

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
May 17, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor asked for the pledge of the flag, and asked Mr. Ashley to pray. Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer. Council Members: Earle Ashley, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, and Dorothy "Dot" Evans with one vacant seat of Ward 2.

Evans made a motion to approve the regular minutes from the April 19, 2022 as written. Had to amend the agenda to make a correction on the 5th paragraph as Mr. Ashley made a second not Fields. Perrett seconded. All voted in favor, 1 vacant seat all in motion passed. (All council members approved)

Evans made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 as written. Robinson seconded. 3 voted in favor, 1 vacant seat, 1 substantial all in motion passed.

Janet Phillips discussed her concern about littering in the area of Pruitt Street in the trailer park area, and the speed on Pruitt near the day care. Stated that speed bumps would be ideal for the area. Boseman informed Mrs. Phillips that he will get a police officer to run radar on that road to secure safety. Dr. Smith stated that with the littering in the facility of the trailer park, that himself or Paul McGaha Assistant could enforce codes as well. As, Mr. Giovannetti has a sick daughter he maybe out got a while.

Taylor asked for approval of council members for payment of an invoice \$34,825.00 from ARP funds to be paid for the work being done on the storage tank rehab project. Ashley made the motion, and Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Taylor asks Hall to give us a review of the updated FY 2021-2022 budget. As it is no surprise that there is a smaller deficit in General Funds. With gas prices, oil, repair, and maintenance increasing we are over. A 30% increase in the prices of piping, and another 30% increase by the end of the year. Expenditures are higher than normal, but cashflow is positive so far.

Ashley wanted to discuss in new business a concern of roaming dogs. Ashley stated that a citizen was outside and the roaming dog came towards her. She got a way then the roaming dogs came back towards her. Chief Boseman was informed that the concerned citizen had called the town's Police Department, no one answered the phone and phone call did not go to Dispatch. Boseman informed that the best way to get a police officer is by calling 9-1-1- about a roaming dog.

Dr. Smith requested approval of spending some funds. The funds would be for the parking lot to fix the crown in the back of the building and to add letters to the front of the building state Honea Path Fire Department.

Robinson motioned to amend the agenda. Perrett seconded for the amendment of the agenda. All in favor to amend.

Chief Smith requested \$19,100.00 for the parking lot to fix the crown of the parking lot to improve water drainage in the back parking lot area of the back of the Fire Department. Chief Smith also wanted to request approval of \$2,500.00 for letters to go on the front of the Fire Department. These funds are coming from Fire/EMS funds, not anything to be used with the budget Robinson motioned and Ashely seconded. All in favor.

No additional new business, Taylor asked King if any need to go into executive session. King stated no topics that he is aware of.

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

James Taylor, Sr.
Pro-Tem Mayor

Leslie Walker
Clerk /Treasurer