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:  N/A
STAFF PRESENT:  Attorney John Andrew Bishop; Town Administrator David Krumweide; Kayla Davis, Clerk/Treasurer; Police Chief David Maxwell; Fire Chief Roy McClain.
STAFF ABSENT:  Attorney John Andrew Bishop, Utility Superintendent Lewis Saxton

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 the invocation was offered by Rev. Leland Beaudrot

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
Mayor Knight recognized Lee and Eleanor Logan as visitors and thanked them for coming.

IV. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Council Member Gayle Beaudrot and 2nd by Council Member Bob Mock to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting from September 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
B. A motion was made by Council Member Bob Mock and 2nd by Council Member Gayle Beaudrot to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee from October 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
C. A motion was made by Council Member Bob Mock and 2nd by Council Member Kitty Storey to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee from September 11, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
D. Monthly financials were sent to Cox Accounting on October 9, 2023 but they were not prepared in time for today’s meeting.

V. LEGISLATION
Mayor Knight advised there was no legislation to move forward with at this time.

VI. REPORTS
A. MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Knight showed all present council members the plaque that would be presented to Sandy Totherow (arrived at 6:10 PM). Mayor Knight thanked everyone for their assistance with the fall festival and stated that we have been invited back to Erskine’s campus next year for the fall festival.

Council Member Gayle Beaudrot took this opportunity to present Mayor Knight with a plaque thanking her for her years of service and dedication to the Town of Due West as well as stepping up to run for Mayor when no one else would.

B. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
No business per the Town Administrator David Krumweide.

C. ATTORNEY JOHN ANDREW BISHOP
Not present.

D. FIRE
Fire Chief Roy McClain provided everyone with a report from the fire department detailing the calls they have handled the past month. They were relatively busy over the past month. They had a structure fire yesterday (10/15/2023) and no one was hurt. Mayor Knight asked if there were any fire hydrants in the area and Fire Chief McClain stated that there were not and they had to work from the tankers. The residents did lose just about everything in the fire. Mayor Knight asked if they had smoke detectors and Fire Chief McClain advised that they did not find any in the home. He stated that a dog did die in the fire and a few firemen assisted the family in burying the dog for the family.

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Fire Chief McClain stated that one of the engines did not pass the pump test. Recently the engine has had 2 parts replaced and that did not fix the problems they were having with the truck and consequently it did not pass the annual pump test. They have decided to send it to Easley to be given a quote to repair the engine in person instead of asking someone to come here to fix it and paying their additional technicians.

Mayor Knight asked if the blitz for the smoke detectors went well. Fire Chief McClain advised that the blitz did go well and they plan to do another one and target the other side of town. They do have extras to give to people if they need it and they can call Town Hall or the Fire Department for a smoke detector.

Mayor Knight asked if there was some sort of alarm that could have gone off at the house fire to alert the neighbors. Fire Chief McClain advised that there wasn’t something like that he was aware of, only an audible burglar alarm.

Mayor Knight gave her thanks to everyone who had assisted with the successful fall festival. Council Member Chris Myers stated that he’s heard great things about the festival and that everyone loved the new location.

E. POLICE
Police Chief David Maxwell advised there was nothing to report; everything is going well. Council Member Jay Lown asked if the new patrolman was to thank for the increase in tickets. Chief Maxwell advised that he was responsible for a good portion of it and he knows they made a wise choice in hiring Ptl. Lollis.

F. UTILITIES
Fire Chief McClain spoke on behalf of the utilities company stating that everything was going well and that they would have fall pick up November 13th–16th at noon. He advised there was money leftover from the grant after the sewer company did what they were going to do to update the lines and they were going to do a smoke test with the remaining grant money to find other issues. Fire Chief McClain stated that this would catch a lot of problems like the gutters running into the system and causing water to be treated for free. This will also pressurize the lines those days and this will let them know where any cracks in the sewer lines are that need to be repaired.

Mayor Knight asked how many manholes there were. Fire Chief McClain stated that there were a lot of manhole covers. Mayor Knight stated that we had a great sewer system. Town Administrator David Krumwiede stated that the water affects the sewer greatly. Fire Chief McClain also advised that Carlos was getting a lot of information for other grants through RIA.

Mayor Knight advised that the TAPS grant was in the works and they will handle everything from engineering to bids for the sidewalk project. Town Administrator Krumwiede said that we needed to get with Dollar General about a set of stairs that go from the sidewalk to parking lot. Mayor Knight advised we would let DOT handle how they wanted to conduct that.

VII. OLD BUSINESS
No old business to discuss.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
Mayor Knight recognized Sandy Totherow for her years of service on Town Council and presented her with a plaque.

Mayor Knight asked if there was any other new business and there was none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Mayor Knight reminded everyone the fall trash pickup would be Monday, November 13th—Thursday, November 16th at noon.
B. Mayor Knight reminded everyone the next regular council meeting would be November 20th.
C. Mayor Knight reminded everyone of the election November 7th at the fire department to vote on a new mayor and three council member positions.
D. Council Member Gayle Beaudrot announced that Marty Yannarella would be hosting a veteran’s day ceremony where the flags are located on Strong Circle at 11:00 AM. There would be 2 speakers to include the then current mayor of Due West, and State Representative Craig Gagnon.
XI. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Knight asked if there was no other business, please make a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Mock made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m., 2nd by Council Member Sandy Totherow; all were in favor.

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CLERK/TREASURER