COUNCIL PRESENT:  Mayor Jeannie Knight; Mayor Pro Tem Bob Mock; Council Members Gayle Beaudrot; Jay Lown; Chris Myers; and Kitty Storey

COUNCIL ABSENT:  Council Member Totherow

STAFF PRESENT:  Town Attorney Bishop; Town Administrator David Krumwiede; and Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer

STAFF ABSENT:  Police Chief David Maxwell; Utility Superintendent Lewis Saxton; and Fire Chief Roy McClain

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-- Mayor Knight at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION
Mayor Knight led in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a Tribute to Christmas.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
Mayor Knight welcomed Carlyle Shirley from Dunn & Shirley and Rev. Leland Beaudrot to the meeting.

IV. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Council Member Storey and 2nd by Council Member Lown to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting from November 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
B. A motion was made by Council Member Beaudrot and 2nd by Council Member Storey to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee Meeting from November 29, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
C. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending September 30, 2022—Financial Statements were not available.
D. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending October 31, 2022—Financial Statements were not available.
E. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending November 30, 2022—Financial Statements were not available.

V. LEGISLATION
A. RESOLUTION NO. 02-2022
Resolution No. 02-2022—Authorizing and Approving the Acceptance of Certain Loan Assistance Monies from the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute that Certain Loan Assistance Agreement Between the Town of Due West and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

In regard to our S.C. RIA Grant, Mayor Knight announced to Council that we need to accept the loan and sign the documents. After sending in the engineering agreement, Carlyle Shirley said the work should begin in mid-January. The entire sewer system will be cleaned. As far as a fee and if we follow the guidelines, Mayor Pro Tem Mock said we shouldn’t owe money. He asked Mr. Shirley if he was going to monitor new materials and Mr. Krumwiede asked if he’s taking bids. Mr. Shirley confirmed that there will be no new materials and they are not taking bids because the contract is with Dunn & Shirley. Mayor Knight read Resolution No. 02-2022. Attorney Bishop said the document would go back to Chris Rabon at RIA after Mayor Knight signs and attest by Ms. Chasteen.

Council Member Storey made a motion and 2nd by Council Member Lown to adopt Resolution No. 02-2022; motion carried unanimously.

VI. REPORTS
A. MAYOR’S REPORT—No Report Provided
- We have received signatures of neighbors around Blake Foster regarding the approval of having a horse and pony on his property. It’s ongoing and no progress report.
- Axle Blue has brought their horse and carriage on recent Thursdays and Fridays. They try not to be on Main Street. Council Member Beaudrot commented that it has brought people into the Town.

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Mr. Krumwiede reported that the ARPA Fund balance is $310,564.27. Mayor Knight added that we do have other projects—new Police Department vehicle and desks for the new area behind Town Hall.

C. ATTORNEY JOHN ANDREW BISHOP
D. **FIRE—No Report Provided**
Fire Chief McClain was absent to attend Fire Department’s Christmas Party tonight at Logan’s in Anderson.

E. **POLICE—Report Provided**
Chief Maxwell has a death in his family. According to the Chief, the Department received a grant from DPS in the amount of $9,103.28 for new body cams that have been ordered. New radios have been installed and everyone in the County has them in operation. They are no longer on the 800 system and the County picked up all costs to switch over to the new system. The new officer is doing well and should complete her last block of training before the new year. She will then be able to be registered for the academy. Her classes should start in March with graduation at the end of May, 2023. The nuisance squirrel reduction program started today and runs through December 30, 2022.

F. **UTILITIES—No Report Provided**
Utility Superintendent Saxton was absent to attend the Fire Department’s Christmas Party. According to Mayor Knight, we are still having sewer system problems due to wipes being flushed. Council Member Beaudrot recommends somehow getting the word out that wipes are not flushable. Mayor said she plans to reach out to Erskine and The Renaissance. Council Member Myers replied that some Erskine students are doing it on purpose.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
Council Member Beaudrot updated Council on the study several months ago about lighting. The information they were given several months ago regarding the lighting at Erskine wasn’t correct. They had college students over for dinner recently. The students voiced concerns about the need for more campus lighting. The Bonner Street crosswalk is very dark. Mayor Knight said she’ll talk to Bobby Clarke. They’ve mentioned signs and lighting. Council Member Myers said it would be good if someone from Erskine can meet with us.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
1. Town Offices Will Be Closed for Christmas on December 23rd
2. Town Offices Will Be Closed for New Year’s Day on January 2nd
3. January, 2023 and February, 2023 Council Meetings will be Held on the 2nd Monday Due to Town Holidays (January 9th and February 13th)

X. **ADJOURNMENT**
Council Member Beaudrot made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., 2nd by Council Member Myers; all were in favor.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER

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