

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ~MINUTES ~ March 11, 2024, 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, Jay Gourley, Margarett Parrish, Brooke Glenn, Town Administrator, Tina Davis, Fire Chief Oliver Dowdle, Asst Chief George Ward. Guests included: Wood Family – Jay, Teresa, Trace and Kelly, and Kathy Broom

INVOCATION:

Mayor: Tina began with a moment of silence/prayer.

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: Wood Family (Jay and Trace) – Introduced themselves, Jay, his wife Teresa, and their sons who are the new owners of Scoops Ice Cream here in Sharon. They live in York now off Chester Hwy. They have been customers of Scoops for a few years and found out it was for sale. Trace will be the point person so if you need anything you can be in touch with him. Jay loves the small town feel and hopes to be here for a long time. If we need help with any Community Events, picking up trash on the side of the road or whatever feel free to call on them. They will open March 22nd. Nicole told them that our town has lots of events that they would benefit from.

MINUTES: **Minutes** of February 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting recorded, ready to sign for approval. Those were passed around for signatures.

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 - in process
- b. Town Equipment - use for town upkeep /maintenance
- c. Pump Station/Sewer System behind town hall - protection of Sewer System from water overflow, Retaining wall/regrading.

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss – Town Upgrades (List of Grants applied and approved)

- a) **Paid** off the Bank of York Loan for the Community Center roof
- b) Community Center Annex - Building Upgrades/ HVAC
- c) Fire Department – HVAC Quote in process
- d) Fire Department – EMS Bay HVAC
- e) Fire Department - Harmon Park Rerouting water start in spring
 1. Grading Fire Dept- Culverts, redirect water, Sewage lines/catch basin.
 2. Harmon Park – Bathrooms, New Park Equipment, Electrical

- f) Park Equipment – Park Inspection Complete, Mulch options under review
- g) New Well – DHEC notified - Checking with Chason family
- h) Lawson Building HVAC – address update, Gas-pack to be installed
- i) Burri Building HVAC

Nicole reported that we are continuing to work on the projects covered under this grant. We are almost done with working on the HVAC at the Annex. We have our park equipment to be replaced and we are looking at different types of mulch to be used and breaking up the areas in the park. Rubber mulch so far is the preferred type of mulch to use but we have not made a final decision on that.

3. **Ordinance #9 Update, 2nd Reading** – Water Rules and Regulations, Contractor Sandifer Well & Septic - rental equipment to install taps - Will obtain additional quotes for records

- 1. Meter Tap (same side of the road \$2500)
- 2. Meter Tap and Bore (opposite side of road \$3500)

Tina explained the reason for the increase of fees, the contractors have had to go up based on equipment usage and rental costs. The cost of materials as well as labor has increased. Browne made the point that our fees are still lower than most municipalities. Margarete made a motion to accept the change, Brooke second, all in favor. Ordinance signed by all.

4. **New Website** - [Home | Town of Sharon \(municipalimpact.com\)](http://Home | Town of Sharon (municipalimpact.com)) Under construction

Lots of work to get ready to go live with the public – we welcome page ideas. Per Tina the names: sharonsc.gov - #1 and townofsharonsc.gov - #2 are both available for use, just need to confirm which everyone preferred name. The decision was made to use sharonsc.gov. Upon approval Tina will finalize the paperwork for the domain name.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 0001-7-1 – 1st Reading** – Ordinance 0001-7-1 will replace Ordinance 12. An Ordinance providing for the Salary of the Mayor, Councilpersons, Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, and Repayment for their Expenses. Ordinance 12 is missing from Town Hall. A copy of the original ordinance dated 1977, then updated in 2003, and updated again in 2011 is on the pc, no signed copy in existence. Ordinance 0001-7-1 was to be presented to the council in **June 2022**. Due to administrative turnover, that did not happen. The second reading will be April 8, 2024. Ordinance 12 is missing from 2022, we are going through all the ordinances and making sure that everything is as it should be. Tina advised no salary changes to be made just merely correcting the numbering sequence updated from Ordinance 12 to 0001-7-1 to be in line with the new numbering scheme. Browne made motion for the first reading; Brooke made the second motion. The second and final reading will be next month.

2. Ordinance 0008-16-0 – 1st Reading - An Ordinance to REPEAL ORDINANCE 12 - An Ordinance providing for the Salary of the Mayor, Councilpersons, Fire Chef and Assistant Fire Chief, and Repayment for their Expenses, being introduced and first reading, second reading will be April 8, 2024. Browne made a motion to accept the first reading, Brooke second the motion.

3. Events:

A. **Senior Luncheon** at Sharon UMC, this Friday, Mar 15 from 11am-1pm, It's a free event, with food and live entertainment. Donations accepted. Nicole advised that we have posted it on the town sign and Facebook.

B. **Sharon Masonic Lodge** – Wilson Sutton Stew, **Sat Mar 16th** from 8am – 12 noon, or until SOLD out, \$12. Per Nicole it is sold by the pint (16 oz). This will be posted on our Facebook page and on the town sign.

C. **Scoops - Reopening** Friday, Mar 22nd, New Ownership Jay and Trace Wood. Nicole welcomed them to the town.

D. **Sharon Baptist Church** – Easter Egg Hunt- Sat, Mar 23 from 1.30pm – 4.30om at Harmon Harris Park 3334, York St. Contact is Mindy Crawford 803-230-1949

E. **Sharon Volunteer Fire Department-** Spring Fish Fry Sat. Mar 23rd 4 pm to 7 pm by Twin Tops \$15 per plate

F. **March 31st Easter Sunday**

G. **Hillcrest Baptist Church** – Block Party - Sat, May 18 – Time TBD at Harmon Harris Park 3334 York St. Contact is Adam Nestlehutt 404-583-9670

H. **Second Harvest Food Truck** – in Sharon May 10, 2024, per Margarett

I. **4th of July event for Sharon** – Date discussed - The 4th is on a Thursday, the Saturday before is June 29th - the Saturday after is July 6th. Tina asked for a decision tonight on the date. It will take 3 months to prepare. Margarett thinks the 29th date would be better than the July 6th. Lots of people may be out of town on both dates but the 29th was selected as the date. The fireworks application is a long process and needs to be started now. It was asked about live entertainment this year, and Tina has had one band reach out to be put on the list for consideration. Margarett and Browne to reach out to some possibilities for bands. Tina asked that they be in touch with her soon.

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

1. **Ball field:** Working on electrical issues. Tina has a copy of the game schedules if anyone is interested. Coaches have asked for some work to be done, and we do have stuff that needs to be done. Nicole said any work to the field is done on a volunteer basis. Anyone that would like to help please do, we do not have maintenance workers for the town. It would be great if coaches and parents were more involved.
2. **Community Center and Annex:** One tenant Spinning Out Pottery - Nicki Degeneffe
 - a. Doors open outward/Fire Doors/Emergency Exit Signage

- b. Electrical complete in Nicki's two rooms, other electrical still in process. (Site visit needed to look at potential future use.) Plumbing is almost complete. One new bathroom is still in process. Revamp Stalls in old restroom area.
- c. The electrical room is being reviewed for flooding issues, Al, the electrician is working to correct the issue.

Al is putting in switches so we can monitor who is using what amount of electric.

- 3. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)** Oliver asked if the quotes were in for the work to get started at the fire department. Nicole advised should be this month, just waiting on the weather and scheduling contractors.
- 4. **Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown, Jr)** Lawson Bldg - Clean-up. Heating and Air. We have decided to get a gas pack for this building. While working on the application for York County Natural Gas, Tina discovered that the address was incorrect for this location – requested an address change with York County.
- 5. **Parks: (Jay Gourley)** 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. Check on Internet
- 7. **Streets: (Margaret Parrish)** – Nicole reported that Damon Heath, a local resident, is going to have gravel delivered to the back of the community center for town projects. Tina met with Clem Rogers with King Asphalt for various projects in town: Old Depot Rd, Community Center, Rainey Park Trail, Ball field. Clem gave our number to Eddie Smith Paving. Richard with Eddie Smith Paving reached out. Tina and Nicole have an appointment to meet with him. We are looking at doing some paving at the park and the community center. Parking for the daycare needs to be redone as well as parking for the community center for events or tenants.

Nicole advised that Janet with the Post Office sent out letters to the residents on Trouble St regarding the mail carriers having trouble delivering on Trouble St due to wash out at their mailboxes as well as a huge hole at the end of the road, therefore, nowhere to turn around. The town had never taken care of this before, Nicole reached out to Beverly to inquire. Tina confirmed that Trouble St is a town street, the county nor the state will repair these issues.

Tina has reached out to SCDOT, Mike Sandifer about our street drains being clogged when it rains, he is going to have someone scheduled to come to town to meet with us. There is a storm drain in the park that needs to be looked at. The work is done on a ranking criterion. We are not a high priority, but we are on the list.

SCDOT will also be looking at issue at 3247 York St, where the power pole is hit continuously. Tina asked since they will be in the area to please look at it.

8. **Sidewalks: (Brooke Glenn)** –

9. **Town Hall:**

10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system. Water grants Shannon St & Rainey Av

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.

Conversation regarding the speed limits at the park should be 25 mph not 35 mph.

The preparations are underway for the Sharon Fresh Farmers Market, we have a few interested vendors already. The location will be behind Sharon Grill near where the dumpsters are currently. Dave will have dumpsters moved. Our initial thought was to start in April on the second Saturday but have since decided on moving to May. We would like fresh produce, eggs, flowers, etc.

Oliver met the new County Manager; his name is Josh Edwards. He is from Athens Georgia. Oliver invited him to come to Sharon.

The town is now offering notary services for \$5.

Nicole advised that Tina and Dawn are still working on the LCRR, this year will be time to do the water samples done. Tina asked if anyone would volunteer to have their water sampled. We need 10. Browne, Nicole, Margarett, Martha, Jay, and Brooke have all volunteered. Tina will find 4 more residents to volunteer. This will take place between June to September. Everything needs to be turned in by the end of September.

Margarette asked about the ordinance for campers. Tina has reached out to York County, Hickory Grove, and Clover.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

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

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Apr. 8th, 2024, at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: **Adjourn:** Council to vote on adjournment

Motion: Margarette

Second: Browne

Time: 7:45 pm