



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

February 3, 2025

1. The Work Session meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Shamis February 3, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Aaron Ash, Alician Sprouse and Reitha Stevenson. Also in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill, Fire Chief Brandon McNeill and Town Admin Trey Eubanks. Council Member Joe McDowell was absent.
2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Council Member Sprouse relayed some concerns the Planning and Zoning Committee had with different areas in Town, one of them being the Fire Department's gravel lot. A shed may be needed to neatly contain the Town's equipment, as well as privacy fencing. Council Member Ash said he could get a price for a 40x50 shed that would be enclosed on three sides. Mayor Shamis asked if we needed to keep all the equipment. Fire Chief McNeill responded that a lot of the equipment belongs to the Federal Government through the SC Forestry. As of right now, there is a hold on the government taking that equipment back. Town Administrator, Trey suggested that Council go through the inventory list provided by our insurance company to decide what we want to keep or sell. This may help dictate the size of building we will need.
 - Council Member Ash would like for Council to have a discussion regarding term limits for Mayor and Council seats. It could help us to keep things moving. Mayor Shamis agreed and asked this to be added to our next work session.
 - Council Member Sprouse will have another Favor meeting on March 6th which will include the City of Inman and City of Landrum.
 - Council Member Ash would like each Council Member to take on specific duties. Mayor Shamis will start an email chain, and this item will also be added to the next work session, which will be after the March 3rd Council meeting.
3. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - Bucket truck has been purchased and is working great and has been used already to trim tree limbs.
 - Alician would like to continue the scholarship for a child that has unmet financial need and is heading to college. The qualifications would be that they need to be a high school senior and reside within the town limits.
4. **ADJOURNED on February 3, 2025 at 6:59 p.m.**

Town of Campobello Council Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder, on this 3rd day of February, 2025.



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Council Meeting – Regular Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

1. The Council meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Shamis on February 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Aaron Ash, Reitha Stevenson and Alician Sprouse. Also, in attendance was Police Chief Chad McNeill, Fire Chief Brandon McNeill and Town Admin Trey Eubanks. Council Member Joe McDowell was absent.
2. Council was introduced.
3. Mayor Shamis asked if Council had reviewed the January 6, 2025 work session minutes, January 6, 2025 council meeting minutes. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to accept the January 6, 2025 work session minutes and January 6, 2025 council meeting minutes, as written, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and unanimously approved.
4. Mayor Shamis reported on Rep. Josiah Magnuson's Town Hall meeting, wherein he was a guest speaker. He also attended a Spartanburg County Council meeting. The Mayor stated that he is on the agenda this month to meet with Chairman Lynch and tour Inman, Landrum and Campobello. We want to present our Intergovernmental Agreement and show the County what each Town is struggling with and strengthen our relationship between each other and with the County. Laura Ringo mentioned that they are closing on the Rails To Trails project in the next few months. Mayor Shamis would like to have a celebration gathering to commemorate this event. A date certain has not been scheduled at this point. Mayor Shamis will continue sponsoring a monthly contest on his Mayor of Campobello Facebook page. This month's contests is a Bible scripture memorization challenge and is for anyone 18 yrs old or younger. The winner will receive the mayor's salary for a month, along with another prize.
5. Interim Town Administrator, Trey Eubanks, reiterated that in the past two years, Campobello has really stepped up to prepare for growth by way of updating its Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinances and adopting Land Development Regulations. A lot of work was done last month with regards to sewer, including a very productive meeting with Spartanburg Water, who is considered to be a viable option moving forward. They suggested we update our feasibility study to include all possible options for sewer. The Mayor met with Laura Ringo about using the right of way along the railway for our sewer line, to which she said could be done. We met with FEMA and SCEMD on Jan. 10th and Jan. 28th. They did say that the time that we have worked on the reimbursement forms and the meetings with FEMA and SCEMD are reimbursable. Mr. Philip Abbey with FEMA was very complementary of our staff. We meet again with FEMA on Feb. 6th and Feb. 11th. We have four roads that had extensive damage from the hurricane and suggest we hold off on repairing the roads until we get the money. Trey has reached out to USDA regarding the possibility of a loan due to the big expense to fix the roads. He is waiting to hear back on our eligibility status.

Trey provided Council with a draft of the rules of procedure from Planning and Zoning Committee. They will have some changes, but they are working to get this completed. A master plan is needed to see the best option going forward with a new town hall. He did reach out to ARC regarding a grant. While we missed the first cycle of grant money, we should be able to submit a request for the next cycle, which will be late summer or early fall. After obtaining a funding source, the next

step would be to submit an RFQ which Trey already has in draft form. Council Member Sprouse asked if the master plan can be discussed at a work session. Trey agreed and even mentioned that a special meeting could be called. Mayor Shamis spoke about FEMA complimenting the staff of Campobello on their hard work on getting documents together for reimbursement. He also praised Council Member Ash for getting FEMA looking at our roads that were damaged by Helene.

Police Chief Chris Miller reported the Police Department had a total of 216 calls for the month of January. Of those calls, 4 were alcohol related and 7 were drug related, involving marijuana. The SROs had 56 home visits, where officers follow up with kids after the first semester to make sure they had heat and water and internet services. There were 99 traffic stops resulting in 41 tickets. Mayor Shamis asked how the new SRO was doing at CGS. Chief Miller said he is doing fine, and the position is a Weapons Detection Officer position, instead of an SRO position. Council Member Ash asked if one of the SROs could be present at the next meeting so that the public can hear about their daily routine, as a lot of people may not realize the amount of work they do. Mayor Shamis asked if Council had any further questions for the Police Department. No further questions were asked.

Fire Chief McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 23 calls for the month of January. Of those calls, 6 were inside the Town, 12 inside the fire district and 5 assisting other agencies. He expects the \$45,000 worth of extraction equipment to arrive tomorrow, which will be paid for out of the Public Safety Grant. A few other grants he has put in for may be delayed as President Trump has placed a hold on all federal grants. Council Member Stevenson asked who checks the fire hydrants. Chief McNeill said it is the water department's responsibility; however, he is provided with a report of the ones in his fire district. There is no certain time limit in which a fire hydrant is to be repaired. Hydrants are flushed at least once a year. Our normal practice is to flush the hydrant before using it on the scene of a house fire. Mayor Shamis asked about the fire hydrant on Emma Drive. Fire Chief McNeill said the last thing he heard was it was going to be too expensive to have one installed. Dawn Ford, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said she had tried to reach out to the builder that owns several lots on Emma Drive. Mayor Shamis asked if the council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.

Trey also reported that Clerk Hyder reached out to the auditor, provided them with all the documents they requested and expressed to them the need to have the FYE 2024 audit done by summer so it could be used for the upcoming budget preparation.

6. Old Business-

- Mayor Shamis said he has reached out to Erik Horton to get the feasibility study updated. Once he has that document, he will reach out to ICWD and SJWD to get meetings scheduled. Mr. Owenby stated that it will cost more money than the \$600,000 and that Council needs to be more realistic. In his opinion, our chances are slim since there is a freeze on federal funding and that we missed our chance in the fall of 2021 when both house and congress approved a large sum of money for infrastructure and the president signed it. Mayor Shamis agreed but stated that the ways to get funds is multi-faceted.
- There is no update regarding code enforcement. Mayor Shamis said he received a call from Buck N' Brew asking for help with an issue asked Chief Miller had it been resolved. Chief Miller said that Chad had spoken with them, and he was unsure at this time.

- As for updates to Gosnell Park, we need more quotes on fencing and handrail construction. Mayor Shamis will follow up on that. Fire Chief McNeill did say the vinyl and soffett had been fixed and the netting had been hung.
- Update on Grants: Chief Miller is looking into a MASC grant that will pay half and a JAG grant for communications equipment and for in-car cameras. Fire Chief McNeill will apply for a Federal grant in an effort to add two more firefighters as soon as the hold is lifted.
- Council Member Sprouse would like to use the vendor entry fees from Family Fun Day for a Scholarship for a high school senior who lives in the Town limits of Campobello. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to approve the 2025 Scholarship, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimously.
- The issue of a shed for the gravel lot will be tabled until next month so that quotes can be obtained.

7. New Business-

- none.

8. Other Business

- Chairman Dawn Ford gave an update for the Planning and Zoning Committee. Hybrid Hypersport submitted plans to add a bay, redo the parking lot and parking lines. The Committee has reviewed the initial plans and also spoke with his brother who owns the business next to him, about cleaning up the area. The Committee recommended Eric Larson to Council to fill the empty seat which was previously held by Rachel Wall. He is outside the Town's limits, but we have three other seats that live in town. Council Member Ash asked about a checklist for the Town Clerk regarding business licenses. At last month's meeting, Dawn Ford was appointed as Chairman, Katherine Williamson as Co-Chairman and Lance Kaminer as Secretary. The proposed Rules of Regulation would have each position rotating two out every two years for consistency purposes. Jeff Guibault with ACOG continues to guide them as far as a checklist. Their next meeting on Tuesday, February 11th. Council asked Eric Larson to speak about his background. He stated that he was a former inspector for the City of Greer and has worked in road construction, erosion control etc. He was also born and raised in Campobello and trying to give back. Motion was made by Council Member Ash to appoint Eric Larson as the newest member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.
- Lisa Blackwell of Stop Fentanyl Deaths S.C. spoke on her desire to hand out as much Narcan as possible. She states that everyone needs to be carrying Narcan to help save a life. She has lost two children and is raising awareness to prevent others from having to go through the same pain. You do not have to be an addict to need Narcan. Fentanyl is being pressed into simple over the counter medication. She will be setting up a booth in Campobello to hand out Narcan. At present, it is mostly young people that are dying from exposure to Fentanyl from simply trying a pill for the first time not knowing it is laced with Fentanyl. There is a new drug, which is an animal tranquilizer that is so deadly that Narcan has no effect on it.

9. Adjourned- February 3, 2025 at 7:58 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Stevenson a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimously.

Let it be known, there are times it may be necessary for the Council Members to enter an executive meeting.

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