MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 – 6:00PM
TOWN HALL -- 103 MAIN STREET

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

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

STAFF ABSENT: Attorney John Andrew Bishop; 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 Rev. Leland Beaudrot offered the invocation.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
Blake Foster was welcomed to tonight's meeting.

IV. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mock and 2nd by Council Member Beaudrot to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting from October 17, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
B. A motion was made by Council Member Totherow and 2nd by Council Member Lown to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee Meeting from November 20, 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.

V. LEGISLATION
A. ORDINANCE NO. 03-2022
Second Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2022 – An ordinance of the Town of Due West, S.C., authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for the collection of household garbage within the Town with Michael Gambrell, DBA M&R Enterprises, for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

Council Member Lown wanted to confirm that the ordinance would run from December 1, 2022 until November 30, 2024. Mayor Knight confirmed these dates.

Council Member Myers made a motion and 2nd by Council Member Lown to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2022; motion carried.

VI. REPORTS
A. MAYOR'S REPORT
• Market in the Park was held on November 19th in the Washington Street Park. It was a cold day for vendors and others displaying their crafts and other merchandise for sale. The Town furnished hot chocolate and donuts for Mama’s Sweet Shoppe. The Civic Events Committee may try to have another Market in the spring.
• Ten new snowflake lights should be installed on the Main Street poles soon to provide more lighting.
• The Christmas Parade will be held on December 2nd beginning at 5:15 p.m. on Main Street. Civic Events Committee’s Beck Eleazer is organizing this event. The Lions Club’s Tree for Life Ceremony will be held at the Washington Street Park following the parade.
• The annual staff Christmas dinner will not be held this year. It was hard to get a convenient date for everyone.
• A portion of the ARPA funds will be used to furnish the newly remodeled room behind Town Hall with desks, dividers, computers, and file cabinets. In addition, the ARPA funds will be used to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department.
• Mayor Knight reported that she recently went to Columbia to a workshop hosted by Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). TAP’s priority is pedestrian safety. We are applying for a $1,250,000 TAP grant for sidewalks from Kennedy Dorm to Dollar General and Haynes Street. After these sidewalks are completed, we will be looking for grants for the sidewalks on Gordon Street. We’ve requested CTC funds and they consider sidewalks too. Keith Dunn will handle the letter of intent to submit to SCDOT.
• Dixie High School received $30,000,000 from S.C. Dept. of Education and $10,000,000 from Abbeville County for infrastructure funding. According to Paul Prescott, the cafeteria and kitchen will be replaced. In addition, plans include a two-story academic wing.

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

C. ATTORNEY JOHN ANDREW BISHOP

D. FIRE—No Report Provided

E. POLICE—No Report Provided

F. UTILITIES—No Report Provided

In Lewis Saxton’s absence, Mayor Knight reported that work to remove overgrowth on the corner of Main and College Streets is being done. Infrastructure is being installed for a new home on Rosewood Drive for Ivan Hershberger. Mayor Knight announced the new utility employee recently hired is Chris Brady.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Livestock on Town Residential Property

Mayor Knight reported that Blake Foster, owner of 6 Overholt Lane, is asking permission to have a horse on his property in the Town limits. Mayor Pro Tem Mock said they’re asking for two animals—not one. They’ll also have a building. He and Mayor Knight went out and looked at the property. Mr. Foster may put an electric wire on top of the fence and they eventually want to fence the entire area. Council Member Beaudrot commented that she rode by and expressed a concern of how are we setting a precedent. One resident in Town has had over 40 chickens and a pig. Mr. Krumwiede commented there has to be a nuisance. Mayor Knight suggested that we get the signatures of neighbors if they aren’t opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mock and 2nd by Council Member Totherow to allow 6 Overholt Lane to have one horse and one pony. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the 2022 Town Christmas Bonuses

Mayor Knight proposed the approval of the 2022 Town Christmas bonuses using the same amounts as 2021 of $500 across the board for full and part-time employees. A motion was made by Council Member Lown and 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Mock to approve the 2022 Town Christmas bonuses using the same amounts as 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Town Offices Will Be Closed for Thanksgiving on November 24th-25th
2. Thanksgiving Trash Collection Will Be on Thursday, November 24th
3. Civic Events Committee on November 29th at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers
4. 2023 Schedules for Council Meetings and Holidays

X. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Beaudrot made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m., 2nd by Council Member Storey; all were in favor.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER