

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ~MINUTES ~ February 12, 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. Guests included: Steve Auten, Matt Auten, Kathy Broom

INVOCATION:

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

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK:

MINUTES: Minutes of Jan 22, 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. Fire Department - Harmon Park - start spring.

c. Town Equipment - use for town upkeep projects

1. Old Depot brush/trees

2. 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.

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss – Funds Received December 15, 2023. (List of Grants applied and approved)

a) **Paid** off the Bank of York Loan for the Community Center roof

b) Community Center Annex - HVAC partial payment to Adkins

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 - scheduled Safety Inspection/Requirements - complete

g) New Well - Checking with Chason family

- h) Lawson Building HVAC
- i) Burri Building HVAC

3. SC State Ethics Commission – Verify all council members have completed report filings with the state. At the beginning of the month, I told you all that there were certain things you had to do for write-ins and other paperwork. Just making sure everyone takes care of everything necessary, there is a fine of \$100 per quarter. Four months down the road just do not want to get any negative correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance #9** Update, **First 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)

Browne made the motion to update fees, Margarett second, all were in favor.

2. Town Lease - Leases

- A. Community Center Annex - Nicki Degeneffe with Spinning Out Pottery Studio - Effective Jan 1, 2024.

- B. Two potential other leases at Community Center Annex (power all on one bill)

- C. Adkins Quotes

1. Annex - Hallways, Restrooms, Kitchen Areas
 2. Volunteer Fire Department
 3. Lawson Building

Browne asked if we were getting more than one quote, Tina advised yes there are multiple quotes.

3. **Playground Guardian** - Safety Inspection complete. Focus on getting mulch placed in the park around equipment and digging up stumps and other "old" equipment residual effects left. Continuous mulch – 6 foot around each piece of equipment. The inspector was amazed at the age of our equipment and how good it looks for its age. There are bolts that need to be changed out and bolts that need to be cut off. Tina advised the whole point of the inspection is that we want to add some equipment to the park.

4. **Ordinance** (could not locate existing ordinance, however reviewing all again in preparation for the website) – Campers - discuss - temporary living only, not longer than one year during building of permanent home - requirements approval by Council. We will be checking with York County to see what they have. 75% of town residents use them for camping. Campers are not considered livable areas. All our ordinances cover livable areas. 25% have people living in them. Our go to rule is: one residence per one acre lot, with power and a septic tank. Motor homes and/or campers and/or buildings may need to be added to existing ordinances. The other thing is enforcement of these ordinances. Margarett asked about revising the ordinances to include campers.

5. **Ordinance 2006-4**, Update, **Introduced** - Junk cars - cleanup, DHEC Regulations regarding water runoff from cars, properties should have a gravel basin to prevent run-off, due to our town water system. Will email the current ordinance to council. There are several properties that we have this problem with. Vehicles are required to be registered. Nicole stated these abandoned cars could have run off and as a town with a water system this could be a problem. If a vehicle is at a residence and not being worked on, then it needs to be removed. If at a business, it is not going to be sitting there for 6 years waiting to be fixed. Browne read the ordinance and the fines that can be incurred. Tina spoke with the County and received the verbiage that they use for this issue. Tina is going to reach out to other municipalities and see how they handle these issues.

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

A. Lots of work to get ready to go live with the public - welcome page ideas

B. Waiting on gWorks for the "Pay on-line" option

C. Town Domain – The get.gov site is open to except requests - Ideas:

townofsharonsc.gov sharonsc.gov sharontownsc.gov

Sharonsc.gov - #1 townofsharonsc.gov - #2

Jay suggested that perhaps the shorter of the 2 would be better.

7. Events/Other News - Card payments through town - rent payments, sales (Shirt sales): check into payment options, example Square – other ideas. Tina asked for other ideas other than Square. Browne mentioned that there are fees for taking credit cards. You would have to tell the people ahead of time that there are fees.

-Events:

Spinning Out Pottery – 2 yrs Anniversary – Sat, Feb 24 – 10am – 5pm

Contact is Nicki Degeneffe 803-517-9622

At Community Center Annex – enter at back gate

3716 Woodlawn St

Sharon Baptist Church – Easter Egg Hunt – Sat, Mar 23 – 1.30pm – 4.30om

Contact is Mindy Crawford 803-230-1949

At Harmon Park

3334 York St

Hillcrest Baptist Church – Block Party - Sat, May 18 – Time TBD

Contact is Adam Nestlehutt 404-583-9670

At Harmon Park

3334 York St

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

4th of July event for Sharon – Date to be determined! The 4th is on a Thursday, the Saturday before is June 29th - the Saturday after is July 6th

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

1. **Ball field:** Working on electrical issues, spring practice will begin soon.
2. shortly
3. **Community Center:** Tenant Spinning out Pottery - Nicki Degeneffe
Event Feb 24th 10 am - 5pm
 - 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.
4. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)** Western-side Fire Departments meeting at Community Center on Tuesday, Feb 20, 2024. Looking forward to the indoor bathroom and kitchen being modernized and handicap accessible.
5. **Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown, Jr)** Lawson Bldg - Clean-up. Heating and Air
6. **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)** – Tina advised Brad and Cameron worked on the drains that were clogged on Shannon St, York St, and Woodlawn St. Also, Brittany Dover's driveway is fixed.
8. **Sidewalks: (Brooke Glenn)** –
9. **Town Hall:** All Fire Extinguishers have been updated in town owned buildings, every one of them was expired.
10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system. Matt attended an Asbestos Worker Training Course and learned that asbestos is hazardous, do not disturb without proper training and equipment. If it is in the ground will last 50 – 65 years. If you move it and it needs to be disposed of properly, there are guidelines to follow. We have two locations in the town – Rainey Av and Shannon St. If the pipes are wet all is good, should we have a leak and the pipes become dry that is when asbestos will become a hazard to the worker. Matthew is certified for one year. He recommends checking on replacement piping for both streets. Nicole advised us to touch base with the COG.

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.

Kathy Broom asked where does "fines" collected by the town get applied to? Tina answered the General Fund. Kathy asked who is responsible if there are trees hanging over

the sidewalk? Nicole advised that it is the homeowners responsibility. Tina asked if there was an area that needed to be looked at. Kathy said no, not right now.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

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

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:**
 - a. Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, March 11th, 2024, at 7:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarett Parrish Second: Brooke Glenn Time: 7:56 pm