

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ~MINUTES~ for October 9th, 2023, at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Nicole Perkins; Council Members present were Mayor Pro-tem Herschel Brown, Jr, Skylar Grant, Margarett Parrish. (*Brooke Glenn not in attendance*), Town Clerk Dawn Helms sitting in for Town Administrator Tina Davis, Fire Chief Oliver Dowdle, Asst Chief George Ward.

INVOCATION:

Mayor: Nicole began with a moment of silence. Nicole said a prayer as well.

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK:

MINUTES:

1. **Minutes:** Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of September 11, 2023, recorded and available upon request – if anyone needs a copy of the minutes, just let us know.
2. **Financial Reports:** Available for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal and Grant Opportunities**

a. **ARPA-funding.** Funds must be spent by EOY 2026

1. **Town/Building Improvements in progress**

- a. **Community Center Annex - electrical, Fire Doors, Bathrooms**
- b. **Fire Department - Harmon Park – Nicole went and looked at the bathrooms, those things are going to have to be totally gutted. It has two huge holes in the ceiling, so we have our work cut out for us. Kenny shared with Nicole that his boss gets these units that cost about \$3000 that are a full bathroom set. They can be set up anywhere and then moved if you need to. These are fully functioning bathrooms, like the bathrooms you may see at the fair. They have air conditioning, heat, sink, toilets. It is not a porta-john, it is a full bathroom. It just needs plumbing and electric hooked up. Nicole showed the council pictures of a similar unit she was talking about. Nicole walked around with Oliver and got some ideas. They want to make it more useful for the fire department. Redoing the roof over the generator and extending it all the way to the corner and putting some gutters up would be better for the water flowing in that area.**
 - i. **Grading Fire Dept/Parking lot, Culverts/redirect water, Sewage lines/catch basin**
 - ii. **Harmon Park – Bathrooms, New Park Equipment, Electrical**

c. **Town upkeep – Sidewalks, Storm Drains**

- i. **Old Depot brush/trees**
- ii. **Dr Saye Lane - Roadside dirt filled back in and restructure Waddles, remove two pine trees.**

- d. Pump Station/Sewer System behind Town Hall - protection of Sewer System from water overflow, retaining wall/regrading – Nicole reported that cleaning has already started at the pump station, some more work needs to be done also. This week the forms should be built, and the concrete poured to keep the water directed away from the pump station.
- e. Town Equipment purchase - Maintain Streets, Storm Drains, Ditch lines. Need Backhoe with 4 in 1 bucket. Contacts? Nicole is still looking for equipment either to buy or rent. We have lots of street work that needs to be done. If we must pay someone to come in with a ditch cleaner, we may do that. All our ditches and storm drains are clogged. Browne asked who had done before, Nicole advised that the state used to take care of the storm drains and she has called them about getting them cleaned. York streets are not being done either. Browne asked for clarification of what Nicole was talking about. Nicole explained the storm drain on the roads that are currently clogged with leaves, brush, dirt, and grass. There used to be street sweepers that came through and cleaned those out. Browne said it has never been done in front of his old store that he cleaned them himself 2 to 3 times a year for 40 years. George asked how many drains we have in town? It was speculated at least 7 in town. Browne said there are way more than that.

Nicole said we have tried to motivate and encourage people; we have put it up on a message board and sent out in a newsletter. Margarette said she has seen some people out taking care of what was in front of their houses. Nicole advised we have received some nasty grams about it.

It was asked what Hickory Grove does about their streets, Nicole did check with Hickory Grove, and they have 3 full time people that take care of their streets. Grass and maintenance. It looks sharp over there. Nicole hopes that there may be someone in town looking to make some money.

Nicole wants the street to look good for our upcoming events. Browne believes that a piece of equipment may not be helpful for us that each drain may just need to be dug out by hand.

- f. Heating and Air Town buildings - contacted vendors updated quotes/work soon to begin – Nicole has reached out to the heating and air companies that provided quotes to us to see if any of those have changed. Browns has not got back to her, Palmetto said their quote is good as is and a new quote is coming from Adkins. Nicole has not decided who we will be going with and asked the group if they knew of a problem with Palmetto. Browne advised that it was Pruetts that was coming and fixing a lot of stuff that was supposed to be fixed. Then we started using Palmettos before Nicole got elected. Browne said that Palmetto stands behind their work. Nicole advised that we need an

electrician to go to the community center to see if what we have will support a new ac unit. The quotes we have received state electrical work not included. Browne asked that we put him in touch with Al (electrician) when he goes down there. Nicole advised we need 2 breakers put in our electric box. Browne advised some carpentry work may be needed as well. George believes that the quotes given do not include the price of electrical work but that they will do it for an additional amount.

- g. New Well Location suggestions - need quotes - Browne advised that he owns a piece of property across from the park and maybe the well could be placed on his property that he owns all the way down to Rainey Park. He would prefer it not to be right in the middle of his property. Nicole and Kenny have considered it as well. Browne would like it closer to Rainey Park end. Joey Bolin told Nicole that there used to be a well near the town stable building. Nicole will check into the possibility of using Browne's property.
 - h. Pest control quote for all town buildings. Nicole advised we have a new pest control company. She was at the Lawson Building and the fire department and there were ants at every door of the Lawson building. Skylar said that an exterminator came in to where she worked, she would get his information.
2. **State Grants - Dennis Moss** – Money to be received 3rd quarter. Nicole advised us that we received the email now just need to go in and get our password to submit the data needed for them to send the money to us.
 3. **Halloween Tuesday Oct 31st** - newsletter sent in Sept water bills/events throughout town, we will have a photo shoot set-up on Broad River Wellness porch for families to snap a picture. Tina has already talked to Becky, and she is fine with that. Someone does need to be in touch with Brad Bolins neighbors to be sure they will not be chasing children with chainsaws this year.
 4. **Franchise Fee Ordinance** – Second Reading for Spectrum, due by Oct 26, 2023, **must sign**. Documents were signed.
 5. **Shannon Street**
 - a. **Lead and Copper Rural Revision analysis** - Truepani (Scott Rebman) due by Oct 2024
 - b. **New Water lines** – Matt getting a quote to replace water lines, he is still working on that
 - c. **Sidewalks** - grass growth sprayed-needs to be cleaned off the sidewalks and streets.
 6. **Website** – looking at another vendor, Rural Water Impact/Municipal Impact v/s Revize
 - a. Ruralwaterimpact.com – A decision has not been made on the vendor yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Bank of York** - Yearly Loan renewal for Community Center Roof, **must sign Resolution**. Resolution signed for 2023. We are hoping when we get our ARP money to pay off that loan. Then we will no longer need to renew the resolutions.
2. **State Grant** - (Dennis Moss) received email to begin paperwork for funds
3. **Duke Energy** - Rep Meeting with Tyson Blanton, Wednesday Sept 27, 2023. Nicole and Tina met Tyson Blanton at Sharon Grill. Nicole said that she gave them a lot of good information.

- a. Our Mutual Service Agreement is good for ten years – signed Feb 19, 2020, renewal Feb 2030. The bad thing about that is Nicole was told to push them back to get them to come back and put those lines in. If we had not signed that agreement, we could push them and say ok, you don't want to do it then we will reach out to have York Electric to see if they will do it.
- b. Discussed removal of old poles and 24 hours lighting.
- c. Most poles have cable and internet, need to contact Comporium, Spectrum, AT&T to move lines to new poles. All these lines you see around town are these other companies.
- d. Link to report light outages/repairs - <https://salar-web.duke-energy.app/#/home/map/ncsc/DEC>
- e. A private electrician will need to fix the receptacles on the town poles, town owns the receptacles. Oliver advised that normally the fire department fixes those as they come across them since they are already hanging the lights/decorations.
- f. The rotation for system maintenance is every nine (9) years – but if we have an issue, we can reach out to them. Customers are always encouraged to call in or go to the website and make a request for vegetation management. This generates a ticket that goes to the regional ticket planner who can address these concerns on a case-by-case basis.

Vegetation Management - Duke Energy (duke-energy.com)

4. Christmas in Old Sharon, Date is December 9, 2023 - Planning, contacted local churches setting up time to meet with each pastor and/or events committee to see they would like to participate. Nicole advised she would like it if we had time and if they were interested each church from the area can do something. Nicole would like this to be more of a community event. Browne asked about the school still coming to sing. We are thinking about starting the event time earlier in the day – will offer vendors to set up early to allow for more shopping time and we are thinking about a Vendor Fee of \$20.00. We have had people calling that are interested in participating. Oliver asked where will they be setting up? Nicole said the plan is to have them in the fire department and to line the fence in the park along the tennis court. She said it depends on how many we have. She is concerned about the temperature, last year some were set up in the parking lot. Oliver said last year there were about 6 or 7 that set up inside. Oliver said it was an option and that last year they received donations from those vendors. The fire department did not set a fee for setting up inside, but they did receive \$400 - \$500 from those vendors. Dawn shared that we have told vendors that have called that we are still working on logistics. No one so far has been bothered by the vendor fee but we have told all of them we would be getting back with them with specifics. Nicole advised us to start the event at 4 or 5, we started at 6 last year.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: Council to discuss any issues concerning the following:

1. **Ball field**: Fall ball done, working on electrical issues. Nicole has already talked to Kenny, and we can let them park in the back part of our property since it is so limited at ballfield. Will probably need someone to guide people to park, will probably look for some volunteers to do this.
 - a. Softball Tournament Date changed Sep 30th - new date TBA - 14U Coach Ashley Gann sponsoring, parking still needs to be addressed.
2. **Community Center**: Possible tenant. Electrician quotes 2 breakers for 60 amp equip 240 volts.
 - a. Doors open outward/Fire Doors/Emergency Exit Signage - Oliver, Electrician review electrical (new heating/air units), Plumbing to change out urinals, re-upfit bathrooms. Nicole advised Grady promised her that he would be here this Thursday to start the work. Oliver asked if we have purchased the push bars for the doors yet? Browne advised they had not been purchased but he had given Tina all the information. It was suggested that we check with Kenny Jones to see if the locks needed are something he has and could install.

3. **Fire Department:** Update on Well behind Community Center, Oliver has asked that he be informed before any work starts at the fire department so he can let EMS know. Nicole is waiting to hear from Matt on who will be doing the work.
4. **Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown, Jr)** Lawson Bldg., Austin Lee still month to month. Nicole advised we are pretty much done with all the rental buildings. The steps are now on the back of Lawson Bldgs. We are thinking about cutting those two cedar shutters on the side because it looks plain and maybe try to dress that area up a little bit.
5. **Parks: (Skylar Grant)** Park Cameras are working sort of. Nicole does want to investigate getting some other cameras around town. Some cameras on Town Hall and at the fire department between there and the Lawson Building. Browne asked George if he ever contacted the camera guy? Browne advised the cameras are working because the electrical has been repaired but we still need a password reset. Browne does not believe we can look at what has been recorded without a password. George is going to reach out to the guy again but knows that he is stretched thin. George advised he did not believe the password issue is due to the past administrator having a new company come in and work on the cameras. Nicole asked Tina look through past invoices in the 2021 – 2022 timeframe for camera repair. Historical markers (Dollar General, Ballfield). Rainey Park - edging/clean light post, Dog stations, sidewalk
6. **Scout Hut, Concession Stand:** Scout Hut - Trim, paint door, new roof
7. **Streets: (Margarette Parrish)** – clean storm drains before Halloween
8. **Sidewalks- (Brooke Glenn)** – Sidewalks resident responsibility/need edging. Parking lot Burri Building grass/Corners of Rainey/211 Grass/Shannon Street
9. **Town Hall:** Adding concrete step and Handrail, Full sidewalk, spruce up flowers. Nicole advised that Town Hall has concrete steps out front. Handrails are on the way and will be installed. Nicole has some ideas on sprucing up the front of the building.
10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. **Citizen Concerns/FYI:** Anyone from the Mayor, Council, Staff or Public can bring an issue to the Council that was not on the agenda. Please limit your comment to 5 minutes or less.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded
2. **Financial Reports:**

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: Adjourn: Council to vote on adjournment

Motion: Margarette made 1st motion, Second: Skylar Time: 8:08 pm.



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Minutes for October 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Davis 11/13/23
Tina Davis, Town Administrator

Reviewed and Accepted by:

Nicole Perkins
Nicole Perkins, Mayor

Skylar Grant
Skylar Grant, Mayor Pro-Tem

Herschel Brown Jr.
Herschel Brown Jr., Councilmember

Brooke Glenn
Brooke Glenn, Councilmember

Margaret Parrish
Margaret Parrish, Councilmember