MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator David Krumwiede; Attorney John Andrew Bishop; Police Chief David Maxwell; and Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer

STAFF ABSENT: 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—Rev. Leland Beaudrot

IV. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mock and 2nd by Council Member Storey to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting from August 15, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

B. A motion was made by Council Member Lown and 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Mock to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee Meeting from September 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending August 31, 2022—Financial Statements were not available.

V. LEGISLATION
A. ORDINANCE NO. 03-2022—TABLED ON AUGUST 15, 2022 & PENDING BIDS ENDING 9/23/2022
First 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.

Mayor Knight reported that Ordinance No. 03-2022 was tabled at the last meeting. Attorney Bishop confirmed that the ordinance needs to be tabled again until we have all bids. Mayor Pro Tem Mock made a motion to table Ordinance No. 03-2022 because the Mayor and Council needs time to look at the submitted bids to make a decision as to which bid to accept. Council Member Storey 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 04-2022
Second Reading of Ordinance No. 04-2022 – An ordinance to adopt the Town of Due West’s 2022-2032 Comprehensive Plan as mandated by the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, as amended; and to provide for the repeal of all prior comprehensive plans and ordinances.

Council Member Lown made a motion and 2nd by Council Member Beaudrot to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 04-2022; motion carried.

VI. REPORTS
A. MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor announced we will have field activity between noon until 8:00 p.m. for Saturday’s Fall Festival. She expressed her appreciation to Council Member Beaudrot for helping with the Combo Kings. The Man on the Moon with Sadie Bradley will perform from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Lions Club and a few others will be at the park. Inflatables and classic cars will be at Robinson Field. We have new tables, chairs and a 30’ long tent. She hopes we will have art exhibits and Amos Cunningham’s gems in the tent. Mayor opened the floor up for questions about the festival. Council Member Totherow asked what type music the Combo Kings will perform. Council Member Beaudrot replied that they sing beach music and classics. If asked, they will perform gospel.

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

C. ATTORNEY JOHN ANDREW BISHOP

D. FIRE—No Report Provided

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E. POLICE—Report Provided
Chief Maxwell reported they are looking over candidates and in the screening process. As far as the festival, he asked Mayor about closing Beulah Street until 8:00 p.m. Mayor Knight said she would let him know about the street closing and she asked about extra police officers for the festival. Chief said we only have four officers but he hopes our part-time officers can help. Council Member Beaudrot commented that some publicity shows the Combo Kings will perform until 7:30 instead of 8:00 p.m.

F. UTILITIES—No Report Provided

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
1. Mayor Knight informed Council that Matt Phillips, CPA will be leaving McKinley Cooper & Co., LLC effective as of November 21, 2022, to start his own accounting firm. Because Mr. Phillips has been the CPA primarily responsible for handling our audit matters in recent years, we are being offered an opportunity to continue to retain Mr. Phillips or choose to have another CPA at McKinley Cooper handle our yearly audit. We need to make a quick decision due to timing of the deadline on October 7th. Mayor Pro Tem Mock asked if we need to do an ordinance. Attorney Bishop replied that he thinks it is mostly to see if we want to go with Mr. Phillips, but he will check. During the discussion of changing the Town’s auditing company, Mayor Pro Tem Mock asked if we know what fees will be changed by the new company and if they’re reasonable. If the price is reasonable, Council Member Lown asked if Mr. Phillips would expect anything more from us. The Mayor responded that we can make a motion to go with Mr. Phillips pending satisfactory response and have a Called Council Meeting to approve. Council Member Lown made a motion to approve the Mayor changing to Mr. Phillips after more research. Council Member Myers 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Lown commented he doesn’t think we need to get back together. Mayor Pro Tem Mock thinks the Mayor has the authority to approve the decision.

2. Council Member Beaudrot reported that they’ve had problems two different weeks with horse manure on Bonner Street. People are riding horses on the sidewalks. Chief Maxwell commented that he doesn’t think there’s an ordinance. Attorney Bishop thinks they should be on the road. Council Member Totherow recalls two horses stopped in front of a restaurant in Town and said they were going to cleanup the manure. Mayor Pro Tem Mock thinks the Police Department is aware and will take appropriate action. Mr. Krumwiede added our code states “any animal that causes a nuisance.” However, Chief Maxwell confirmed that only applies to animals in Town.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Due West’s Annual Fall Festival Will be Held on September 24, 2022.
2. Regional Advocacy Meeting—Upper Savannah Council of Government at 11:00 a.m. on October 5, 2022, at The Arts Center of Greenwood, 120 Main St., Greenwood, SC. You Can Register Online at www.masc.sc.

X. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Pro Tem Mock made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., 2nd by Council Member Totherow; all were in favor.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER