Mr. Stoltzfus made the statement that we need to worry about now and not the future and that he has heard that something is going to be done to the brick building across from his business and he still hasn't seen progress. To not put any items out is non-negotiable to Mr. Stoltzfus. He is fine with it being regulated. Council Member Ash suggested an A-framed sign that could be taken in and out that could be put in between the parking spots for a more professional look? Mr. Stoltzfus agreed as long as it was with the items. Council Member Ash does not want a lot of money spent on a sign and then the next day the buildings sell. Council Member Stevenson agreed and asked Mr. Stoltzfus for his opinion on it. Mr. Stoltzfus is in agreement with the proposal. Council Stevenson asked which building he would operate out of. Mr. Stoltzfus said it would be in the Dutch Plate building until the Hidden Treasures building is up to code. Mayor Shamis said he wants a letter given to Mr. Stoltzfus outlining whatever Council decides so everyone is on the same page. Mrs. Stoltzfus shared her concern of how they know what is allowed and what is not. Mayor Shamis said that is the reason for the letter. Council member Sprouse said that the Town hired ACOG to get our ordinances up to date to prepare for the future, but we are here today, and we are already making an exception for the future. When we decide this, where are we deciding where you are putting the merchandise? Mr. Stoltzfus said they would not put merchandise in front of both buildings. The idea is not to sell items off the street, but to draw people in. Council Member Sprouse asked that when Hidden Treasures passes its inspection will they move their merchandise back into that building and have the restaurant empty? Mr. Stoltzfus answered in the negative, stating that they will operate out of both buildings. Council Member Sprouse agreed that the A-framed sign is a good idea and that it be placed a couple of feet from the building. Council Member Ash made a motion for Hidden Treasures to use two parking spots in front of both buildings as one, with the addition of a temporary a-framed sign that can be brought in and out at the close of business, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and voted in favor of by Council Member Stevenson, McDowell and Ash. Mr. Stoltzfus said that the hold-up was the County told him that a business must have a bathroom. When inquiring about how to get a bathroom installed, he was told by a contractor it was not possible. County Council Bob Walker worked with Planning and Zoning in Spartanburg and made it where we are allowed to use the bathroom of one building for both since we own both buildings. Council Member Stevenson asked what the hours of operation for Hidden Treasures. Mr. Stoltzfus said they are Thursday – Saturday 9a – 4p. Some Wednesday they will be open when he is not working his full-time job. He also went on to say that not only do they use this business to support their daughter, but as a means of retirement.

3. At this time, Council began working on the budget. On the 2024-2025 proposed budget for Town Hall, the overall revenue was down from the previous year. Clerk Hyder stated that ARPA funds were included in last year's budget, but those funds have been exhausted. Fire Chief mentioned that residents will be paying taxes later this year, which will fall in the upcoming fiscal year. Mayor Shamis was asked why the Town didn't go revenue neutral and only collect what our budget was and not the money from the County's reassessment. He does not know of any town that did that. He stated that Town Clerk's pay, as well as officer and firefighters, needs to be discussed. Of course, Mayor Shamis also wants to protect the residents too and the amount of taxes they pay, but we also want to protect the employees of the Town.

4. **Fire Department**

Fire Chief McNeill spoke on the Fire Department's budget and the changes are as follows:

First, because of the reassessment our collection rate went from 24 mills to 22.7 mills, bringing in \$336,000 from the County and \$84,000 from the Town. The Fire Service Area has to have their budget turned in prior to July. Mayor Shamis mentioned the large area that is covered by our Fire Department.

The major changes in the Fire Department's Budget is the pay for the part-time employees and the full-time employee. Health insurance is not offered to part-time employees and the one full-time employee is covered under his spouse's insurance. Pay increased from \$12/hr to \$13/hr last year. The full-time employee works 120 days a year. This is 24 hours on and 48 hours off. It takes three shifts to cover a 24 hr day. With this increase, it will help to get to a point where a second person can be hired on the busiest days for calls. This is the reason for the increase. There are 10 different people that work the fire department. One works a 24 hr shift every six days. Others work a 12 hour shift. Chief McNeill just hired someone who will begin July 5th and work every sixth day. The goal on a 5 year plan is to have three employees a day. For the upcoming budget year, Chief McNeill would like to have two workers each day on the busiest days. There is a law that states that a fire fighter cannot go into a dwelling by himself and that two firefighters cannot enter a burning building without two firefighters standing by. There are new regulations coming down from OSHA that will require us to have more people. Landrum has 3 firefighters on staff each day. Inman Community has 3 firefighters on staff each day. Holly Springs has 3 firefighters on staff on average. As far as equipment needed, the Fire Department would need a new fire engine. NFPA states that a first line pumper must be less than 20 years old. Campobello's are 22 – 24 years old. There is no way financially that the department can spend a million dollars on one. A used one can be purchased, but we would be unfamiliar with any issues it may cause us. New extraction equipment is needed. Turn Out gear must be less than 10 years old. In the near future, all air packs will need to be replaced as they cannot be over 15 years old as it cannot be hydro tested. That's an expense of \$260,000. Of course, grants will be sought to help offset the cost. Medical supplies replacement due to being asked by the County to help run more medical calls. Air bags are getting to their life span and will need to be replaced. They are 16 years old and should not be over 12 years old. Mayor Shamis asked that all Grant paperwork be added to the Google Drive.

Insurance cost has not changed. Also, the lawn maintenance line item helps with supplies to cut grass at all fire stations, the park, town hall and any other town owned property.

Sometime this coming year, the bill regarding MVTs will be given to the fire departments from the County. However, that expense should be minimal.

Accounting fees are divided with the Town. Tire replacement slightly increased. The electrical utility has come down, but we are still keeping an eye on that.

This year should be the last year we will make payments on the 2021 Silverado. The building debt is for 406 N Main St and Station #3 on Hwy 357. Two payments were made on the house at 406 N Main St. this year.

As he has done for the third year in a row, Fire Chief McNeill did ask the County for an additional \$175,000 for more paid positions, but it was denied.

No further questions were asked by Council.

5. Police Department

A 5% increase in pay has been proposed by Chief McNeill. A payroll study was done among different towns and cities in Spartanburg County. It is believed this would be a fair increase even though last year a 7% increase was given to most officers in surrounding towns.

Fuel cost has increased even though they are trying to conserve as much as possible.

The employer portion on health insurance will increase to 11%. Mayor Shamis was told from some representatives that the local government fund increased by 5% to help offset some of the cost, although we do not know how much of that Campobello will receive. Clerk Hyder said there will not be an increase in retirement this year, according to PEBA.

Chief McNeill said the rest of his budget has not changed. He did state that we do have to look at the future and there will be a need for new positions to help patrol the Rail to Trail that is coming. That will cost the Town \$60,000 per officer which is the average. Also, everything dealing with policing is being pushed to live streaming. The City of Spartanburg has a fusion center, which is covered by a federal grant for the next 10 years, which uses cameras from businesses and residents throughout the city to help officers locate offenders and monitor situations. All small towns and cities are in favor of going to the same type of body cameras that the City of Spartanburg is using. We need to start focusing on improving our technology. The cameras mentioned above also get an officer in touch with the fusion center who has translators that can help an officer on scene with there is a language barrier. Council Member McDowell agreed and said with growth comes the good and bad. The Campobello Police Department has 4 full-time officers, 1 part-time officer and 3 SROs. SROs are not counted in the salaries as they are paid by the schools. There are 6 reserve officers. There are 4 unpaid volunteer officers. Reimbursement for fuel will be taken from the contract money from the SROs to help with cost.

Chief McNeill's goal would be to fill two more officer positions. He would also like to start upgrading body cams and software. We are one of the last ones to switch over to a newer system. Our current server cannot handle the storage of the body cam footage. We cannot afford the cost of the storage on the cloud.

Council Member Ash asked Mayor Shamis if and when we get together a master plan for Town Hall and the downtown area, that the police and fire be included in those plans. Mayor Shamis agreed.

Mayor Shamis asked the question of why there were no bonuses on the police department's budget. Police Chief McNeill stated that Council did away with bonuses. Council member Stevenson agreed that they were taken out. Council member McDowell stated that he must not have been on Council then and asked why Council did that. Clerk Hyder said that a portion of the American Rescue Plan Funds was allocated as premium pay for employees. Council Member Ash said we need to add bonuses back as a line item. Mayor Shamis mentioned that he is not trying to squeeze the taxpayer, but you have to take care of the employees.

6. Town

Clerk Hyder mentioned that the bonus line item was removed from the Town's budget as well. Mayor Shamis said that needs to be added to the Town's budget.

Due to the reassessment and growth, the expected collections for revenue will increase. The expected collections from the 2023 assessed value was provided to my from the County in amount of \$298,567.28.

The Town has received an increase in the Telecommunication tax from Municipal Association of SC.

Building permits should increase as the lots in Vanderbilt Farms are sold and people start to build.

The line item of garbage collection fees was added back to the budget as residents pay this fee with their property taxes. The payout to Spartan Waste is somewhat less as not every resident wants a trash can even though they are told they will be charged for it on an annual basis. Our monthly bill for trash service is around \$4,060.00.

Since Planning and Zoning incorporated an application process for certain requests, that is a new line item of revenue. This helps to offset the cost of newspaper postings of public hearings and notices.

There is no projected increase for the salaries of the Mayor and Council. The salary of the Town Clerk is not projected to increase at this time, however, the employer portion of health insurance is projected to increase by 11% and that is shown in this budget.

The Town's portion for Fire Protection Services will increase by almost \$2,000.

Our advertising expense is mainly related to newspaper postings of public hearings for Council and Planning and Zoning.

Bank charges have increased. We pay \$40 a month for Positive Pay through First Citizens. We are also charged for each account we have and that is not receiving paper statements, only an electronic copy.

The line item of training is not just for the Town Clerk, but for any classes the Mayor and Council want to take.

Clerk Hyder will need Council to help with how much to budget for repairs/maintanance to Town Hall, Park, Pavilion and ballfield. Chief McNeill did mention the roof at Town Hall is starting to leak and will need to be replaced soon.

Attorney fees have decreased as we are no longer in litigation.

The IT support has increased due to going with a different company, but they have been great. We have unlimited remote support.

The \$600,000 sewer funds are not accounted for in this budget. A separate budget will be prepared, but Council will need to provide more information after speaking with the engineer, as the original plan he submitted is not going to work.

Mayor Shamis asked Clerk Hyder if she gave herself an increase in pay. Clerk Hyder answered in the negative. Mayor Shamis asked Council to consider an increase in her salary.

Council Member Ash asked about the Spartan Waste contract and if there is an increase. Clerk Hyder will get a copy of the contract for the next budget meeting. Council Member Ash mentioned that if there is an increase we want to be able to get that to the County before the deadline.

Council Member Stevenson said we need to get back to working on the roads. Mayor Shamis said the penny tax money will come in 2026. Also, we have the CTC funds. Chief McNeill said you must get approval from the County before using that money. The penny tax is used to resurface and not to widen. Smith Street and Emma Drive are some of the roads in need of repair. Chief McNeill also mentioned that the roads inside of the Cane Creek subdivision were never voted on by the Town to take them over. Only Old Asheville Hwy is the responsibility of the Town. Vanderbilt Farms (Bascule Ridge Lane) is the same way.

Mayor Shamis said he would like to make the budgets work without a millage rate, but if we have to raise the millage then that is what we will have to do.

Fire Chief McNeill mentioned that Council Member Stevenson had a good idea of putting some money in a 5-month CD. He asked if Council would be fine with the Fire Department to place \$200,000 in this CD. Mayor Shamis asked that this be added to July's agenda.

Police Chief McNeill said that our PARDs grant needs the scope of work revised to add some items. He has asked Council to discuss what items they would want added to the addendum for the scope of work. He recommended that we could add painting of the fence, handrailing and steps for the ballfield side, metal seating and some grading work along the wall. Mayor Shamis asked who is on the PARD grants committee and Chief McNeill said all of the Spartanburg representatives from the House and Senate. Fire Chief McNeill said we also need to look at the structure of the pavilion.

7. Adjourned- June 25, 2024 at 7:57p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Sprouse made a motion to adjourn, seconded 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 25th day of June, 2024.