COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Jeannie Knight; Mayor Pro Tem Bob Mock; Council Members Gayle Beaudrot; and Kitty Storey
COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Members Jay Lown; Chris Myers; and Sandy Totherow
STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Bishop; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; and Police Chief David Maxwell
STAFF ABSENT: Town Administrator David Krumwiede; 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 Rev. Leland Beaudrot offered the invocation

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

IV. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Council Member Beaudrot and 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Mock to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting from January 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending October 31, 2022—No changes were noted. The floor was opened for comments. After hearing none, A motion was made by Council Member Storey and seconded by Council Member Beaudrot to approve the financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.
C. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending November 30, 2022—No changes were noted. The floor was opened for comments. After hearing none, A motion was made by Council Member Storey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mock to approve the financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.
D. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending December 31, 2022—Financial Statements were not available. Mayor Knight announced Rhonda Cox, Cox Accounting, has offered to come and present a financial statement workshop.

V. LEGISLATION

VI. REPORTS
A. MAYOR’S REPORT—No Report Provided
   • Mayor Knight mentioned the need for a Civic Events Committee meeting soon.
   • The Town continues to have issues with clogs in our sewer system. People are flushing wipes that do not dis-integrate after flushing. This has resulted in many hours clearing the lines when backups occur—some after working hours. John Lake, Owner of L&L Environmental, sent us information about the problems with the use of wipes in our sewer system. Although these wipes are marketed as flushable, they are not. L&L Environmental services and does testing at our sewer plant.
   • Mayor thanked the Public Works and Fire Departments for the use of the Town’s building for the Lions Club Chili Supper on Friday, February 10th.
   • On the morning of February 6th, WYFF covered a sonic boom over Due West. Several citizens were interviewed.
   • An upcoming concert at Erskine’s Lesesne Auditorium called the “Farm to Fleet Weekend” will be held on February 25th. Sponsored by the FFA of Abbeville County, music groups featured will be Shenandoah, Pickens Creek Band, and Clay Page. Tickets are still available.
   • In regard to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Town and reviewing the sanitation section of the Town’s Municipal Code, Mayor Knight brought up references to the Town’s Codes and Ordinances. More clarification of issues may help by recalling older Ordinances which have been deleted in recent years. Attorney John Andrew Bishop gave clarification on Ordinances that were referenced during these discussions.

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

C. ATTORNEY JOHN ANDREW BISHOP

D. FIRE—No Report Provided
E. POLICE—Report Provided
Chief Maxwell reported that the Police Department had a quiet month. Isabella Tucker goes to the Police Academy on Sunday. Mayor asked how long she'll be at the academy. Per Chief, she'll be at the academy 8 weeks plus 4 weeks. He hopes to get the new SUV by the end of the month. Mayor asked how long will it take to detail the SUV after receiving it. Chief expects the SUV detailing to take approximately 2 weeks to detail. As far as wipes, Chief added education is the key. He learned the hard way with his mother.

F. UTILITIES—No Report Provided

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Town Offices Will Be Closed for Presidents' Day on February 20th
   Mayor Knight added that our next meeting will be on the second Monday (February 13th). We will go back to the third Monday in March (March 20th).

X. ADJOURNMENT
Council Member Beaudrot made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Mock; all were in favor.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER