

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
September 17, 2024
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 Council Member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 Council Lady, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 Council Lady, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 Council Lady, Marie Jenkins, and Ward 5 Council Lady, Dot Evans, and Ward 6 Mayor Pro Tempore, Jim Taylor.

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

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 regular meeting. Jenkins made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor, it is so ordered, 6 to 0.

Mayor Christopher Burton then asked Chief Miller to introduce his new officer Lieutenant Brandon Davis.

Andrew Feltman, a citizen, had signed up to be on the agenda to speak. Andrew Feltman did not have anything to speak on that was related to any items that were on the agenda. Mr. Feltman has concerns with communication within the town and wanted to express this to council. Mayor Christopher Burton and council listened to his concerns and appreciated him coming.

There was not a Youth Council update since Ms. Tina Scott was not there to represent them. Ms. Tina Scott is the Leader of this group of young people.

Matt McCullough recommended that the town spend \$30,283.92 on the electrical upgrade of the Parker Road Lift Station. This amount is the quote given Saminco International. Taylor made a motion to accept this recommendation, and Caldwell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 6-0.

There was then discussion of the MASC grant. This grant is for \$25,000, and will have to be matched by the town by 5%, which would be \$1,250.

Mayor Christopher Burton then asked Jan Bratcher, Grant Writer for the town, to give an update on another facade grant that she has been working on. She explained that this would give some of the businesses on Main Street, that did not participate the first time, a chance to do so. This would be presented with lower amounts, so that the ones that can't afford to do as much, does not have to.

Mayor Christopher Burton then recognized the volunteers that helped with the town clean up on September 7. Ashley spoke highly of how good it looked on Main Street and on parts of the Mill Village that they were able to work on, and he thanked all that came to be a part of it. Caldwell thanked Kirby Sanitation and Jan Bratcher for providing lunch for all who helped; she also thanked Timken for lunch on September 21, for the 125th anniversary celebration of the company, that Mayor and Council were invited to join. Jenkins bragged on the children and how much they helped, along with their parents with cleaning up.

Mayor Christopher Burton then presented the Free Clinic a check for \$500, in honor of Lollis Meyers' Day.

Mayor Christopher Burton presented to council a quote on an electronic sign for the town. This amount was for approximately \$27,000.

Mayor Christopher Burton recognized CKH to present an estimated time budget for a forensic audit.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the Fall Festival coming up on October 11-12, and that all vendor spots are full. Treats on Main will be coming up on October 31, for the town merchants to give out candy.

In new business, Evans thanked Cedric Moss for having the rodeo on Hwy. 178 on September 6-7, 2024. Perrett asked for an update on Polly Moore's request for a stop sign on U Street. Ashley thanked the Free Clinic for all that they do to help the citizens of the town. Matt stated that they were cleaning up Main Street for the Fall Festival, and doing the best they can with what they have to work with.

Taylor then made a motion to go into executive session, and Perrett seconded. All were in Favor 6-0, and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to come out of executive session and back to regular, Perrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor 6-0.

Taylor made a motion for council to adopt the ordinance for the Police Department, that had been tabled from the previous meeting, as it had been revised. Caldwell seconded this motion and all were in favor, and the motion passed 6-0.

Jenkins made a motion to adjourn, Taylor seconded and all voted in favor 6-0, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer