

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Angel; Council Members Terry Arnold, Shane Bradley, Susan Jackson, Bob Mock, and Tony Storey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Members Jeannie Knight

STAFF PRESENT: David Krumwiede, Town Administrator; Attorney Paul Agnew; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; Lewis Saxton, Utility Superintendent; Police Chief David Maxwell; Roy McClain, Fire Chief; and Matthew Busby, Assistant Fire Chief

I. CALLED MEETING TO ORDER
Mayor Angel called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Angel led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION
The invocation was offered by Council Member Bradley.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Arnold to approve the minutes of our regular Town Council meeting from February 20, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending February 28, 2017—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Storey to approve financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGISLATION

VII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Preparation and Adoption

- **Department Heads--Budget Estimates Due to Mayor on March 22nd**
Mayor Angel and Mr. Krumwiede will review and present at the 4/10/17 Town Council's Budget Work Session.

2. Due West Robotics Invitation

Due West Robotics will celebrate their 5th year in existence on 3/14/17. The Town has let them use the room upstairs and are invited to the Robotics Thank You on 4/1/17 at 5:00 p.m. at the Due West Fire Station.

3. Children's Book Takes Place in Due West

On March 8th, the Press & Banner featured a picture of the Mayor, Michelle Knox, and Patti Chasteen holding the children's book A Bear Named Boo by Dr. Sherry Bair. Mayor Angel read the letter Dr. Bair wrote to him. She enclosed A Bear Named Boo who lived in Due West and goes trick or treating with children from the Town.

4. Business License Response

The applications have been sent out. As a whole, it's went smoothly. However, it's a transition and several have expressed concerns regarding large increases and not having input. Mayor Angel assured Town Council we have done everything legal. Council Member Storey stated he heard the Due West ARP's childcare received an application. He would like to know if they are liable and have to pay. Mr. Krumwiede stated that he made a decision that they will not have to pay. From his perspective, churches are nonprofit. Mr. Storey asked if it was sent in error. The application was not sent in error.

5. School Board Update

Mayor Angel stated several recent newspaper articles regarding consolidation were included in council packages. Mr. Hite went to the newspapers. Many people were not happy about his comments regarding school athletics and mascots. Mayor thought comments printed by Lee Logan and Zelda Oates were good. If the Town thinks anything he's said is inappropriate, please let him know.

6. Pool Update

Mayor Angel appreciates the Erskine pool fundraising efforts of Paul Bell and Winnie Phillips. While work is underway on the pool, all funds have not been received. He's spoke to several who still want to give and they can. They have submitted information to DHEC and waiting on their response.

B. Council Reports/Comments

C. David Krumwiede–Town Administrator

Mr. Krumwiede said Lewis continues to work in the park. They're trying to get the Park Committee together. He's working on \$25,000 PARD Grant with the help from USCOG. Committee members would like to add another play station. He's given park rules to Mayor Angel and Paul Agnew.

D. Paul Agnew—Town Attorney

No further comments.

E. Fire Department—Report Provided

Fire Chief McClain said everything is going good. He has submitted documentation and waiting on grant reimbursement from S.C. Forestry Commission.

F. Police Department—Report Provided

Chief Maxwell stated the month has been quiet. He recently worked with Sheriff Watson on a gun safety program at Diamond Hill. The Veteran's Memorial Foundation will be holding their boot drive at the four way stop on 3/24/17 between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chief is contemplating changing the Department's patch. He would like to go back to a traditional patch and presented a draft of a patch showing the year 1846--the year the Town was formed.

G. Utilities Department--Report Provided

Superintendent Saxton said the department is going smoothly. He is going down to Caterpillar with the engineer in in Griffin, GA. He hopes for delivery on 3/28/17 and another 1+ weeks of work after delivery. He anticipates an outage next month at approximately 9:00 p.m. He'll ask for a 2 hour outage, but hopes to have back on in 1 hour.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change April 17th Council Meeting Date

Mayor said he'll be in Houston, TX, the next meeting. He made a motion to move the meeting from 4/17/17 to 4/10/17. Council Member Mock seconded the motion. Council Member Arnold will not be able to attend due to spring break.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Annual Spring Cleanup April 24th through April 27th

2. Great American Cleanup on Friday, April 21st

The Civic Events Committee, Dixie High School, Erskine College, and Lions Club will be meeting soon to finalize plans for the cleanup.

3. Final Reminder to Council of the Approaching State Ethics' Deadline on March 30th

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 6:27 p.m. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER