

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WATKINS BUILDING  
February 16, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular Council meeting to order at 6 pm. The Mayor asked Captain Elder to pray. All stood for the pledge to the flag. Members present: Mayor Christopher Burton, Beverly Crawford, Clerk/Treasurer, Council members: Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dot Evans and Jim Taylor.

Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton announced that the election for the unexpired term for Ward 1, will be conducted by the Anderson County Election Commission on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7 am to 7 pm. The location will be at Town Hall (204 South Main Street) for all wards.

Mayor Burton announced that feral cats are being taken to PAWS to be neutered or spayed and released.

Mayor Burton announced that we need to large dump trailers for the Maintenance Dept. The estimated cost for both is \$15,000. This will be discussed at the March meeting in more detail.

Mayor Burton discussed again eliminating the monthly \$5 Fire/EMS fee effective April 1, 2021. This recommendation is based on the improved performance of EMTech Revenue Management Company that replaced Ambulance Pro. At this time, the revenues are coming in better and hopefully this will continue. Based on improved cash flow and refinancing debt, Mayor Burton recommended eliminating the monthly \$5 Fire/EMS fee. After much discussion, Robinson made a motion for the second and final reading to eliminate the monthly \$5 Fire/EMS fee effective April 1, 2021. Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the above motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Burton stated that the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Committee has recommended amending the zoning map to reflect changes that were made in error on printing the map colors for U Street. All of U Street should be R-10.

Taylor made a motion to approve on first reading the above recommended change. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton stated that the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Committee has recommended amending Article IV – Section 401.1 – Permitted Uses – Section A – to:

- A. Single family dwellings that meet the International Building Code.

This amendment removes “modular homes” from permitted uses in R-10 – Single Family Residential District.

Taylor made a motion to approve on first reading the above recommended change. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton stated that the Zoning Committee had one more recommendation. The Zoning Committee recommended amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow commercial use at 103 Sanders Street.

Taylor made a motion to approve on first reading the above recommended change. Perritt seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton discussed the need to review the water/sewer deposit fees for rental property as the Town is losing money from tenants leaving Town with large bills.

Mayor Burton asked both candidates running for Ward 1 council seat to introduce themselves and gave them the opportunity to make a statement. Both Mr. Earle Ashley and Mr. Travis Bradley introduced themselves and stated their reasons to run for town council.

Diversity Day - February 21, 2021 - 1:30pm - 4:30pm - Mayor Burton reported that the committee is working hard on Diversity Day scheduled on February 21, 2021.

The FY2020-21 budget and the water/sewer information was presented. The cash flow for the Fire/EMS has greatly improved in large part to the new billing services company - EMTech, LLC - Gaffney, SC.

Mayor Burton announced that the Town will have a budget workshop next council meeting date, April 20, 2021, at 5 pm. The public is welcomed to attend.

It is very important for all to file the 2021 Statement of Economic Interest report online prior to March 30, 2021. This report must be filed online at [ethics.sc.gov](http://ethics.sc.gov).

Two new police officers were introduced: Officer Tim Wright and Officer Joe Jarrell, Jr.

Chief James Smith presented the annual HP Fire Dept. report showing all calls and response times for 2020.

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

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Seconded by Robinson 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

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