

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WATKINS BUILDING
November 17, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher W. Burton – Q&A session 5:30 to 6:00 pm

There were no questions from the public.

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular Council meeting to order at 6 pm. The Mayor asked Michelle Ashley, Fire/EMS Chaplain, to pray. All stood for the pledge to the flag. Members present: Mayor Christopher Burton, Beverly Crawford, Clerk/Treasurer, Council members: Andrew Sullivan, David Fields, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dot Evans and Jim Taylor.

Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2020. Fields seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton provided an update on the activities of the Fire/EMS department and asked Dr. Smith to provide additional information. Dr. Smith stated that effective November 30th, we terminated our relationship with Ambulance Pro, as they were not providing the level of service or revenue we expected. Dr. Smith and the Mayor evaluated several different companies to replace Ambulance Pro. After carefully reviewing various proposals, EMTech Revenue Management was chosen and will begin December 1, 2020.

Andy Sullivan announced that he will resign effective, December 31, 2020, as he and his wife will be moving to Clinton, SC, to be closer to his daughter and family. Sullivan stated that he encourages the Town to spend less money and stay within the budget. Sullivan stated that he has enjoyed his time with the Town and appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens of Honea Path.

Mayor Burton stated that we need to elect a Mayor Pro Temp to replace Sullivan. Mayor Burton stated that we need a motion to amend the agenda to elect a new Mayor Pro Temp. Sullivan made a motion to amend the agenda to add the above item to the agenda. Fields seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sullivan made a motion to nominate Taylor as Mayor Pro Temp. Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed. Taylor is now the new Mayor Pro Temp.

Mayor Burton stated that we need to set up an election to replace Sullivan. Mayor Burton stated that we need a motion to amend the agenda to allow the Mayor and Attorney King to review the SC state laws and set up the election to fill the unexpired term of Sullivan. Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to add the above item to the agenda. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to allow the Mayor and Attorney King to review the SC state laws and set up the election to fill the unexpired term of Sullivan. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton passed out a proposed ordinance regarding food vendors. See attached. Taylor made a motion to bring up the proposed ordinance regarding food vendors. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Mayor and council members discussed the above proposed ordinance regarding food vendors. There was no decision on the above issue.

Sullivan discussed in detail the HP Christmas parade and the proposed route. See attached.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked that we go over the budget. The budget information for FY2020-21 was presented in detail. The revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Funds and the Fire/EMS department was reviewed in detail. The revenue is coming in very slowly for the Fire/EMS

department. The main problems are: patients are not paying their bills, declining reimbursements for EMS services from patients, Medicare, Medicaid and individual insurance.

Mayor Burton announced that we have modified the water tank loan with The Commercial Bank by reducing the interest rate from 3.9% to 2%.

Mayor Burton stated that the low bid to install new concrete sidewalk for Carolina Avenue was \$3,400. Robinson made a motion to amend the agenda to add the above item to the agenda. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed. Robinson made a motion to accept the lowest bid for the new concrete sidewalk above. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Dr. Smith presented the information and bids on the proposed new ambulance and 3 LifePaks units. See attached bids. Robinson made a motion to amend the agenda to add the above items to the agenda. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed. Taylor made a motion to accept the lowest bids for the new 2020 Transit Type II ambulance and 3 LifePaks units and to allow the Mayor to go out for bids for a loan/lease to finance the above items. See attached bids. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Fields made a motion to go into executive session for contractual issues. Seconded by Taylor seconded the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Seconded by Evans and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Christopher Burton
Mayor

Beverly K. Crawford
Clerk/Treasurer