

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WATKINS BUILDING
January 19, 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: David Fields, Jean Perrett, Dot Evans and Jim Taylor.

Fields made a motion to approve the minutes from December 15, 2020, with a correction to change the council member seconding the motion to approve the prior meeting's minutes from Sullivan to Taylor. Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton announced that the unexpired term for Ward 1, will have the books opened to file for placing names on the ballot on January 15, 2021, at noon, and the books will close at noon on January 25th, 2021. The election will be conducted the Anderson County Election Commission on Tuesday, March 30th, from 7 am to 7 pm. The location will be at Town Hall (204 South Main Street) for all wards.

Mayor Burton announced that Alton Davis has resigned and we will have a new officer soon.

Keith Dunn – Town Engineer - Capital Improvements Plan – Sewer - Keith Dunn gave an update on the Still Branch low pressure system. Dunn passed out a map of the service area and reviewed the estimated cost to make needed repairs.

The Town currently spends approximately \$120,000 per year to repair the entire sewer system for the Town of Honea Path. Dunn stated that the Corner Creek basin makes up about ½ of the sewer system in Honea Path. The Town has over 38 miles of sewer lines and approximately 800 manholes. Dunn said that we need to spend approximately \$1.5 million per year for ten years to keep up the needed repairs for the Corner Creek basin sewer lines repair. The specific items that need to be repaired are identified in the attached Capital Improvement Plan that has been submitted to SCDHEC. The Town is applying for various grants to help repair our sewer system.

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.

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.

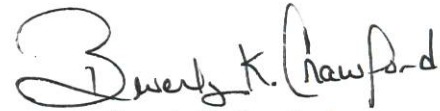
Evans asked what we do when residents move out and leave furniture on the street. Mayor reported that we can leave a truck or trailer for the resident to place old furniture and trash in.

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

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

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

Christopher Burton
Mayor



Beverly K. Crawford
Clerk/Treasurer

**TOWN OF HONEA PATH
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WATKINS BUILDING
January 26, 2021
6:00 P.M.**


Mayor Christopher Burton called the called Council meeting to order at 6 pm. The Mayor prayed. Members present: Mayor Christopher Burton, Beverly Crawford, Clerk/Treasurer, Council members: David Fields, Jean Perrett, Dot Evans and Jim Taylor.

Dr. Sanders asked to speak. Dr. Sanders spoke on feral cats as the Director of Anderson County PAWS. She stated that there was a better way to deal with feral cats that exterminating them. She strongly recommended capturing them and have them spaded. Then release them back into their nature environment. She stated that PAWS could begin the program next week. All of the council members and the Mayor agreed with her recommendations.


Mayor Burton recommended eliminating the monthly \$5 Fire/EMS fee effective March 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 effective March 1, 2021. After much discussion, Fields made a motion for a first reading to eliminate the monthly \$5 Fire/EMS fee effective March 1, 2021. Robinson seconded the motion. After much discussion regarding the continued increased revenue, all voted in favor of the above motion, except for Taylor who voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Burton recommended to use \$3,000 from the Hospitality Fund for Diversity Day. These funds will be used for catered food, postage, mailing and other items. Evans made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Mayor, Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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



Christopher Burton
Mayor



Beverly K. Crawford
Clerk/Treasurer