

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
November 21, 2023
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 5 council woman, Dot Evans and Ward 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Earle Ashley to pray. Mayor Christopher Burton asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the election results for Ward 2, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 4 Marie Jenkins, and Ward 6 Jim Taylor. Mayor Christopher Burton asked Clerk Treasurer Amanda Porter to read the results of the Mayor (see attached official results in Anderson County Board of Elections).

Mayor Christopher Burton recognized Beverly Crawford and Robert Greer as the Election Commissioners.

Sheila Caldwell was sworn in for Ward 2 by her son, Jeremy and her Grandson Cash held the Bible. Jim Taylor was sworn in for Ward 6 by William Hall, and Mayor Christopher Burton held the Bible. Mayor Christopher Burton was sworn in as Mayor by his daughter, Aleah Burton and his step-daughter Morgan Ricketts held the Bible. Marie Jenkins was sworn in as new council member for Ward 4 by her daughter Jessica, and her son Logan held the Bible. Mayor Christopher Burton then presented Council Woman Marie Jenkins with her name plate.

Mayor Christopher Burton then called for a one minute recess to allow visitors that wanted to leave to do so.

Mayor Christopher Burton then called the meeting back to order. Mayor Christopher Burton then announced the first order of business is to select Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Jim Taylor was selected by secret ballot 6-0.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that the Judge and Town Attorney would be voted on at the next council meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting. Dot Evans made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Taylor seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 5 to 0.

No citizens spoke at this meeting.

Hall updated the FY23-24 budget. Hall announced that we paid off the air packs for the Fire Department in October 2023. Hall presented a new request for air tanks for \$46,241.12. See attached proposal. Hall presented two bids to finance the above air tanks. The low bid was The Commercial Bank at 5.5%, beginning in February 2024, for a period of 60 months. These funds are already in the budget for the new year and will be budgeted in the new budget year. Hall stated that property taxes are beginning to come in now, and the Town did not have to borrow additional funds. Good news, the town budgeted revenues are running ahead of projections and sewer expense to Ware Shoals are running below projections, thanks to less rainfall, new grinder pumps, and the great job that the town maintenance crew has done fixing broken sewer lines.

Loretta Mulle had requested funds for Wreaths Across America from the Town hospitality funds. Town council approved \$500 to fund this request. Taylor made the motion to approve and Perrett seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

No new business at this meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton thanked Daniel Johnson for the Meet and Greet he held at Fiddle and Bow. Mayor Christopher Burton also thanked Sam Gilmer and Sheila Caldwell and all others involved in decorating Main Street to make it look beautiful for Christmas this year.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the Festival of Trees on December 2, from 12-2 p.m., along with the parade at 11 a.m. that same day.

Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss C-Funds. Ashley seconded the motion and it passed to amend the agenda. Mayor Christopher Burton presented the C-Fund resolution which included the following roads, see attached.

Motion to approve the above resolution was made by Taylor, and seconded by Ashley, all voted unanimously in favor.

Taylor made the motion to go into executive session. Perrett seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Ashley seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer