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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION
Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

IV. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Council Member Totherow and 2nd by Council Member Storey to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting from April 17, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
B. A motion was made by Council Member Beaudrot and 2nd by Council Member Totherow to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee from April 23, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
C. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending March 31, 2023-- no changes were noted. The floor was opened for comments. After hearing none, A motion was made by Council Member Lown and seconded by Council Member Myers to approve the financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.
D. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending April 30, 2023—Financial Statements were not available.

V. LEGISLATION
A. ORDINANCE NO. 05-2023
   Second Reading on Ordinance No. 05-2023—An ordinance authorizing and directing the Town of Due West, S.C., to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to participate in one or more local revenue service programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto.
   
   A motion was made by Council Member Lown and 2nd by Council Member Storey. The motion carried to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 05-2023.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 06-2023
   First Reading on Ordinance No. 06-2023—An ordinance of the Town of Due West, S.C., authorizing budget amendments to Ordinance No. 01-2022, the Town’s Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, in the General Fund, Enterprise Fund and the Final 50% distribution allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund signed into law establishing the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, as presented in Exhibit A to the Ordinance.
   
   A motion was made by Council Member Myers and 2nd by Council Member Storey. The motion carried to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-2023.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023
   First Reading on Ordinance No. 07-2023—An ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year Budget beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for the General Fund, Enterprise Fund and ARPA Fund to provide for the collection of funds that are necessary for operational and capital expenditures, to provide for the receipt and expenditure of funds and other matters related thereto.
   
   A motion was made by Council Member Beaudrot and 2nd by Council Member Lown. The motion carried to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-2023.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023
   A resolution to appoint a registered elector living within the Due West Service Area of the Donalds-Due West Water and Sewer Authority's Board of Directors to same, R.D. McDill, Jr., whose term expires on June 30, 2026.
VI. REPORTS
A. MAYOR’S REPORT—No Report Provided
   1. Mayor reported that Bobby Clarke, Erskine’s Vice President of Operations, has met with us several times regarding the pool’s operations. They have a contract with the Town of Honea Path for life guards. At this time, there will be no wrist bands and no fee for the pool entrance. Mayor confirmed that we are not changing the contract.

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

C. ATTORNEY JOHN ANDREW BISHOP
   Attorney Bishop confirmed we’ve received an email from Randall Curtis, Director of Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections, noting the date change of our candidate filings. According to Section 12-7, our new date for the books to open is July 7th, a noon until July 20th at noon. Mayor Pro Tem Mock remembers he’s filed by petition in the past. We could pass a new ordinance. Attorney Bishop believes we need to look at the entire Section 7. Mayor Knight said we barely have time to change the dates. Attorney Bishop agreed it’s close. However, we still have time to repel and change the dates by ordinance. We can have the first reading at a Called Council Meeting on June 5th and the second reading at our Regular Council Meeting on June 19th.

D. FIRE—No Report Provided
   Fire Chief McClain reported they had hose testing last week and six failed. The County has a machine to repair four and they’ll have to buy two new hoses. The ladder truck is still operational, but a circuit board will have to be replaced at an estimated cost of $2,000. The Marines have moved out. Good group this time and they helped out on projects. Council Member Beaudrot brought up Zoning and believes changes need to be made. Mayor Pro Tem Mock thinks we need better wording. Chief McClain mentioned grass at 12” and the current 30 days to cut their grass. He thinks they can cut the time. Mayor Pro Tem Mock thinks we have an option to cut the grass and bill them. Council Member Beaudrot brought up 8” and 10-14 days. Mr. Krumwiede said it’s a nuisance.

E. POLICE—Report Provided
   Chief Maxwell reported it’s been quiet in Town since the Erskine students left. They’ve got Bella back and she’s certified. They’ll be field training for four weeks. He asked Council to look at budget and pray about it. He would be glad to discuss the budget with them. Mr. Krumwiede asked how did security go at Erskine’s graduation. Chief confirmed that Gov. McMaster brough his own security team. However, he brought in two full-time officers and one part-time officer.

F. UTILITIES—No Report Provided

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
   1. PARD Grant
      The Town of Due West has been allotted $6,000.00 from Abbeville County for the PARD Grant that comes through the State. We have projects going on at the Town’s Park with flag pole installation and benches. We must turn in documentation to Abbeville County by June 30, 2023. Fire Chief McClain mentioned the new flag pole came in. He has new flags he received from Rep. Craig Gagnon.

      Council Member Beaudrot made a motion to make a one-time gift of $2,000.00 to Erskine College for the pool’s maintenance and to run the pool and 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Mock. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   1. Peace Officers Memorial Day on Monday, May 15th
   2. Town Offices Will be Closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th
   3. Memorial Day’s Retiring of the Colors on May 29th at the Corner of Main Street and Strong Circle, Due West, S.C. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 54.
   4. Civic Events Committee Meeting Will be in Council Chambers on June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT
   Mayor Pro Tem Mock made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m., 2nd by Council Member Totherow; all were in favor.

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