

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Angel; Council Members Terry Arnold, Shane Bradley, Jeannie Knight, Bob Mock and Tony Storey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Council Member Susan Jackson

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Krumwiede, Town Administrator; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; Police Chief David Maxwell; and Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Busby

**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 Knight and seconded by Council Member Arnold to approve the minutes of our Regular Town Council meeting from August 21, 2017. Mayor Angel noted one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending August 31, 2017—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Bradley to approve financial reports as information. Mr. Krumwiede stated everything looks in order through August 31, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. LEGISLATION**

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

**1. Pool Update**

Mayor Angel talked to Parker Christie last week. The pool is finished except for the fencing and the contractor should finish installation before the end of next week. DHEC won't come to inspect until the fence is complete.

**2. United Abbeville Meeting Update**

Mayor Angel expressed his appreciation to Mr. Krumwiede and Council Members Mock, Knight and Jackson who attended the meeting. The Abbeville Promise Initiative was discussed. After all available resources for funding are sought, every child in the County would be able to attend a two year college after graduation. This is a privately funded program. Public Pathways was at the meeting and presented steps to the facilities' master plan. They were also hired by Greenville County's School District to complete their master plan. Council Member Knight said she was very impressed with Public Pathways' presentation.

**3. Abbeville County School District Cancelled Community Meetings Scheduled for September 11th-18th**

Meetings were postponed due to Hurricane Irma. No dates have officially been rescheduled, but possibly in November, 2017.

**B. Council Reports/Comments**

**C. David Krumwiede—Town Administrator**

**1. Chief Magistrate's Funding Request for Bonding Fees**

Mr. Krumwiede asked Police Chief Maxwell to speak. Chief said the process started spring/early summer. New Chief Magistrate proposed a fee for setting bonds on incarcerated. When we incarcerate, Magistrate sets bail. Averaging approximately five minutes, offender is brought in front of her; she sets a PR, cash, or surety bond;

and she completes paperwork. For the work they do, he doesn't think it's an over burden for our average of three cases per month. His personal opinion is that residents in Due West pays taxes. They set bonds on County cases within a 24 hour period. Mr. Krumwiede said the new Magistrate called a meeting. She said they're overworked, stressed out, and not getting paid enough. However, that's a deal with the County. We've sent County Council a copy of our letter. In addition, Mr. Krumwiede has met with the County Finance Director. They were supposed to meet last Monday, but the meeting was postponed. We can either pay our Judge to go set our bonds or we can pay the Magistrate \$25 per bond plus fees. Council Member Mock stated that it's double taxation and we already pay a public safety fee.

**2. PARD Update**

Mr. Krumwiede is working on the PARD Grant with Sam Leaman from USCOG. They hope to know in 30 days if the Town is awarded a PARD Grant. The Grant would require that the Town matches 20%.

**3. Abbeville County Accommodation Tax Requests**

We received a \$1,500 accommodation tax grant last year for the festival. We are asking for \$1,200 this year to prepare approximately 1,000 brochures to use at locations like welcome centers to promote the Town. The brochure would focus on topics like Erskine College, good location, safety, and tranquil area.

**4. Comprehensive Plan**

USCOG will be preparing our comprehensive plan for \$1,500. We have a sample contract and are moving forward. We are required by state law to review the direction of the Town. Some of the topics to be covered are mobile/modular homes, college, etc... USCOG prepares the plan and then it comes back to Council.

**D. Paul Agnew--Town Attorney**

Attorney Agnew was not present for tonight's meeting.

**E. Fire Department—No Report Provided**

Fire Chief McClain could not attend tonight's meeting due to an emergency at the Sewer Plant. Assistant Fire Chief Busby stated the call numbers stayed consistently the same as the prior month. However, Hurricane Irma will increase the calls for September due to more volunteers who came in. He said Due West's Public Works were on top of trees down and power outages. Planning is currently underway for another possible storm coming. If more fire trucks are seen in the near future around Town, testing on trucks will begin soon.

**F. Police Department—Report Provided**

Chief Maxwell reported that August was a quiet month--looking like Due West again. Total incident count was 14 for August. Six were reports taken as information or investigated and 3 were arrests. He recently attend the Police Chief's conference, but it was cut short because of Hurricane Irma.

**G. Utilities Department--No Report Provided**

Utilities Superintendent Saxton could not attend tonight's meeting due to an emergency at the Sewer Plant.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. MEO Institute Session on 9/26/17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to USCOG
2. Regional Advocacy Meeting on 9/28/17 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Greenwood Arts Center, 120 Main Street. *Must Register for the Meeting Online at [www.masc.com](http://www.masc.com).*
3. Palmetto Pride Tree Grant's Final Report Due on 9/30/17
4. Fall Festival on 9/30/17 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, a motion was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Arnold to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 6:28 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER