

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

Mayor Burton called the meeting to order and asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Burton asked Mr. Ashley to pray. All were 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 the council to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes the minutes of January 18, 2023, as written. Ms. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered.

Open remarks: no one signed up for citizens remarks.

Mayor Burton reminded the group of the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Chandler Karate on February 25, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Burton asked Captain Elder to recognize the 8 under football team. Elder recognized and comment on each player and the outstanding job that they did during the past season. Mayor Burton also recognized Mr. Jose Acaba. The Town of Honea Path honored Mr. Jose Acaba, with a plaque, in recognition for the contribution that was given with his talents to the beautification of our beloved town with the painting of the beautiful mural.

Mayor Burton asked the Youth Council to discuss their events for January 2023. The youth council members helped Mrs. Freda Gilmer in the museum, and they also helped at Food Pantry. The youth council also made sure the Blessing Box was stocked.

Mr. Wayne Willis, from CC&I discussed with the Mayor and council his company that perform inspections for the Town of Honea Path. The Mayor and council stated that they would review his proposal.

Mayor Burton announced that the Hospitality Budget request for FY2023-24 must be in by the next council meeting. The first reading on the FY2023-24 budget will be in April and the second and final reading will be in May 2023. Mayor Burton has worked with the department heads to review all budgets item by item. It will be a very tight budget and we are all working to provide the best services to the citizens of Honea Path in the most cost-effective matter.

The FY22-23 budget was passed out and reviewed.

Mayor Burton reported that the South Carolina Municipal Association will have their annual meeting in Greenville, SC, at the Hyatt Regency, from July 27 to 30.

The annual meeting gives elected officials the opportunity to network with other elected officials to share ideas, concerns and proven strategies.

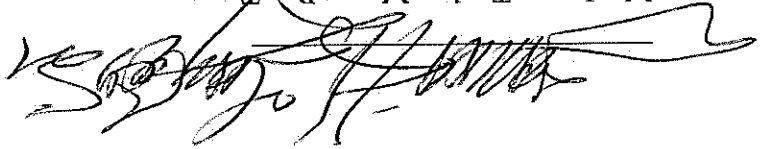
Municipal officials also have the opportunity, during the meeting, to view the latest products and services for municipalities at the Exhibitor Showcase. Exhibitor information is mailed in early spring. Mayor Burton encouraged all council members to attend this important training session and it is in Greenville and the cost will be low to attend.

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

Taylor motioned made a motion to move back to regular session, Perrett seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

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

Mr. James Taylor, Mayor Pro Temp



Leslie Walker, Clerk & Treasurer

