



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

October 2, 2024

1. The Work Session meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis on October 2, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Aaron Ash and Joe McDowell. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill and Fire Chief Brandon McNeill. Council Member Alician Sprouse and Town Admin Eubanks were absent.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Mayor Shamis asked the Police Chief and Fire Chief how the officers and firefighters were doing and were they getting any rest. Fire Chief McNeill said that they are resting when they can, but most have stayed on duty since the day of the storm. Mayor Shamis mentioned that he is working to get portable showers to Campobello. Police Chief McNeill said that the Kangaroo/Circle K is helping with fuel for the first responders. Mayor Shamis would like to run the free meals via Pinkers Snack Shack and the Dog House several more times this week. Landrum High School is also doing free meals and showers.

 - Town Hall is without internet so paying Town employees via direct deposit may not happen. All employees are instructed to see Clerk Hyder if they need payment in the form of a paper check. Mayor Shamis also asked about receipts for items bought due to the storm. The Chiefs are retaining receipts and will give those to Clerk Hyder. They understand that they must have receipts in order to get reimbursed.

 - Police Chief McNeill mentioned that the Town needs to invest in the 100kw generators that the State is offering at a great price since FEMA is reimbursing Towns for expenses related to the storm. They are enough to power the Campobello First Church. Fire Chief McNeill said he spoke the pastor of Campobello First and they are good with their gym being designated as an emergency shelter if we will maintain the generator. The State will reimburse 75% and FEMA will reimburse 25% if a natural disaster is declared, which has happened with Helene. Council Member McDowell asked if we have an emergency preparedness plan. Fire Chief McNeill said no but Spartanburg County has one as they receive tax money to do so, even though it took Campobello four days to get in touch with the County for help.

 - Fire Chief McNeill mentioned that NC is going to need help, but he may be unable to send any of our first responders because we are going to need them around here. Mayor Shamis asked how Council could help and Fire Chief McNeill suggested that Council work out a schedule to help hand out water at the corner lot at Caldwell Street and Asheville Hwy. Council immediately discussed and made a schedule of Stevenson to work at night, Ash to work the morning, McDowell to work mid-day and Shamis to work late afternoon. Fire Chief McNeill mentioned that 14 tractor trailer loads of water is expected to arrive later that day.

- Council Member Stevenson mentioned there is a tree at the park that is not safe and that the park needs to be closed until the tree can be removed. Mayor Shamis said to take the tree down and turn in a receipt/invoice for it. He also mentioned that we need a sign made for the shelter at the Church.
- Both Chiefs mentioned that we need two trailers as every trailer we have has something on it. Council Member Ash said to check with Ken Feagin for pricing. Fire Chief McNeill said that both the generators at Fire Station One and Two went down but are being repaired.
- Council agreed to cancel the October 7th meeting. The rescheduling of this meeting was not discussed.
- There have been communication issues with phones and radios during and after Storm Helene. This needs to be investigated and see where we can improve this. Police Chief McNeill also mentioned that roads that were in bad shape before the storm are worse now.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

- None

5. ADJOURNED AT 3:05 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Ash 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 Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder, on this 2nd day of October, 2024.