

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Krumwiede, Town Administrator; Attorney Paul Agnew; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; Police Chief David Maxwell; Utility Superintendent Lewis Saxton; Fire Chief Roy McClain; 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 Knight.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

**A. Ms. Azilee Jenkins--Town Concerns**

Ms. Jenkins was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

**B. Boy Scout Troop #54 and Dr. Harry Stille**

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop #54, John Paul Bell presented a framed neckerchief with the Town's logo to Mayor Angel. He expressed their appreciation for the Town allowing the Troop to use the logo that was designed several years ago by Former Mayor Harry Stille. In addition, Dr. Stille was also presented a framed neckerchief and appreciation was expressed for everything he's done for the Troop over the years.

**C. Mr. Alex Alexander**

**V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Arnold to approve the minutes of our Regular Town Council meeting from September 18, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

B. A motion was made by Council Member Knight and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee meeting from September 27, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending September 30, 2017—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Knight to approve financial reports as information.

**VI. LEGISLATION**

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

**1. Fall Festival Update**

The preliminary fall festival financial statement was distributed as of 10/13/17. Mayor Angel said the accommodation tax grant received prior to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, is not included. Everything at the festival went well and Mayor thanked the Town's employees for their hard work. Council Member Jackson questioned the loss on the festival's financials. Mayor Angel stated the statement is preliminary. We are still pending one receipt and one invoice.

**2. Upcoming Election on November 7, 2017**

There are three Town Council seats open and two incumbents are running—Terry Arnold and Tony Storey. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley decided not to run for re-election. Spaces will be on the ballot for write in candidates.

**3. Abbeville County School District Community Meetings Rescheduled for November 6th-13th**

Meetings originally scheduled in September have been rescheduled for November 6th-13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting at Cherokee Trail will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Public Pathways Team will be coming to introduce the process of the long-range plan and get feedback from the community about their concerns.

**B. Council Reports/Comments**

**1. Council Member Knight--Park Development**

Mrs. Knight read the park policies proposed by the Park Development Committee members. The proposed park policies have a few changes including hours from dawn to dusk. Council Member Arnold asked if the rules were posted. Mrs. Knight responded no—regulations will be posted after final approval. Attorney Agnew said we need to wait on an ordinance that he will work on before posting the regulations.

**C. David Krumwiede--Town Administrator**

**1. PARD Update**

Mr. Krumwiede reported that we are now ready to move forward and he is talking with suppliers.

**2. Abbeville County Accommodation Tax Grant**

The Town's grant proposal was approved last month to create a brochure to attract people to Due West. The Committee was very pleased with our proposal.

**3. Comprehensive Plan**

Upper Savannah Council of Governments will be facilitating our Comprehensive Plan reported Mr. Krumwiede. Mayor Angel will be appointing a Planning Commission.

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

Due to recent questions raised on termination of electric service and changes in laws a few years ago, Attorney Agnew will examine our policies to bring current and work on documents related to special needs.

**E. Fire Department--Report Provided**

Fire Chief McClain said last month was a very busy month with 61 calls. Weather drove up the call volume. So far this month, call volume is back down to normal. He's received letters from FEMA that he was turned down for the two grants he applied for. He's working on getting bids for turnout gear that he'd hoped to replace with grants.

**F. Police Department--Report Provided**

Chief Maxwell reported a very busy month with 19 incidents, 33 citations, and 7 arrests. Some of those included more than normal charges such as DUS, disorderly conduct, and trespassing. A part-time position came available this month and Patrolman Robert Turman has joined the Department. He is a former retired Lieutenant with the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office. In regard to the Chief Magistrate's funding request for bonding fees discussed at the last council meeting, our Judge is now going to the County setting our bonds. He is glad we worked out a system. He is working out a mileage reimbursement for the Judge. Attorney Agnew asked if we have any pending jury trials. Chief replied not at this time.

**G. Utilities Department--Report Provided**

All storm debris has been cleared reported Superintendent Saxton. The Engineer will be coming before our upcoming outage. He's not sure of a date, but will try to schedule the approximate one to two hour outage between midnight and 1:00 a.m. They may hang tags on doors, post fliers, and put on the Town's Facebook page to notify residents of the upcoming outage. Because of the timing of our monthly utility bills, we will not be able to put a notice on the upcoming bills before the outage.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Veterans Memorial Foundation's Request for a Boot Drive to Solicit Money to Help Pay for Expenses at the Intersection of Main/Abbeville Streets Between the Hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on November 10, 2017.**

A motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Knight to approve soliciting with a "Boot Drive" for the Veterans Memorial Foundation at the intersection of Main/Abbeville Streets 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017. Mayor Angel said his only concern is the last Boot Drive was in March, 2017, and he only wants to do it once a year. Attorney Agnew asked if these are local veterans because he's seen some recently in the area that weren't and didn't have proper authorization to have a Boot Drive. Chief Maxwell confirmed that Julius King is heading up the Drive and it's made of local veterans. Council Member Knight commented their last Drive was to help pay for rent. Attorney Agnew said they're now buying a building. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Town Hall Closed for Veterans Day on November 10, 2017, and for Thanksgiving on November 23-24, 2017**

**2. Operation Impact's 24th Annual Dinner/Awards Banquet November 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

Council is encouraged to attend this annual dinner and awards banquet if available on November 11, 2017.

**3. Thanksgiving Garbage Pickup on November 23, 2017; Fall Trash Pickup on November 27-30, 2017**

**4. Annual Community-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

This year marks the 15th annual dinner that was started by Martha Amstutz and Sharon Bradley. Over 400 people were served in the dining room and 160 meals delivered to shut-ins in the area last year. Volunteers are needed for this great annual event that positively impacts many in our community.

**5. Town Christmas Parade on December 1, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. The Tree Lighting Ceremony Will Immediately Follow**

**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 6:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER