

Town of Honea Path

Council Meeting

January 18, 2023

Mayor called the meeting to order, salute to flag for Pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor asked Mr. Hall to pray. All was present, Mayor Burton, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer, Earle Ashley Ward 1 council member, Sheila Caldwell Ward 2 council woman, Jean Perrett Ward 3 Council woman, Rebecca Robinson Ward 4 Council woman, Dot Evans Ward 5 Council Woman, and Jim Taylor Ward 6 council member.

Mayor Burton asked to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022 council meeting. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as they have been written, as Ms. Perrett seconded as approved as written. All approved of the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered.

Open remarks no one signed up for citizens remarks.

Mayor Burton asked the Youth Council to discuss their events for December 2022. The youth council member helped Mrs. Fredda in the museum, and they also helped at Food Pantry. Youth council also made sure the Blessing Box was stocked. Kaleb Griffin was their sponsorship for the Honea Path Parade, the youth council also helped with the Wreaths across America and volunteered in many other places for the month of December, and January.

Mayor Burton swore in Zoey Smith for the Youth Council. Stephanie Hughes held the Bible.

Mayor Burton wanted to recognition BHP cheerleaders. Mayor gave Coach Cooley and her Varsity Cheerleaders an award on the placement of the 2022-2023 State Championship. The mayor also gave out a small gift to the Cheerleaders. It was a gift card to Starbucks from the Mayor and Council Members. Also, Coach Cooley introduced her varsity Cheerleaders.

Mayor called Chief Smith up to present a plaque from Mayor and Town Council to the Fire Department for their outstanding services saving a life on the call of duty on December 17, 2022. The mayor asked Chief Smith to introduce his firefighters/ officers that were on scene and came to the council meeting to be recognized. Chief Smith discussed the scene that happened on December 17, 2022. A call came in as electrocution, the Fire Department arrived on scene in about 2 minutes. As the patient went into cardiac arrest, the firemen gave resuscitation, CPR, and had to defibulate the patient. By the time EMS arrived which was about 11 to 13 minutes later, the patient was breathing on her own.

Mayor Burton sworn in new Police Chief Barry New, and Delana New held the Bible.

Mayor wanted to discuss the WCC Watkins damage report, during the cold weather in December around Christmas. A sprinkler head freeze and bust, that was under the WCC which caused thousands of gallons under the WCC, that resulted in flood damaging the food pantry.

Mayor asked Hall to give his remarks on the behalf of the damage as the adjuster came out after a file was claimed. The. damage that was quoted was \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 worth of damage. We will get the carpet replaced in the food Pantry.

Mayor asked Mrs. Porter to discuss the Anderson County Municipal Association that there was a Anderson County Municipal Association dinner on January 26, 2023 at 7:00 at Tuckers. Mayor took head count for the Municipal Association dinner. 12 total from the Town of Honea Path.

Mayor wanted to recognize someone that always comes to our monthly council meetings. He works really hard for our town. Mayor recognized Mr. Charlie Battle for all his dedication to the town of Honea Path.

Chief Smith gave an annual Fire Dept report to the public. (Attached is report in minute book)

Mr. Taylor wanted to also say a big thank you to Honea Path Fire Department for the response time dedication, and time that they put into the town. As the response time says a lot about our Fire Department.

Ms. Evans wanted to thank everyone that has participated in, the events that the Planning Committee has put on. Ms. Evans spoke on behalf of the success of the New Year's Gala. Ms. Evans also wanted to remind other of the Black History month event in February on February 19, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. at the WCC. Evans also has expressed that she has asked for merchants to be sponsors for 2023 year, so that children can have blow up toys at events for free to the citizens of the town. Mayor expressed that we are not using tax payers monies for these events.

Ms. Caldwell wanted to express gratitude to the ribbon cutting at Nature Fye it was a really good turnout.

Mr. Ashley wanted to personally thank Chief Smith on the time and volunteer(s) that they put into the Town of Honea Path.

Ms. Evans wanted to remind Mr. Pace about sign ups still going on, and then Mr. Pace wanted to show appreciation to Chief Smith.

Taylors made a motion to go into Executive Session, second by Ms. Caldwell, all voted in favor.

Taylor motioned Perret Ashley seconded to move back to regular session, all voted in favor.

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

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Christopher W Burton , Mayor

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Leslie Walker Clerk & Treasurer

**HONEA PATH FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2022**

**CALL TYPES:** STRUCTURE FIRES.....40  
VEHICLE FIRES..... 4  
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.....90  
GRASS/TRASH FIRES.....56  
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.....67  
FALSE ALARMS.....100  
FIRST RESPONDER CALLS.....1225  
SERVICE CALLS.....198  
OTHER CALLS.....39  
**TOTAL FIRE CALLS.....1819**

**PROPERTY AT RISK: \$ 61,153,890**

**PROPERTY LOSS: \$ 293,780**

**PROPERTY SAVED: \$ 60,860,110**

**CIVILIAN INJURIES: 1      CIVILIAN DEATHS: 0**

**FIREFIGHTER INJURIES: 0**

**AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME: 02:42**

**SMOKE DETECTORS INSTALLED 55**

**BUSINESS INSPECTIONS 152**

**RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS 79**

**TRAINING CLASSES 560      TRAINING HOURS 15,165**

**SUBMITTED BY CHIEF J.A. SMITH, M.D.**

**1/17/23**