

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
October 17, 2023
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Earle Ashley Ward 1 council member, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 2 council woman, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett Ward 4, council woman Rebecca Robinson, and Dot Evans, Ward 5 council woman and Ward 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Chief Smith to pray. Mayor Christopher Burton asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023, meeting. Ashley 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, 6 to 0.

Mayor Christopher Burton thanked all citizens who attended the meeting tonight and reminded everyone of the Honea Path's upcoming November 7, 2023 election for Mayor and council wards 2, 4 and 6.

Mayor Burton reminded everyone about Treats on Main. Mrs. Loretta Mulle spoke on the Wreaths Across America, representing the DAR. Mrs. Mulle reminded the group of the memorial service at Eastview Cemetery. Mrs. Mulle gave Mayor Burton a certificate for flying the US Flag properly.

Hall present a recommendation from the Town Auditors to increase the amount expensed for capital items from the current \$500 to \$5,000. This will result in more closely matching expenditures with current activities in the Town funds. Robinson made a motion to adopt the above motion and it was seconded by Taylor, and the motion passed.

Hall stated that the FY2022-23 annual audit is available for public inspection. It is available on a PDF format or hard copy. Please contact the Clerk/Treasurer for more information.

Robinson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Agreement for LRS (see attached) as the second and final reading and it was seconded by Taylor, and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton reviewed the information from Keith Dunn, regarding federal and state funds that do not require a match. The funding is from the SC Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority. These funds will be used to upgrade our water and sewer infrastructure. Taylor made a motion to adopt the resolution to accept the funding as presented and it was seconded by Caldwell, and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton reviewed the information from Keith Dunn, regarding federal funds that do not require a match. The funding is from the SC Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority. These funds are in addition to the funding above. These funds will also be used to upgrade our water and sewer infrastructure. The estimated total funding from both grants is approximately \$7.3 million. Taylor made a motion to adopt the resolution to accept the funding as presented and it was seconded by Perrett, and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton made a recommendation to permanently appoint Mrs. Amanda L. Porter, as Clerk/Treasurer, for the Town of Honea Path. Robinson made a motion to accept the recommendation from the mayor, and the motion was seconded by Taylor, and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton informed the group about the “meet and greet” for the candidates that are running for Mayor and Council wards 2, 4 and 6. The event will be held on October 24, 2023, at the Fiddle and Bow. Mayor Burton introduced all of the candidates who are running for office for the November 7th election.

Daniel Johnson spoke on the Facebook group, Honea Path Bulletin Board, and informed the group that Amy Wood, from WSPA, would moderate the above event.

No other items from the council members.

Robinson spoke on the Fall Festival and stated that it was the best Fall Festival ever, and thanked everyone involved and especially the Town’s Maintenance group.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Ashley seconded, all voted on favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer