



TOWN OF CAMPOBELLO

Council Meeting – Work Session Minutes

March 9, 2026

The Work Session meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Aaron Ash on March 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Lance Kaminer, Alician Sprouse and Joe McDowell. Also, in attendance was Police Chief, Chad McNeill, Lt. Chris Miller, Fire Chief Brandon McNeill and Town Admin Trey Eubanks.

Recognition of LHS Lady Cardinals Basketball Team

Council welcomed members of the Landrum High School Lady Cardinals basketball team and expressed appreciation for their dedication, sportsmanship, and the positive example they set for the community. Remarks were made recognizing the team's accomplishments and the pride they have brought to the area.

During the presentation, it was announced that the team will be receiving an official proclamation from the South Carolina State House in recognition of their achievements. The team will also likely be invited to the State House in Columbia within the next six to eight months for a formal recognition ceremony.

Council congratulated the team on their success and thanked them for representing their school and community with excellence. A proclamation was presented, and a group photo was taken following the recognition.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

Maintenance Position Job Description

Council inquired about a job description for the Town's part-time maintenance position. The position is proposed to be approximately **20 hours per week**, with flexibility in scheduling depending on the Town's needs. Council requested that a job description be distributed to all members for review prior to the next meeting. A vote on the job description and related salary is anticipated at the next meeting.

Family Fun Day – Train Ride Request

Council discussed a request from a vendor to operate a small motorized train ride during Family Fun Day. The train would pull several small passenger carts for children.

Discussion focused on safety concerns, as the Town has traditionally not allowed motorized vehicles during the event. Some members expressed that the activity could be permitted if certain conditions were met, including:

- The train operating only in a designated area, potentially on the baseball field.
- Ensuring the operator carries appropriate liability insurance.
- Using cones or barriers to clearly define the operating area and maintain safety.

Council generally agreed that the activity could be acceptable if it is restricted to a specific area and proper insurance requirements are met. No formal vote was taken during the work session.

Community Recovery Program Proposal

A proposal was presented to host a Family Recovery / Welcome Recovery support program at the Fire Department. The program would involve a registered counselor and support from the Forrester Center, along with several community members who have long-term recovery experience. The program is proposed to meet once a month on Tuesdays from approximately 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. A cost of \$100 per month would be required for the counselor. Council agreed to place the item on a future agenda for consideration and vote, potentially beginning in the coming months if approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Campobello: Past, Present, and Future Community Event

Council discussed organizing a community engagement event titled “Campobello: Past, Present, and Future.” The event would likely include a spaghetti dinner and presentations highlighting the Town’s history, as well as future plans such as the municipal building, downtown improvements, and other development efforts. The event would be part of a two-part series, with the first focusing on Campobello’s history and the second addressing current projects and future plans. Council members were encouraged to assist with outreach and personally invite residents to attend.

Downtown Mural Discussion

Council briefly discussed the possibility of creating a downtown mural that reflects the Town’s history and serves as a welcoming visual feature. It was noted that grants may currently be available to support mural projects. Council expressed interest in exploring potential locations, including buildings currently undergoing renovation, and discussing the concept further with property owners.

America 250 Celebration Planning

Council continued discussion regarding plans for the America 250 celebration. The Town is exploring funding opportunities and expects to learn more following a meeting scheduled for March 19th, with a funding decision anticipated in early April.

Preliminary ideas for the celebration include:

- A small community parade
- Decorated bike parade for children
- Old-fashioned games and activities
- Food trucks and music

Council discussed keeping the event simple and community-focused, potentially centered around the park and ball field area. July 3rd was discussed as a potential date for the celebration, along with 6p-9p as the timeframe. Council continued discussion regarding planning for the America 250 / July 4th celebration. It was suggested that the parade route extend to the top of the roadway, allowing parents and spectators to line both sides of the street as has been done at past

community events. Council also discussed the possibility of purchasing small American flags to display along the route or distribute during the celebration.

Members also discussed sending invitation letters to local veterans to recognize their service and encourage participation in the event. It was noted that identifying all veterans in the community may require outreach. Council suggested that during upcoming community canvassing and invitations for the “Campobello: Past, Present, and Future” event, residents could also be asked about veteran status to ensure they are included.

The idea of having a local veteran serve as Grand Marshal for the parade was discussed and generally supported. No formal action was taken at this time, and planning will continue as details for the celebration are developed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

4. ADJOURNED on March 9, 2026 at 6:49 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Kaminer and carried unanimously.

Town of Campobello Council Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder, on this 9th day of March, 2026.



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Council Meeting – Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

1. The Council meeting of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Aaron Ash on March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. located at 50 Broad St., Campobello, SC. Council Members present were Reitha Stevenson, Lance Kaminer, Alician Sprouse and Joe McDowell. Also, in attendance was Police Chief, Chad McNeill, Lt. Chris Miller, Fire Chief Brandon McNeill and Town Admin Trey Eubanks.
2. The Invocation was done by Pastor Gary Rogers of Campobello First Baptist and then Council was introduced.
3. Mayor Ash asked if Council had reviewed the February 10, 2026 work session minutes, February 10, 2026 council meeting minutes and February 23, 2026 planning meeting minutes. Motion was made by Council Member Stevenson accept the February 10, 2026 work session minutes, February 10, 2026 council meeting minutes and February 23, 2026 planning meeting minutes, as written, which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and unanimously approved.
4. The Mayor reflected on the special recognition held earlier in the meeting for the Landrum High School Lady Cardinals basketball team, noting that each player received a flag flown over the South Carolina State House and an official proclamation. The Mayor stated it was a positive moment for the Town and expressed hope that the spirit of celebration and community pride continues throughout Campobello. The Mayor also thanked residents and attendees for their continued support and feedback as the Town works on several ongoing initiatives.
5. TOWN ADMIN:

Gateway Sign Project

The Town recently met with representatives from Signarama to review concepts and ideas for gateway signage at the intersection of Highway 176 & Highway 11. A second company scheduled to attend the meeting was unable to do so and will be rescheduled. Council members and staff reviewed possible design concepts for the space, and additional information has been provided to the companies to assist with developing proposals. They will reach out to each sign company in the coming week to find out their status.

Sewer Project Update

The Town continues to evaluate options for the sewer system project. The engineering firm has reported that they have not yet identified any feasible solutions that meet current funding constraints but are continuing to research options. The Town remains committed to exploring all possible solutions.

The Town is also awaiting a final determination from the USDA regarding grant funding. Spartanburg County has indicated they are not able to provide additional funding at this time. As a result, the Town is preparing multiple potential project approaches depending on the USDA's final decision. The Town Administrator noted that USDA representatives indicated they did not see issues with the current project plan, though the process has been slow.

Municipal Facilities Master Plan Grant

The Town has received a \$25,000 grant from the Municipal Association to assist with developing a master plan for municipal facilities. This planning effort will evaluate long-term solutions for Town facilities, including the current Town Hall building and other municipal needs. The Town will work with planning consultants to develop recommendations for future improvements.

Mayor Ash asked if the council had any further questions for the Town Administrator. No further questions were asked.

POLICE DEPT:

Police Chief McNeill provided the monthly police report. During the reporting period, the department responded. For the month of February, the department responded to six motor vehicle accidents without injuries and three with injuries, as well as one business alarm, one animal complaint, one shots-fired call, one disturbance, and one disturbance involving a weapon. Officers also conducted eight traffic stops and issued several citations/warnings. Additionally, there were 64 officer-initiated checks and community contacts, many related to weather conditions and assisting residents during recent illnesses in the community. Overall, the Chief reported it was a relatively good month for the department.

Police Chief McNeill also presented an example of a BB gun designed to closely resemble a real firearm, noting that it is manufactured to look and feel nearly identical to a standard duty handgun. He explained that BB guns are considered weapons under state and federal law and are not required to have the orange safety markings typically found on airsoft guns. The Chief emphasized the safety concerns this creates for officers, particularly during late-night encounters when it may be impossible to distinguish between a real firearm and a BB gun. He used the example to highlight the challenges law enforcement officers face when responding to potentially dangerous situations.

Mayor Ash asked if the council had any further questions for the Police Department. No further questions were asked.

FIRE DEPT:

For the month of February, The Fire Department reported 29 calls within the Town's response area during the reporting period. These included four motor vehicle accidents, two fire alarms, seven brush/grass fires, two motor vehicle fires, four downed power line calls, four residential structure fires, three smoke-in-the-area calls, one tree down, and one additional vehicle fire.

In addition to calls within the Town's service area, the department responded to 14 calls outside the primary fire service area, with five of those responses providing assistance to neighboring agencies through mutual aid.

Mayor Ash asked if the council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Sewer Project Update

Mayor Ash and Council Member McDowell are scheduled to visit Chimney Rock to review their system firsthand and will give a report at the April Council meeting.

Ordinance Enforcement Update

Staff reported that several ordinance enforcement complaints had been received. The Town has investigated the reported issues and is working with the involved residents to address and correct the violations.

An update was also provided regarding a property owned by Mr. Mock, where progress has been made on improvements to the structure. A roof has been installed and additional work, including the installation of doors, is underway. The owner has also addressed concerns regarding overgrown vegetation on the property after being contacted by the Town.

Staff noted that as warmer weather approaches, additional ordinance enforcement activity is likely.

Park & Ballfield Updates

Council discussed ongoing work related to the packaging building project, noting that bids have been requested to complete the remaining wall work needed to finalize the project.

An update was also provided regarding park facilities. Work is ongoing at the park bathrooms, including procedural improvements and upgraded camera coverage for the area. The bathrooms are expected to reopen by the end of the week.

Staff also reported that efforts will be made to drag and maintain the ball field on Tuesdays and Thursdays using available equipment to help keep the playing surface in good condition. This effort will continue until additional maintenance support is hired.

Grants and Project Updates

Council discussed several ongoing grant-related projects and updates.

Staff reported that scheduling for current grant activities has increased and that work is progressing as planned. Council noted that activity related to these projects is expected to become busier in the coming weeks as additional work begins.

Council also discussed the streetscape grant, noting that the grant cycle has opened. Staff will begin reviewing opportunities to utilize the funding to update and restore sidewalks as part of the Town's streetscape improvements.

An update was also provided regarding road maintenance work for upcoming paving preparation. The process began recently but experienced slight delays due to rain. Staff anticipates scheduling the work for the following week, weather permitting.

No additional questions were raised regarding grants. Council then moved forward with the remainder of the agenda.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Pothole & Road Sign Locations and Repair

Council discussed pothole repair responsibilities within the Town. It was noted that Spartanburg County no longer performs pothole repairs on Town roads, making it the Town's responsibility. Mayor Ash also wants an inventory of damaged road signs throughout Town so that we can let the County or State know.

During the budget process, the Town allocated approximately \$15,000 for road repairs. Additionally, road funding received by the Town will help support these maintenance efforts.

Due to recent weather conditions, several roads throughout Town have developed potholes that require attention. Staff has spoken with several companies regarding repairs, with Prince Asphalt identified as a potential contractor to perform the work.

The next step will be to identify and mark pothole locations throughout Town. Staff plans to work with Council over the next couple of weeks to mark areas needing repair and then submit the list to the contractor for scheduling. The goal is to address potholes as needed, ideally no more than once or twice per year, depending on road conditions. Council confirmed that funding is already allocated for this work. No further action was taken at this time.

Community Event Calendar

Council discussed several upcoming community events and programs currently being planned.

Staff reported that the Town is actively working on multiple initiatives, including the Family Fun Day event, the proposed community recovery program, and additional engagement opportunities for residents and local businesses.

Business Forum

The Town will host a Business Forum for local businesses to discuss ways the Town can help support and promote local businesses. Topics will include business visibility, security, and collaboration opportunities. The meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at approximately 6:30 p.m., and invitations will be sent to all businesses within the Town.

Community Education Programs

Staff reported that Clemson Extension – Spartanburg County has agreed to provide two gardening classes for the community later this year. Dates will be scheduled and added to the Town's calendar once finalized.

Additionally, the Town has reached out to Hub City Karate to host self-defense classes for residents. More information will be provided once scheduling is confirmed.

Campobello: Past, Present, and Future Event

Council continued discussion regarding the “Campobello: Past, Present, and Future” community engagement event. The first event will focus on the Town’s history and will include a spaghetti dinner and storytelling session. Council members plan to personally canvas the Town to invite residents to attend.

Council agreed to schedule the event for April 16th at 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be distributed during community canvassing prior to the event.

A second event later in the year will focus on Campobello’s present initiatives and future plans, including potential updates on municipal facilities and downtown improvements.

Community Calendar

Council also discussed the possibility of creating a shared online calendar, potentially through the Town’s Google Workspace, to list upcoming events and allow residents to subscribe and stay informed about community activities. Clerk Hyder confirmed that a calendar does exist on the Town’s website which includes the few Town events that we have scheduled. Of course, it will continue to grow as the Town’s event schedule continues to grow.

America 250 Celebration

Motion was made by Council Member McDowell to hold the date for the Town’s America 250 Celebration on July 3rd, which was seconded by Council Member Kaminer and carried unanimously.

Town Cleanup Day

Council discussed organizing a Town Cleanup Day, primarily focusing on cleanup efforts around the park area, as Town staff have already been working along Main Street. Motion was made by Council Member Steveneson to hold the Clean Up Day on April 25th at 9:00 a.m., which was seconded by Council Member McDowell and carried unanimously.

Community Safety Signage

Council also briefly discussed the possibility of adding additional “Watch for Cyclists” and general safety signage, noting an increase in bicycle traffic in the area, particularly as spring and summer approach. Further discussion may take place regarding potential signage needs in the future.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning Update

Chairman Dawn Ford gave an update on items that the Planning and Zoning Committee are working on. Their next meeting March 10, 2026, when they will hold a public hearing regarding the amendment to C-3 Zoning to allow for park, playground, community recreation or sports facility in the downtown district. Also being discussed is the possibility of allowing ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) on residential properties. This would be especially helpful to those

wanting to use the structure for Air BNBs with the Rails to Trail coming soon. A public hearing will be needed before a recommendation to Council could be given. The structure would have to be to the rear of the lot, not higher than the main structure on the property and not be larger than 30% of the square footage of the main residence. The minimum square footage is 500 and must be stick built.

The Committee is also looking into moving their meeting to the third Tuesday of the month and will keep Council updated on any changes.

9. Adjourned- March 9, 2026 at 7:40 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Kaminer 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.

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