

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Angel; Mayor Pro Tem Jeannie Knight; Council Members Terry Arnold, Susan Jackson, Bob Mock, Harry Stille; 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; and Fire Chief Roy McClain

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 Mayor Pro Tem Knight.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Lee Logan, Chairman of Abbeville County Project Sales Tax Commission
David Garner, Abbeville County's Director
Stephen Taylor, Abbeville County's Economic Development Director

Lee Logan distributed documents regarding the Abbeville County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission's Fundamentals. Abbeville County Council is preparing a capital project sales tax (CPST) referendum. The preparations being made now will support a referendum that will be voted on in November, 2018. The CPST Commission will take an approach geared at improving Abbeville County as a whole through several different focuses.

Why hold a referendum to pass a one (1) percent sales tax in Abbeville County?

- Much needed capital projects in Abbeville County can be funded without a property tax increase.
- Sales tax dollars raised in Abbeville County stay in Abbeville County.
- People living outside of Abbeville County significantly contribute towards the capital investment of Abbeville County capital projects.
- Unprepared food items eligible for purchase with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture food coupons are exempt from capital sales tax.
- Projects chosen will reflect the needs throughout Abbeville County to include the incorporated and will be available for use by all Abbeville County residents.
- A committee system will be used to evaluate capital projects. The five committees are: ***Economic Development; Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Infrastructure; Public Safety; and Quality of Life.***
- By law, the money raised by the 1% sales tax can only be spent on the projects approved by the voters. Residents will see on the ballot how the penny will be spent. In addition, Abbeville County is committed to reporting progress on the approved projects to the residents.

CPST Commission's Purpose and Mission Statement:

- ***Purpose:*** Following the directive of Abbeville County's strategic vision and goals, CPST Commission will thoroughly research and present Abbeville County Council with a list of capital projects designed to yield maximum long-term benefits for the betterment of Abbeville County and its municipalities. Through capitalizing on the unique qualities of Abbeville County and bolstering its community pride, the CPST Commission will consider and recommend projects that will better the lives of the people of Abbeville County.
- ***Mission Statement:*** Enhance Abbeville County's quality of life by identifying projects with a stated need and purpose that will yield long-term benefits for Abbeville County and its citizens.

Entities qualified to submit projects to CPST Commission, through committees, only include: Abbeville County, water and sewer authorities within Abbeville County; municipalities located with Abbeville County; and projects undertaken in conjunction with another qualified entity. To learn more about CPST or interested applicants, everyone is invited to attend a working lunch on 1/18/18 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Abbeville County Complex. Please RSVP by calling Due West's Town Hall.

Lee Logan (Chairman of CPST Commission), David Garner (Abbeville County's Director) and Stephen Taylor (Abbeville County's Economic Development Director) said they appreciate the time Council allowed them to share information on the CPST. Everyone is encouraged to contact them with questions or concerns.

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knight to approve the minutes of our Regular Town Council meeting from December 18, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending December 31, 2017. Due to year-end delays receiving the bank statements from The Commercial Bank and the Council Meeting being held on the second Monday, the monthly financial statements were not available for the Council Meeting.

VI. LEGISLATION

VII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. *RIA Young Street Forcemain Replacement Update*

An easement was recently signed with Erskine College reported Mayor Angel. Attorney Agnew did a great job getting the necessary papers. Lewis Saxton, Carlyle Shirley from Dunn & Associates and Mayor Angel met with staff from Erskine College. Erskine was concerned their baseball field would be torn up, but were satisfied that the work will not affect the field. Attorney Agnew asked where the original easement was located. It is filed in Town Hall. He will need the original easement in the future. Mayor Angel reviewed the quarterly grant update.

2. *Comprehensive Plan Update/Schedule*

Mayor Angel said it was very hard to contact people during the holidays about serving on the Planning Commission. The comprehensive plan was last updated in 2013. We only have to review after 5 years and update every 10 years. The Town still needs to appoint a Planning Commission and we will handle next month. He encourages every Council Member to recommend one person to serve.

3. *School District Facilities Update*

Mayor Angel presented a sheet with a link and QR Code to the Abbeville County School District's facilities assessment update from PPI. Included are their observations from every school in the district and includes the career center. The Steering Committee will meet at Dixie High School with Ms. Brewton tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcomed to attend and take tours.

4. *Due West Robotics Update*

Due West Robotics now has over 56 kids on 4 robotics teams ages 6 to 16 years old. The upcoming FTC state championship will be in Easley on 2/2-3/18. Clemson Aquaponics and Erskine College partnered with Narwhal of Ideas on their innovative project. They've hired Ashley Weyer as their first part time Administrator and consider this is a big step for the group. Everyone is invited to the Due West Robotics' Open House on January 22nd.

B. Council Reports/Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Knight gave an update on the Park Development. Bob Gettys has the approved sign regulation Information to review. She'd like to get ideas from him on size and location to place the sign.

C. David Krumwiede--Town Administrator

1. Town Brochure Update

Mr. Krumwiede reported he is putting together the concept for the Town's brochure. He will be meeting with Kayli Hibbard from Erskine College next week to get ideas. He hopes to go to print in the next 90 days. We have a small space to work with to try to attract people to come here, build as a hub to live, publicize as easy access to big venues, and promote as an academic village. He recently went to the South Carolina and Georgia Welcome Centers to obtain brochures. Two-sided cards are popular. The Old 96 District has vacancies in their brochure area. He also recommends that brochures be placed at the Chamber of Commerce.

D. Paul Agnew--Town Attorney

Attorney Agnew said he received notice of the upcoming jury trial. He asked Chief Maxwell to have the Officer to contact him regarding the trial.

E. Fire Department--Report Provided

Fire Chief McClain reported that December was a busy month. The yearly report shows 305 calls; however, they ran 374 calls. Their new software didn't include totals prior to installation. Calls are higher due to dispatch glitches. They

started off the new year with 2 structure fires. The ladder truck was recently tested and problems were found. He thinks it will be a minor fix and he'll arrange getting the manufacturer on site. The turnout gear is upcoming and expects to be under the projected cost.

F. Police Department—Report Provided

Police Chief Maxwell reported the Department had 21 offenses, 27 citations and 3 arrests in December. The squirrel reduction in December only lasted 4 days from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Because of the reduction of days and limited hours, the numbers were much lower this year. Erskine expressed concerns with the results. Chief suggests that we may need to review next year.

G. Utilities Department—Report Provided

Superintendent Lewis Saxton reported that they have met Duke Energy's deadline to put the generators online. After being notified by Duke, the 500Kw generator was ran for 5 hours on 1/2/18 and everything went great. Although only the 500Kw was running, we will receive a credit from Duke for running one generator at 600Kw. Emissions testing will be done on Tuesday to meet DHEC's requirements. The snow and ice in the Charleston area last week delayed the originally scheduled emissions testing.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Approval

The Planning Commission approval has been delayed until the 2/12/18 Regular Council Meeting to allow each Council Member to find one person willing to serve on the Commission.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. *Town Hall Will Be Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15, 2018*
2. *Hometown Legislative Action Day on February 6, 2018*
3. *Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government on February 7, 2018*
4. *February's Regular Council Meeting Will Be Held on February 12, 2018*
5. *Reminder to Council of the Approaching State Ethics' Deadline*

Mayor Angel reminded Council of the important State Ethics' deadline every elected official is required to file electronically before March 30, 2018.

6. *Due West Lions Club's Chili Supper Will Be 5:00-7:30 p.m. on February 9, 2018*
7. *U.S. Census Workers in Due West and Surrounding Areas*

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Mock to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER