

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024
6 PM**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor prayed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the council to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 regular meeting. Ashley made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes 5-0, and it is so ordered.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor reminded everyone of the Independence Day Celebration starting at 4pm and the pool opening at 1pm to the public, on June 29, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked Tim Pace for an update on the town pool pump. Tim said it was expected to be up and running again at least by the day of the event for the Fourth of July. Tim also stated that there had been generous donations given to go toward the repair of the pool pump, in the amount of \$2500, given by Sarah Atkins from Beyond Care (\$1000), Mark McCoy from McCoy Lumber (\$1000), and Thomas Washington (\$500). He expressed gratitude from him and from the town.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor then announced the ribbon cutting that was scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 22 at 9am, for The Cultured Collective, the newest business addition to the town.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor also informed of the work on the storm drain that had been completed by SCDOT, and of the trees at 309 North Main Street that had been taken care of.

There was no Youth Council Update at this meeting since the leader of this group, Ms. Tina Scott, was not present.

The discussion of the Clatworthy property was tabled.

The discussion of the FOIA requests from Tina Scott consisted of getting documents copied for her and was then tabled for executive session.

The annex of BHP Hwy discussion was also tabled for executive session.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor informed that the vinyl needs replacing on the top of the WCC and Town Hall building. This would be paid for by the town and WCC, the cost would be split in half. The cost was set to be no more than \$4000, and the town will pay their part out of the hospitality fund. Evans made a motion to proceed, and Perrett seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

The discussion of bond hearings being held in Honea Path was to be discussed in executive session.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor stated that the town pool pump had locked down and was being rebuilt.

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
May 21, 2024
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman, Marie Jenkins, Ward 5 council woman, 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, and Mayor Christopher Burton asked the Police Officers to lead it. Mayor Christopher Burton asked Reverend Chris Arries to pray.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular 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 then asked the council to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 special called meeting. Ashley made a motion to accept and Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 6 to 0.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked if anyone needed to speak, and Jodie Fleming then gave an update on the Farmer's Market. She also gave Honea Path's Got Talent information, and answered questions citizens may have had on why she is so helpful to the town. Mayor Christopher Burton then thanked Jodie, Sam and Gayle Arries for all the time and hard work they put into events for the town.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Chief Miller to introduce his officers, to make the public aware of who they are, since we have so many new ones. Christy Goolsby and Gordon Chatham are the only officers left from the previous administration. The Town of Honea Path's Police Officers are as follows: Chief Christopher Miller, HPE SRO Gordon Chatham, HPMS SRO Jimmy Shelton, Sgt. Kenneth Sibley, Cpl. Christy Goolsby, Officer Bailey DeWitt, Officer Ryan Spencer, Officer Jordan Smith, Officer Cody Robinson, Officer Kevin Jones, who will also serve as animal control, Officer Jacob Wooten, Officer Jeff Trahan, Officer Kevin Jones, and also at the police academy is Officer Tyler Miller.

Mayor Christopher Burton then offered a 30 second recess, to let the officers take a picture and get back to work.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, Senator Mike Gambrell and State Representative Jay West would be at Town Hall to present a \$300,000 check for a new soccer field, from grant money from South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism. There was a press conference shortly afterward at the Chiquola Mill Site, to announce the awarding of the Brownsfield Grant that was applied for in 2023, to clean off the Mill Site and get it ready to be redeveloped. The money from this should start being funded in October of 2024, and hopefully see things happening at the site in January of 2025. This is in hopes of having the property bought and construction started by 2026.

Mayor Christopher Burton made the announcement to the public of Governor Henry McMaster making an appearance at the Watkins Community Center at 10:30 on Friday, May 24. He will be here to announce his endorsement for Jay West. Anyone is welcome to come to this event.

There was no Youth Council Update at this meeting since the leader of this group, Ms. Tina Scott, was not present.

Council woman Caldwell stated that Elizabeth Street needed to be filled in from the construction that PUCC had done in this area.

Mayor Christopher Burton then brought up discussing trash service for the town. D & S Sanitation and Kirby Sanitation are the two companies that have given quotes for this.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked for a motion on the second reading on the increase of water rates, which would be 10 cents per 1000 gallons. Taylor made the motion to accept the increase and Caldwell and Jenkins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Christopher Burton then asked for a motion for the second reading on the FY24-25 Budget. Ashley made the motion and Taylor and Perrett made the second, and all were in favor and the motion passed 6-0.

Rebecca Fulk then stood and asked to speak. She was concerned about the sidewalks and the dumpster on South Main Street. Chief Miller assured her this would be taken care of the next day. She also included that she wanted tennis courts in Honea Path. She was told that someone is working to try and get grants for tennis and pickle ball courts.

In new business, Taylor reminded everyone that the BHP Softball team would be coming through town at 8:30 on their way to play for the State Championship and to please support them. Evans told Sam and Jodie to be sure and use the other planning committee members and not try to do it all themselves. Jenkins took a moment to brag on the Dogwood Garden Club for their hard work. Caldwell told how good the swings at the park look, and thanked the officers for all they do. Ashley inquired about the trees overhanging roads and about water running into 2 yards in his ward.

Taylor then made a motion to go into executive session, with Perrett to second, and all were in favor.

Taylor again made a motion, this time to come out of executive session, Ashley seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton brought up a recommendation from Chief Miller for a need for rifles for the HPPD. Taylor recommended Council amend the agenda to vote on purchasing rifles. Taylor made the motion and Caldwell seconded and all were in favor. Taylor made the motion to discuss purchasing 12 rifles for \$700 or less, and to allocate this money out of the FY24-25 budget. Perrett seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. Jenkins moved to amend the agenda to include a budgetary move of funds of \$7800 from Precision Predator to police supplies line item. Taylor seconded this motion and all were in favor 6-0, and it is so ordered.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Perrett seconded and all voted in favor.



Christopher Burton, Mayor



Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

Town of Honea Path
Special Called Council Meeting
May 13, 2024
6:00 PM

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

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the group to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Christopher Burton then asked Mrs. Perrett to pray.

Mayor Christopher Burton informed that this meeting was specifically called to open the sealed bids that had been turned in for the piece of Chiquola Mill Property that was up for bid. Mayor Christopher Burton opened the only bid the town received and it was from Tonya Haddock. This bid included her statement of experience, as well as a timeline she prepared for the project as a whole, to give council an idea of the milestones to develop this property for senior housing. Taylor made a motion to accept the bid and Ashley and Caldwell both seconded at the same time. All 6 council members were in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Jenkins seconded and all voted in favor, and it is so ordered.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
April 16, 2024
6 PM**

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman, Marie Jenkins, and Ward 5 council woman, Dot Evans. Mayor Christopher Burton was unexpectedly not present due to illness.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked everyone to join him in prayer.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the council to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 regular meeting. Ashley made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 5 to 0. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the council to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 special called meeting. Caldwell made a motion to accept and Jenkins seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5 to 0. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor then asked the council to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024 special called meeting. Evans made a motion to accept the minutes and Perrett seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0 with all being in favor.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor recognized Daniel Johnson, a citizen of the town, that had asked to speak at the meeting. He made a request that the sidewalk on North Main Street be cleared from fallen trees and limbs from a storm. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked Matt McCullough if he would please get his crew to clear the sidewalk. Mr. Johnson also asked if Yield Street could be left open during Town events to prevent trucks from taking Shirley Avenue for the reason of avoiding damage from these trucks in that area. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor said he would talk with the planning committee and look at this matter closer to the time of the events. The owner of D & S Sanitation, a company located in Belton, spoke on the growth of his sanitation business. He stated that he would love to have Honea Path as a customer in the future.

There was no Youth Council Update at this meeting since the leader of this group, Ms. Tina Scott, was not present.

Chief Smith announced that a piece of Chiquola Mill Site was up for bid.

Chief Smith informed everyone that Anderson County will be handling the demolition of abandoned houses.

Chief Smith then called for the second reading for the Property and Maintenance Ordinance. Jenkins made a motion to accept the ordinance and Ashley seconded. All council members voted in favor, and the motion passed 5 to 0.

Chief Miller brought before council the second reading of the Binding Ordinance Lawful. Caldwell made the motion to accept and Jenkins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion to accept passed 5 to 0.

Chief Miller then asked to have the second reading on the Ordinance Prohibiting Tent Camps within the Town Limits. This gives the police the ability to make charges. Ashley made a motion to accept and Caldwell seconded. All 5 council members voted in favor.

Chief Miller also recommended to have the second reading on drug paraphernalia. Jenkins made the motion to accept and Perrett made the second. All 5 council members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Matt McCullough announced the water rates will go up 5% the first of August. This would mean that the Town of Honea Path would have to also increase water rates. Caldwell made a motion to accept this as the first reading and discuss the increase amount later, and Ashley made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed 5 to 0.

The first reading on the FY 24-25 Budget also took place at this meeting. Matthew Moore, the financial consultant for the town, brought before council the proposed budget. Jenkins made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Caldwell seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor informed that he had spoken with Senator Mike Gambrell, and he is pursuing the project to take down dying trees in the town that could seriously damage property.

On to new business, Council Woman Marie Jenkins had a complaint of loose and vicious dogs in her ward. She had tried contacting Precision Predator with no response. They later talked with the mayor and said that they had hired someone to catch these dogs and were trying to get him class 3 certified. Matt McCoullough announced that he has gotten quotes from D & S Sanitation, Kirby Sanitation and Gambrell's Sanitation, in hopes of getting someone to take on the sanitation routes for the town. Chief Miller announced that Cody Robinson had graduated from the Police Academy and that Jeff Trahan had been hired, he came to us from the city of Union. Tim Pace informed he would speak to council in executive session. Sam encouraged citizens and council to attend Walk with the Docs on Saturday, April 27, 2024 and Jodie Fleming asked for votes on a favorite T-shirt design for the new town shirts.

Ashley made the motion to go into executive session. Perrett seconded, all voted in favor and it was so ordered.

Ashley made a motion to come out of executive session. Jenkins seconded the motion and all were in favor and it was so ordered.

Jenkins made a motion to adjourn, Ashley seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

Town of Honea Path
Special Called Council Meeting
April 4, 2024
2:00 PM

Mayor Christopher Burton called the special called meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman, Marie Jenkins, Ward 5 council woman, 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 Mrs. Perrett to pray.

This meeting presented the second reading of the Zoning of Dogwood Park. Taylor made the motion to accept the new wording of the ordinance concerning the park, Perrett seconded, and all were in favor and the motion passed.

It was then announced that Maintenance is in need of a flatbed, and a truck for Matt. Taylor made a motion to purchase these and Ashley seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor stated that he is working on the oak trees on Main Street.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Perrett seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Special Called Council Meeting
March 25, 2024
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the special called meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman, Marie Jenkins, Ward 5 council woman, 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 Earle Ashley to pray.

Mayor Christopher Burton then turned the meeting over to Jodie Fleming. She gave details of the plan for a farmer's market, the building and structures. Attorney King states that the ordinance needs to be amended to also say "including a Farmer's Market". More lighting has already been approved for this area, and King also suggested that cameras be added to this property.

Taylor recommends that council adopts to amend the ordinance. Perrett seconded and all were in favor and it was so ordered.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Caldwell seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
March 19, 2024
6 PM**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked everyone to join him in prayer.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the council to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024 regular meeting. Jenkins made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 5 to 0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor recognized citizens that were at the meeting to speak before council. Mary Hipps spoke on ditches that need cleaning out in Brookside Circle, and Kimberly Shaw asked council to help her find a place to have NA meetings once a week. Council woman Dot Evans offered to help her find a place.

Councilman Ashley thanked everyone that came out to help with the town clean up. Sam Gilmer added that they had 60 bags of trash picked up, and that 2 people from out of town came to help.

There was no Youth Council Update at this meeting since the leader of this group, Ms. Tina Scott, was not present, but Della Johnson, one member of the group was present.

Keith Dunn summarized the bids that were accepted for the Award of the Construction Contract – Water System Distribution Improvements FY 23. This will cover most of the remaining water lines in the Chiquola Mill area. The lowest bid was recommended to be accepted and awarded to Young's Plumbing. Ashley made a motion to accept and award Young's Plumbing and Caldwell seconded the motion, all 5 council members voted in favor.

Chief Smith brought before council the Maintenance Code. All council members voted in favor of this being the first reading of the Property and Maintenance Ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor then offered a brief recess in case anyone present wanted to leave during this time.

Chief Miller recommended to have the first reading of the Binding Ordinance Lawful. All of council was in favor and this passed as the first reading of the Binding Ordinance Lawful.

Chief Miller then asked to have a first reading on the Ordinance Prohibiting Tent Camps within the Town Limits. The Town has a problem with homeless people setting up "tent cities" and this

would be an ordinance to prohibit this with fines and or jail time. All 5 council members voted in favor.

Chief Miller also recommended to have a first reading on drug paraphernalia. All council voted in favor.

Chief Miller presented to council a vehicle lease program to get 7 new vehicles for the Police Department. The old vehicles will be put up for auction. Ashley made a motion to accept, Jenkins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mrs. Marsha Smith made an announcement of the first reading on chapter one of the Zoning and Ordinance Book. She also announced the updates and the work being done on the zoning appeals, and that page 1 and 2 would be the same and the changes in council, mayor and clerk had been made.

The council then carried out the Resolution and Second Reading on the South Carolina Business License Ordinance. Jenkins made the motion to accept the Ordinance and Evans seconded and all were in favor.

Matt McCullough asked for council's approval to place the Chevrolet truck and the tilt deck trailer on the government website for sale. Ashley made a motion for approval, Perrett made the second, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Chief Miller requested that with the new open carry law, that we should have no firearms at town sponsored events, and have an ordinance in place stating such. Attorney King added that we need to have "No Firearms Allowed" signs posted at such events. Perrett made the motion to accept this request and Ashley seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At this time Council woman Evans wanted to thank those that helped with the events and that will help with future events.

Caldwell made the motion to go into executive session. Ashley seconded, all voted in favor and it was so ordered.

Perrett made a motion to come out of executive session. Jenkins seconded the motion and all were in favor and it was so ordered.

Jenkins made a motion to adjourn, Perrett seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
February 20, 2024
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman, Marie Jenkins, Ward 5 council woman, 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 asked Earle Ashley to pray.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 regular 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, 4 to 0, with 2 absent from January's meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton informed everyone that Officer Treaco Hoover had passed away on February 16, 2024, and asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Christopher Burton asked for a resolution honoring the service of Officer Treaco Hoover. Taylor made and motion and Caldwell seconded, the motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that there were several citizens that had asked to speak at the meeting. Patricia Weaver, owner of the Green Dragon Vape Shop, at 27 North Main Street, wanted to ask for an overturn of the ordinance that pertained to no tattoo shops in town limits. Annabelle Kratz resides at 413 North Main Street, beside Mrs. Sheila Parker's storage units. She has an issue and wants Mrs. Parker to put a buffer yard next to the units, between her property and the units. Attorney King stated that this was grandfathered in as no buffer is required, and there is not a lot the town can do about this matter. This is considered more of a civil case.

There was no Youth Council Update at this meeting since the leader of this group, Ms. Tina Scott, was not present.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Mr. Tim Pace, the town's Recreation Director, to speak about the resolution to accept the PARD Grant that the town has been awarded in the amount of \$12,500. Mr. Pace informed council that this money would be used for LED lighting and poles at the recreation complex. Taylor made a motion to accept the grant, and Perrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton then asked Jodie Fleming to speak. She reminded everyone of the grant that had been awarded to the town by Timken for the Farmer's Market. She stated that the town had purchased the property that joined the park, and said that this property could possibly be used

to make another entrance to the park. She requested additional lighting in this area, that would cost the town approximately \$806.40 more annually. Caldwell made a motion to accept the request and Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton stated that the Zoning and Ordinance Book needed to be updated. A meeting every month for 2 hours was suggested for the Zoning and Ordinance Commission and Town Council to attend. The meeting was decided to be held on the Friday before council meetings from 10am-12pm. These meetings would start in March.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked council to review the town employee handbook and bring up any issues with it in April.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the resolution to accept the Business License Ordinance as is, and council will vote on this in March.

At this time, Mayor Christopher Burton called for a 5-minute recess.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the committee chairs and co-chairs at this time, and also reminded everyone of the Black History Event on February 25, and asked for all that could to attend.

Mayor Christopher Burton introduced and asked Richard Bailey, with Enterprise, to give his presentation on possible lease vehicles for the Police Department. He presented council with handouts and provided a slide show to demonstrate his car lease program.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked for any new business at this time. Chief Smith spoke on condemned houses. He elaborated on the town vs the county condemning them and the pros and cons of each.

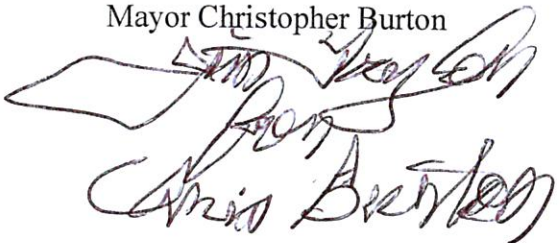
Mayor Christopher Burton stated that a company would be here to do taxes for citizens on a few Fridays in March and April.

Taylor made the motion to go into executive session. Perrett seconded, all voted in favor and it was so ordered.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Ashley seconded the motion and all were in favor and it was so ordered.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Caldwell seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Burton", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amanda Porter", written in a cursive style.

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
January 16, 2024
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, 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 prayed.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting, and the January 9, 2024 special called meeting. Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 4 to 0.

Mayor Christopher Burton informed everyone that Ward 4 Council woman, Marie Jenkins and Ward 5 Council woman, Dot Evans were both not well and would not be attending the meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton handed out forms for request and complaints to all of council and to everyone present.

Mayor Christopher Burton then introduced Micah Black, who is running for Solicitor, 8th circuit prosecutor.

Chief Smith reported the calls for the Honea Path Fire Department for the year 2023. He then elaborated on "service calls" and "good intent calls".

No citizens spoke at this meeting.

There was no Youth Council Update at this meeting since the leader of this group was not present.

Mayor Christopher Burton then opened sealed bids that had been given for the Dump Truck. Brook's Trucking and Equipment bid \$788.00, and Donald Strickland bid \$1,203.00. Taylor moved to accept the highest bid and Caldwell seconded. All were in favor and awarded the truck to Donald Strickland.

Mayor Christopher Burton and Chief Miller had talked with Enterprise about leasing fleet vehicles and announced that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that William Hall has retired and the town has hired Matthew Moore as the new Financial Consultant.

Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss contractual employment, Ashley seconded and all were in favor with the vote being 4-0.

Mayor Christopher Burton recommended to keep and reappoint Judge Bannister and Attorney King. Taylor made a motion and Perrett seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Judge Bannister reported on the setoff debt being over \$500,000 from court fines, and the town should receive money from this from taxes being taken from the ones that owed the town money. Judge Bannister thanked Kelly Hoover, Clerk of Court for taking care of this.

There was no new business at this time.

Ashley made the motion to go into executive session. Perrett seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Caldwell seconded the motion and all were in favor and it was so ordered.

Ashley made a motion to adjourn and Taylor seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

Town of Honea Path
Special Called Council Meeting
January 9, 2024
6 PM

Mayor Christopher Burton called the special called meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman Marie Jenkins, Ward 5 council woman, 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 asked Chief Smith to pray.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor then made the motion to go into executive session. Earle Ashley seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Caldwell and Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There was nothing to discuss outside of executive session.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Jenkins seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
December 19, 2023
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 council member, Earle Ashley, Ward 2 council woman, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 3 council woman, Jean Perrett, Ward 4 council woman Marie Jenkins, 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 asked Earle Ashley to pray.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked council to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting. Jim Taylor made the motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Jean Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 5 to 0.

No citizens spoke at this meeting.

James Green and Emma Phillips gave an update for the Youth Council for the help they had given to the town for October, November and December. James Green told how they helped lay wreaths on Veterans graves for Wreaths Across America and how Broken Chains Motorcycle Club had done fundraisers to help raise money for this cause. Mayor Christopher Burton thanked Ms. Scott for the work she was doing with this group to help our community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor then gave information on the meeting he attended with the transportation committees in Anderson. He stated that all seven of the projects that Honea Path submitted to the committee were postponed, along with eight others that had already been approved. He stated that on March 4, 2024, there will be another meeting in which we will resubmit our roads. Mayor Christopher Burton stated that this is the second and final reading on C-funds. A motion was made by Earl Ashley to accept this as the second and final reading, and Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Christopher Burton stated that committees would be appointed in January.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that sealed bids would be taken on the dump truck starting December 20, 2023 up until the council meeting on January 16, 2024.

Mayor Christopher Burton reminded everyone of the New Year's Eve Gala. The Gala would be from 8pm-12:30am and would cost \$75.00 per person. The Gala is being held at The Dandi Foundation this year.

Mayor Christopher Burton stated trash pick up for Friday December 23, and Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, would be on Wednesday, December 27. Trash pick up for Monday, January 1, 2024, would be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Loretta Mulle then gave an update on the Wreaths Across America. She thanked everyone who had a part in the ceremony on December 17, 2023. After the ceremony, the wreaths were placed on the graves of the Veterans as 'Taps' was played. Jim Taylor then spoke and thanked Loretta for her effort to recognize all these veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives so that we may have freedom.

Mayor Christopher Burton then reminded town employees of the town Christmas lunch on December 21, 2023.

No new business at this meeting.

Sam Gilmer, Jodie Fleming and Jan Bratcher had an announcement at this time. Jodie elaborated on the announcement that Timken had given the town a grant for \$85,000. This is to be used for a farmer's market at Dogwood Park. Jodie also said she was going to talk to Senator Mike Gambrell about some assistance for funds.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor then made the motion to go into executive session. Sheila Caldwell seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Caldwell and Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Ashley seconded and all voted in favor.

Mayor Christopher Burton

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

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

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

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

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the election results for Ward 2, Sheila Caldwell, Ward 4 Marie Jenkins, and Ward 6 Jim Taylor. Mayor Christopher Burton asked Clerk Treasurer Amanda Porter to read the results of the Mayor (see attached official results in Anderson County Board of Elections).

Mayor Christopher Burton recognized Beverly Crawford and Robert Greer as the Election Commissioners.

Sheila Caldwell was sworn in for Ward 2 by her son, Jeremy and her Grandson Cash held the Bible. Jim Taylor was sworn in for Ward 6 by William Hall, and Mayor Christopher Burton held the Bible. Mayor Christopher Burton was sworn in as Mayor by his daughter, Aleah Burton and his step-daughter Morgan Ricketts held the Bible. Marie Jenkins was sworn in as new council member for Ward 4 by her daughter Jessica, and her son Logan held the Bible. Mayor Christopher Burton then presented Council Woman Marie Jenkins with her name plate.

Mayor Christopher Burton then called for a one minute recess to allow visitors that wanted to leave to do so.

Mayor Christopher Burton then called the meeting back to order. Mayor Christopher Burton then announced the first order of business is to select Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Jim Taylor was selected by secret ballot 6-0.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that the Judge and Town Attorney would be voted on at the next council meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the council to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting. Dot Evans 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, 5 to 0.

No citizens spoke at this meeting.

Hall updated the FY23-24 budget. Hall announced that we paid off the air packs for the Fire Department in October 2023. Hall presented a new request for air tanks for \$46,241.12. See attached proposal. Hall presented two bids to finance the above air tanks. The low bid was The Commercial Bank at 5.5%, beginning in February 2024, for a period of 60 months. These funds are already in the budget for the new year and will be budgeted in the new budget year. Hall stated that property taxes are beginning to come in now, and the Town did not have to borrow additional funds. Good news, the town budgeted revenues are running ahead of projections and sewer expense to Ware Shoals are running below projections, thanks to less rainfall, new grinder pumps, and the great job that the town maintenance crew has done fixing broken sewer lines.

Loretta Mulle had requested funds for Wreaths Across America from the Town hospitality funds. Town council approved \$500 to fund this request. Taylor made the motion to approve and Perrett seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

No new business at this meeting.

Mayor Christopher Burton thanked Daniel Johnson for the Meet and Greet he held at Fiddle and Bow. Mayor Christopher Burton also thanked Sam Gilmer and Sheila Caldwell and all others involved in decorating Main Street to make it look it beautiful for Christmas this year.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced the Festival of Trees on December 2, from 12-2 p.m., along with the parade at 11 a.m. that same day.

Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss C-Funds. Ashley seconded the motion and it passed to amend the agenda. Mayor Christopher Burton presented the C-Fund resolution which included the following roads, see attached.

Motion to approve the above resolution was made by Taylor, and seconded by Ashley, all voted unanimously in favor.

Taylor made the motion to go into executive session. Perrett seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to go out of executive session. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Ashley seconded and all voted in favor.


Mayor Christopher Burton


Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**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 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.

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Mayor Christopher Burton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Porter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "P".

Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
September 19, 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, Rebecca Robinson, Ward 4 council woman, and Dot Evans, Ward 5 council woman and Ward 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Jason Mitchell 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 August 15, 2023, meeting. Evans 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, 5 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 Christopher Burton stated that the Youth Council would be swearing in new members: Dellah Johnson, Bryce Mitchell Dustin Jenkins, and Callie Johnston. Mayor Burton swore in the new members and Emma Phillips held the Bible.

Sam Gilmer passed out the Milestone books to the new members.

Taylor made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Agreement for LRS (see attached) and it was seconded by Evans, and the motion passed.

Mayor Christopher Burton tabled the discussion on the Green Street Rezoning request, so that the council could go into executive session for a legal briefing from the Town attorney.

Mayor recommended that Mr. Greg McElhannon and Marsha Smith be appointed to the HP Zoning Committee. Taylor made a motion to approve the above individuals. Caldwell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to include a special presentation to the HP Museum and it was seconded by Robinson, and the motion passed.

Mayor Burton and Councilman Taylor recognized the chair of the Honea Path Stinger Committee, Mr. Randy Scott. Mr. Scott then recognized Tommy Moss and Ron Gambrell. Both individuals spoke on the history of the team and their coach, Mr. Sonny King. Both men presented team jerseys to the Mayor and Councilman Taylor for them to present the jerseys to the Town Museum.

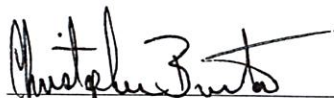
Mr. Sam Gilmer reminded the council about the Senior Place open house on September 21, 2023, at 11:00 AM; and the State of the Town address by Mayor Burton on September 28, 2023, at 7 PM.

Robinson made a motion to go into executive session. Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Taylor made a motion to come out of executive session. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Town attorney King spoke on the Green Street rezoning request. He stated that the Town has to place a notice in the newspaper for a public hearing and the Zoning Committee needed to issue their recommendation.

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



Mayor Christopher Burton



Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
August 15, 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, Jean Perrett, Ward 3 council woman, Rebecca Robinson, Ward 4 council woman, 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 July 18, 2023 meeting. Evans 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 Christopher Burton stated that the Youth Council Update was unavailable.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Ken Jordan to come forward as he was speaking on behalf of his uncle Charles Jordan. Mr. Jordan asked the Town Council to consider changing the ruling from the HP zoning committee regarding his uncle's request to place a mobile home on Green Street. Ken Jordan stated that the Town initially approved the zoning request. Then the zoning committee rejected the same request. Mr. Charles Jordan purchased a mobile home based on the prior approval from the Town. Ken Jordan stated that his uncle, Charles Jordan, was out approximately \$100,000 based on the initial approval from the Town. Ken Jordan asked the Town Council to override the denial of the zoning committee ruling based on a hardship request and the age of his uncle.

Mayor Christopher Burton stated that the Town Council would review the initial recommendation of the zoning committee.

Mayor Christopher Burton discussed the need to increase the rates on Multiple Poly Carts for the Town of Honea Path. See attached proposed rates. Taylor made a motion to adopt the 2nd and final reading on increasing the Multiple Poly Carts rates per attached schedule. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Town Engineer, Keith Dunn, presented the bids on the corner creek rehabilitation project, which is fully funded by the SCIIP. The Town received 3 bids as follows:

Portland Construction Company, LLC	\$3,476,639
Enline Construction Company, LLC	\$3,908,811
North America Construction Company, LLC	\$4,646,350

Mayor Christopher Burton discussed the 3 bids in detail after Mr. Dunn reviewed them in depth. See attached copy of bids. Taylor made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Portland Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$3,476,639. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Matt McCullough reported that the estimated cost of the new dump truck would be \$115,575 and would not be delivered until 18 to 24 months. Taylor made a motion to accept the above proposal from SC State Purchasing, in the amount of \$115,575. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Hall stated that the town's cash position in the general fund is approximately \$300,000 less than we had last year at the same time. It is estimated that the general fund will have estimated shortfall of \$300,000 for FY2023-24. Hall discussed the FY2023-24 budget. Cash flow is at a critical point. He projects that the Town will have a deficit for this year based on the below issues. Overtime in the Police Department is exceeding budget by a large amount, the S.C. State Accident Fund informed the Town that our annual premiums are increasing from \$68,316 to \$98,072. We are still experiencing increasing in various repair and maintenance budgets throughout the Town that were not planned or budgeted.

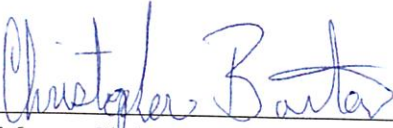
Hall requested that the Town move \$309,000 from the general fund reserve account to the general fund. Taylor made a motion to move \$309,000 from the general fund reserve account to the general fund. Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Talyor made a motion to go into executive session. Caldwell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

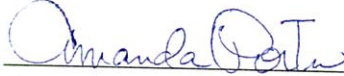
Talyor made a motion to come out of executive session. Caldwell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Rita Drinkwine was present to discuss relations to disaster from Clemson University. The council took the presentation as information.

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



Mayor Christopher Burton



Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
July 18, 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, Jean Perrett, Ward 3 council woman, Rebecca Robinson, Ward 4 council woman, and Dot Evans, Ward 5 council woman and Ward 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked Jan Bratcher 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 June 20, 2023 meeting. Evans made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Perrett 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 Christopher Burton stated that the Youth Council Update was unavailable.

Mayor Christopher Burton recommended the appointment of Beverly Crawford, Robert Greer, Chairman, and Ruth Cunningham as members of the Honea Path Board of Election Commissioners, for a three year term, ending December 31, 2026. Taylor made a motion to accept the above motion. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Christopher Burton read the proposed election notice for November 7, 2023. He announced that the 4 - year election for mayor and wards 2, 4, and 6, will be held this year in November. The Anderson County Elections Commission will assist with the election. The fees for filing are as follows: \$100 for mayor and \$50 for council. There is also a refundable fee for campaign signs of \$50. Please see attached notice. Taylor made a motion to accept the above motion. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Christopher Burton discussed the proposed increase in water rates due to the increase in rates from the B-HP Water Authority. The B-HP Water Authority increased their rates that the Town of Honea Path pays effective July 1, 2023. Mayor Christopher Burton stated that the Town needs to increase the water rate by \$.20 per thousand gallons effective August 1, 2023. This would constitute the second and final reading. Taylor made a motion to accept the above motion. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Christopher Burton discussed the Local Government Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. See attached resolution. Taylor made a motion to accept the above motion. Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Hall discussed the FY2023-24 budget. Cash flow is at a critical point. He projects that the Town will have a deficit for this year based on the below issues. Overtime in the Police Department is exceeding budget by a large amount, the S.C. State Accident Fund informed the Town that our annual premiums are increasing from \$68,316 to \$98,072. We are still experiencing increasing in various repair and maintenance budgets throughout the Town that were not planned or budgeted.

Mayor Christopher Burton discussed the need to increase the rates on Multiple Poly Carts for the Town of Honea Path. See attached proposed rates. Taylor made a motion to accept the above motion by title only. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Department heads had no new business to inform council.

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



Mayor Christopher Burton



Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
June 20, 2023
6 PM**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked Chief Smith to pray. Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked the council to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting. Evans made a motion to accept the minutes stated above, as written. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 4 to 0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor thanked all citizens who attended the meeting tonight and reminded everyone of the Honea Path's 3rd annual Independence Day celebration.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor stated that the Youth Council Update was unavailable.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked that the Council go into executive session for an important personnel matter. Robinson made a motion to go into executive session for an important personnel matter. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Executive session for personnel matter

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked for the council to return to regular session. Robinson made a motion to come out of executive. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Leslie Walker, Clerk/Treasurer effective June 23, 2023. Ashley made a motion to accept the above motion. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor stated that in consideration of the unfortunate and critical timing of this resignation, Mayor Chris Burton has asked Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor to request the town council to temporarily appoint Mrs. Amanda Porter, as acting Clerk/Treasurer, effective immediately. Mrs. Porter will be on a 60-day probationary period. After this period of time, the Council will consider a full time appointment. Robinson made a motion to accept the above recommendation. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked Mrs. Amanda Porter to come forward to be sworn in as acting Clerk/Treasurer, effective immediately. The oath of office for town clerk/treasurer was officially administrated and properly executed per the town ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked town attorney, Jimmy King to bring forth legal matters regarding signing an agreement with Stantec, which would allow the town of Honea Path to potentially, receive additional \$2 million dollars in grant funds for the clean-up of the Chiquola Mill site.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the above item. Evans made a motion to accept the above recommendation. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked for a motion to sign the above agreement (see attached) with Stantec. Robinson made a motion to accept the above recommendation. Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor reminded the town council of the SCMASC meeting in Greenville, SC, on July 27 – 30, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to approve the first reading by title only, increasing water rates by \$.20/1000 gallon effective August 1, 2023. The B-HP Water Authority increased their water rates effective July 1, 2023. Evans made a motion to accept the above recommendation. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

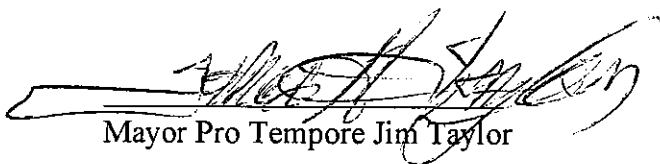
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to accept information regarding the announcement that the town would receive approximately \$300,000 from the state for substandard housing and \$30,000 for improvements to Watkins Community Center. Evans made a motion to accept the above recommendation. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Department heads had no new business to inform council.

Evans stated that this year's summer children's theatre would be from July 10th to 13th.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor announced that the 4 - year election for mayor and wards 2, 4, and 6, will be held this year in November. The exact dates for signs up will be set at a later date. The Anderson County Elections Commission will assist with the election. The fees for filing are as follows: \$100 for mayor and \$50 for council. There is also a refundable fee for campaign signs of \$50.

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



Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Taylor



Amanda Porter, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
May 16, 2023
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the FY2023-24 public budget meeting to order. He asked Hall to present the proposed FY2023-24 budget in detail for the public and town council.

The total estimated budget for FY2023-24 is approximately \$4,523,351 and included an increase in millage from 134 mills to 137 mills. The Town is experiencing major increases in inflation in several areas including: proposed total gas and diesel - \$168,306, tort liability - \$134,910, increase of approximately \$25,000, adjustment in salaries increases – approximately \$100,000, street lights approximately \$90,000. The total estimated salaries for the Town will be \$1,631,955 and estimated fringe benefits will be \$652,955. There are no funds available, if we are to balance the budget, except for emergency overtime. B-HP Water Authority has incorporated a ten percent increase in water rates. The proposed FY2023-24 budget includes a three mill increase, which will only generate approximately \$27,000 in new revenue. General Fund expense are projected to increase from approximately \$2.6 million to over \$2.8 million. This is a very tight budget with very small surpluses. See attached proposed FY23-24 budget. The proposed budget includes: the Mayor and Council approve moving \$47,000 from Special Reserve Account to General Fund for FY2023-24.

After discussion and no more questions, Mayor Christopher Burton called the FY2023-24 public budget meeting to closed.

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. All members were present, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem and council member. 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 April 18, 2023 meeting. Ashley made a motion to accept the minutes of April 18, 2023, as written. Taylor seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 6 to 0.

Mayor Christopher Burton introduced Mr. Chris Miller, as Honea Path new police chief. Mr. Barry New has requested that he step down and go back to his position as SRO. The Mayor and Council congratulated Chief Miller on his appointment as the new police chief for the Town of Honea Path.

Mayor Christopher Burton has if anyone in the assembly had any concerns. There was discussion and concern expressed about four-wheelers and dirt bikes, racing and creating issues on Sistine Street, from Ms. Maria Jennings. Mayor Christopher Burton asked Chief Miller to look into this matter.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the Youth Council member, Jarred Morris, to discuss their events for April 2023. Mr. Morris is resigning as president, due to his prior commitment, as class president at school.

The proposed FY22-23 budget was passed out and reviewed. Mayor Burton has worked with the department heads to review all budgets item by item. *There is no salary increase for the Mayor or Council this year. There has been no increase for the Mayor or Council for the last 15 years.* The total estimated budget for FY2023-24 is approximately \$4,523,351 and included an increase in millage from 134 mills to 137 mills. 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 manner. See attached proposed budget. The proposed budget includes: the Mayor and Council approve moving \$47,000 from Special Reserve Account to General Fund for FY2023-24.

The following ordinance is for the second and final reading on the FY23-24 Budget:

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 5-7-260(3), as amended, requires that municipal councils enact by ordinance and levy taxes pursuant to public notice:

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the governing body of the Town of Honea Path Council duly assembled and by the authority of same:

Section 1.

That a tax to cover the period from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, both inclusive, and for the sums and in the amounts hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Honea Path, for the use and service thereof, a tax of 137 mills on assessed value of all real estate, land, personal property of every description owned and used in the Town of Honea Path, South Carolina, except as it exempted from taxation under the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; and that such tax shall be levied and paid to the Town Treasurer for credit to the Town of Honea Path to be used for corporate purposes, permanent improvements, and for the purpose of paying current operation expense of the municipality; making a total tax levy of 137 mills. Council hereby adopts the budget of estimated revenues and expenditures.

Section 2.

That the Mayor, in connection with appointed Town officials, is charged with proper implementation of the provision, of this ordinance, and that he is authorized or appointed town official, is authorized to transfer funds within and between accounts.

Section 3.

That the penalty date for taxes will be the same date as the penalty date for Anderson County. That if, for any reason, any sentence, or clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions, sentences or clauses.

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Honea Path will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the FY2023-2024 fiscal year on May 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm, at Watkins Community Center.

	Current	Projected	Percentage	Estimated
	Fiscal Year	Revenue	Change in	Millage for
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>
General Fund	\$2,714,151	\$2,810,651	3.5%	137
Water	\$771,200	\$816,200	5.8%	
Sewer	\$866,500	\$896,500	3.4%	
	Current	Projected	Percentage	Estimated
	Fiscal Year	Expenditures	Change in	Millage for
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>
General Fund	\$2,645,208	\$2,810,276	6.2%	137
Water	\$789,565	\$857,634	8.6%	
Sewer	\$876,093	\$853,968	2.5%	

Estimated Millage Equals 137 for FY2023-2024, increase of 3 mills

Section 4.

That, the Mayor and Council approve moving \$47,000 from Special Reserve Account to General Fund for FY2023-24.

Robinson made a motion to pass the above ordinance and for this to constitute the second and final reading on the FY2023-24. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Hall reviewed the FY2021-22 annual audit. The audit was late this year due to a turnover in the staff at our CPA firm. The Town's governmental fund has a small surplus of \$55,458 and the water and sewer fund (proprietary fund) has a net change of (\$262,891). On page 26 of the audit, the long-term debt (see audit) is at the lowest level in over 15 years. A copy of the audit will be emailed to all council members to save on printing cost.

Taylor made a motion to accept the FY2021-22 audit as presented. Perrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Christopher Burton said the next item on the agenda is the possible eviction ordinance, regarding no water or sewer in homes. Taylor made a motion to discuss the possible eviction ordinance. Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

After much discussion, the mayor and council decided to table the motion until a later date.

Mayor Christopher Burton announced that the 4 - year election for mayor and wards 2, 4, and 6, will be held this year in November. The exact dates for signs up will be set at a later date. The Anderson County Elections Commission will assist with the election. The fees for filing are as follows: \$100 for mayor and \$50 for council. There is also a refundable fee for campaign signs of \$50.

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

Taylor 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.

Christopher Burton, Mayor

Leslie Walker, Clerk & Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting
April 18, 2023
6 PM**

Mayor Christopher Burton called the budget review meeting to order. He asked Hall to review the proposed FY2023-24 budget in detail for the public and town council.

The total estimated budget for FY2023-24 is approximately \$4,523,351 and included an increase in millage from 134 mills to 137 mills. The Town is experiencing major increases in inflation in several areas including: proposed total gas and diesel - \$168,306, tort liability - \$134,910, increase of approximately \$25,000, adjustment in salaries increases – approximately \$100,000, street lights approximately \$90,000. The total estimated salaries for the Town will be \$1,631,955 and estimated fringe benefits will be \$652,955. There are no funds available, if we are to balance the budget, except for emergency overtime. B-HP Water Authority is proposing an eight percent increase in rates. The proposed FY2023-24 budget includes a three mill increase, which will only generate approximately \$27,000 in new revenue. General Fund expense are projected to increase from approximately \$2.6 million to over \$2.8 million. This is a very tight budget with very small surpluses. See attached proposed budget. The proposed budget includes: the Mayor and Council approve moving \$47,000 from Special Reserve Account to General Fund for FY2023-24.

After discussion and no more questions, Mayor Christopher Burton called the budget review meeting to closed.

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Christopher Burton called the regular meeting to order. All members were present, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem and council member. 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 March 21, 2023 meeting. Evans made a motion to accept the minutes of March 21, 2023, as written. Perrett seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered, 5 to 0. Taylor did not vote, as he was Mayor Pro-Tem, signing paper work.

Mayor Christopher Burton asked the Youth Council member, Jarred Morris, to discuss their events for March 2023. Mattie Wilson was sworn into the Youth Council.

Mayor Christopher Burton stated that the Fireman's Hall of Fame event on Sunday, April 16, 2023, was a great success. Mayor Christopher Burton recognized Fire Chief Jimmy Smith for his many

years of service and his 29 years as Fire Chief. Mayor Christopher Burton commended Chief Smith for his outstanding service to the Town of Honea Path.

The Town council reviewed a proposal to change the firemen from SCRS to PORS, effective July 1, 2023. It is estimated that the additional cost will be approximately \$3,800 per year. This will be an increased fringe benefits for our firemen resulting in reducing the retirement from 30 years to 25 years. Taylor made a motion to accept the above proposal, second by Perrett, all voted in favor.

The proposed FY22-23 budget was passed out and reviewed. Mayor Burton has worked with the department heads to review all budgets item by item. The total estimated budget for FY2023-24 is approximately \$4,523,351 and included an increase in millage from 134 mills to 137 mills. 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. See attached proposed budget. The proposed budget includes: the Mayor and Council approve moving \$47,000 from Special Reserve Account to General Fund for FY2023-24.

The following ordinance is proposed for the first reading:

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 5-7-260(3), as amended, requires that municipal councils enact by ordinance and levy taxes pursuant to public notice:

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the governing body of the Town of Honea Path Council duly assembled and by the authority of same:

Section 1.

That a tax to cover the period from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, both inclusive, and for the sums and in the amounts hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Honea Path, for the use and service thereof, a tax of 137 mills on assessed value of all real estate, land, personal property of every description owned and used in the Town of Honea Path, South Carolina, except as it exempted from taxation under the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; and that such tax shall be levied and paid to the Town Treasurer for credit to the Town of Honea Path to be used for corporate purposes, permanent improvements, and for the purpose of paying current operation expense of the municipality; making a total tax levy of 137 mills. Council hereby adopts the budget of estimated revenues and expenditures.

Section 2.

That the Mayor, in connection with appointed Town officials, is charged with proper implementation of the provision, of this ordinance, and that he is authorized or appointed town official, is authorized to transfer funds within and between accounts.

Section 3.

That the penalty date for taxes will be the same date as the penalty date for Anderson County. That if, for any reason, any sentence, or clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions, sentences or clauses.

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Honea Path will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the FY2023-2024 fiscal year on May 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm, at Watkins Community Center.

	Current	Projected	Percentage	Estimated
	Fiscal Year	Revenue	Change in	Millage for
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>
General Fund	\$2,714,151	\$2,810,651	3.5%	137
Water	\$771,200	\$816,200	5.8%	
Sewer	\$866,500	\$896,500	3.4%	
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	Fiscal Year	Expenditures	Change in	Millage for
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>
General Fund	\$2,645,208	\$2,810,276	6.2%	137
Water	\$789,565	\$857,634	8.6%	
Sewer	\$876,093	\$853,968	2.5%	

Estimated Millage Equals 137 for FY2023-2024, increase of 3 mills

Section 4.

That the Mayor and Council approve moving \$47,000 from Special Reserve Account to General Fund for FY2023-24.

Robinson made a motion to pass the above ordinance and for this to constitute the first reading on the FY2023-24. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Taylor made a motion to accept the recommendation by Matt McCullough to approve the Davis and Floyd bill for \$6,500 for the environmental engineer study concerning limb dump. The motion was seconded by Ashley and the motion passed.

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

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

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

Christopher Burton, Mayor

Leslie Walker, Clerk & Treasurer

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor called the meeting to order and asked the group to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor asked Lt. Elder to pray. All were present, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem and council member.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor asked the council to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. Caldwell made a motion to accept the minutes the minutes of February 21, 2023, as written. Robinson seconded the motion. All approved the minutes. All in favor, it is so ordered.

Blake Anderson spoke to Town council regarding a proposed new business at 109 West Greer Street, that would use a water-based alternative to traditional fire-based pet cremations. This new business would utilize an alkali bath that consists of salt from the soil that would naturally help to break down a body when it's buried. While the process can be used for both humans and pets, it is generally more common to be used for dogs and cats. Mr. Morris asked the council for assistance to run water/sewer service to his new business. The council decided to take the request and discuss it at a later date.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor asked the Youth Council to discuss their events for February 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor ask Hall to brief the Town Council on the proposed contract for the two Town water tanks. Town Engineer Keith Dunn prepared the specifications for the bidding out the two tanks located on Black Street and Carolina Avenue. The contract will be for a bid of 15 years. The contract will take care of all of the repairs and upkeep of the above tanks for this same time period. The only company to bid on the above project was Utilities Services, Inc. The estimated cost per year to service the 2 water tanks will be approximately \$45,000 per year. The Town engineer recommended the Town accept this bid. The Town attorney will review the contract. Robinson made a motion to accept the above proposal, second by Perrett, all voted in favor.

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It was reported that the South Carolina Municipal Association will have their annual meeting in Greenville, SC, at the Hyatt Regency, from July 27 to 30, 2023. The annual meeting gives elected officials the opportunity to network with other elected officials to share ideas, concerns and proven strategies.

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made amotion to accept the pay recommendation from police chief New on the new salary categories for the police department. The Town need to attract the best officers and remain competitive to keep our officers up to the minimum salary scale. ____ made a motion to accept the above recommendation and the motion was seconded by ____ and the motion passed.

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Mr. James Taylor, Mayor Pro-Tem

Leslie Walker, Clerk & Treasurer

**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. Fredda 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.

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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.

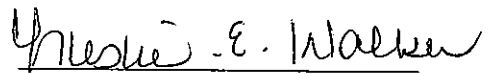
Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session, second by Ms. Caldwell, all voted in favor.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. James Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Mr. James Taylor, Mayor Pro Temp

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie E. Walker", with a horizontal line underneath.

Leslie Walker, Clerk & Treasurer

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.

Christopher W Burton , Mayor

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**

Town of Honea Path

Council Meeting

December 20, 2022

Mayor called the meeting to order, salute to flag for Pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor asked Captain Elder 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 November 15, 2022 council meeting. Ms. Evan made a motion to accept the minutes as they have been written, and Mr. Taylor seconded, approved as written. All of approval of the minutes all. All in favor.

Open remarks Burton asked Captain Elder about Robert Sligh and Captain Elder states that Mr. Sligh was under the weather. Youth Council was under the weather, as leaders and several members.

Mayor Burton had on the agenda to swear in the New Police Chief Mr. Barry New. Mr. New had obligations prior. Mayor Burton asked to set up a public swearing in to be arranged since he could not make this particular council meeting, but the mayor did excuse him for not making it. Mayor discussed that Mr. Barry New is the new police chief in Honea Path.

Mayor Burton discussed that a citizen has requested that zoning be classified as a different ordinance type. As this has to be approved by the zoning committee. As the mayor has discussed to rezone 300 Harper Street (as this is as 3 lots) from Commercial to R6 (residential) which is zoning. Zoning Ordinance committee is suggesting to rezone this 300 Harper Street to Residential R6 from Commercial. Taylor made a motion or rezone the property, as a second is not needed in the discussion. Citizen states that may build later, but still remodeling at the moment to make it look better. It is so ordered.

Mayor Burton discussed Town Engineer proposal for maintenance of one of our water tanks. Maintenance contract that we need that means to be inspected, cleaned and painted, so we do not exceed over ten thousands of dollars like we did with the water tower on Trussell street. Mayor Burton is wanting to make an amendment to our contract, this is just a proposal. Try to make it an annual contract as 3 bids would be taken in to consideration and will review and come back to council for approval. Looking to hire a engineer to vote to maintain our water tanks. Motion was made by Taylor made a motion that we accept that Dunn & Shirley will be an engineer, as Caldwell seconded, all in favor.

Updates on Holiday trash pickup was discussed. Town offices will be closed December 23,2022, December 26, 2022, and December 27, 2022. Emergency personal services will be working. Trash

services will be picked up Wednesday December 28, 2022 will be collected Thursday. Office will be closed January 2, 2023. Monday trash will be picked up Tuesday January 3, 2023.

Mr. Pace wanted to let everyone to know that we were second runners up. Each department head wanted to thank everyone for their services and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chief Smith wanted to discuss a situation where a citizen went into cardiac arrest, Fire Department took a minute a half arrived. EMS arrived 12 minutes fire saved the citizens life.

Mr. Taylor wanted to express his apperception for the veterans' services.

Evans wanted to request support for the Gala, to support the Town Events.

Mrs. Robinson wanted to discuss recognizing the second runners up in person.

Ms. Perrett wanted to thank all the town department head for all the hard work done.

Mr. Ashley wanted to share the same information and thankful for town department and their hard work.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Taylor, Rebecca second, all voted in favor.

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

Motion to adjourn Mrs. Robinson, Taylor seconded by Perrett. All in favor.

Christopher Burton

Mayor

Leslie Walker

Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
Watkins Building
November 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Burton called the Council Meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor asked Ms. Perrett to pray. Members present: Mayor Christopher W. Burton, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer. Council Members: Earle Ashley, Sheila Caldwell, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dorothy "Dot" Evans, and Jim Taylor.

Mayor Burton asked Council to look over the minutes from the last Council Meeting that took place September 20, 2022. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes. Robinson seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Due the 'Citizen Remarks' session, Mayor Burton recognized that the fall festival was a great turn out. Mayor Burton stated that the youth council was dedicated. Loretta Mülle' spoke on behalf of Wreaths across America. Arlington Wreaths placed wreaths in honor. Each wreath is \$15.00 or \$30.00 for 3 wreaths.

Mayor Burton wanted to present Artwork of the Mill site by Sara Beth Henderson. Ms. Perrett made a move to accept the artwork for temporary display at Town Hall. Ashley seconded all in favor.

Mayor Burton asked Tina Scott to introduce each speaker as the members of the Youth Council: The members are Tina Scott (Director) Stacey Morris (Pay Master); Jared Morris (President), Avery Ashley (Vide President), Ann Lin (Treasurer), Emma Philips (Secretary), James Green (Medical Officer), Eli Brock, and Raelyn Tinsley.

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Taylor made a move to officially recognize Honea Path Church of God and present the plaque. Rebecca seconded all in favor Mayor Burton presented Honea Path Church of God for their 100th year Anniversary of service. Eric Shuler was presented the plaque from the Town of Honea Path.

Mayor Burton asked Randy Wilson to speak on behalf of the Facade Grant, it is a grant that lets our Merchants facelift the Owings of there business. Mr. Wilson stated that he had interviewed 7 merchants that was interested. So, we as the Town of Honea Path is going to apply for this Grant.

As advertised in local media, Mayor Burton opened all sealed bids, pertaining to the 'Town Unwanted Town Vehicle's' as is. He read aloud the specific vehicle information the respective bidders name(s), and the amount of that bid. Those high bidders for each vehicle were:

- 1. 2007 Crown Victoria - Bid \$375.00-Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)**
- 2. 1998 Ford Van – Bid \$301.50- Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)**
- 3. 2007 Ford Explorer – Bid \$404.95-Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)**
- 4. Black Ford F150 – Bid \$1,010.95- Carrie Bryson
(Open bid, reviewed, bid was rejected due to bidding on wrong vehicle.)**

5. 2007 Gold Ford Explorer -Bid \$375.56- Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
6. 2007 Red Crown Victoria - Bid \$375.80- Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
7. 1994 Silver Ford Ranger -Bid \$250.00- Kevin Elder (open bid and reviewed)
8. 2007 Ford Explorer- Bid \$300.00- James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
9. 2007 Ford Explorer -Bid \$300.00 – James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
10. 2007 Crown Vic- Bid \$300.00 – James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
11. 1994 Ford Ranger - Bid \$300.00- James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
12. 2014 Ford F-150 -Bid \$1,200.00- Farrah Fuller
(Open bid, reviewed, bid rejected due to bidding on wrong vehicle)
13. Van - Bid \$600.00 – Farrah Fuller (open bid and reviewed)
14. Explorer Gold – Bid \$675.00- Farrah Fuller (open bid and reviewed)
15. Silver Crown Vic- Bid \$605.00- Carolina Auto Repair
(Open bid, reviewed, and rejected due to bidding on wrong vehicle)
16. Burgundy Crown- Bid \$605.00-Carolina Auto Repair (open bid and reviewed)
17. Passenger Van-Bid \$675.00-Carolina Auto Repair (open bid and reviewed)
18. Gold Explorer-Bid \$801.00-Carolina Auto Repair (open bid and reviewed)
19. Black Ford Expedition-Bid \$675.00- Carolina Auto Repair
(Open bid and reviewed)
20. 2007 Garbage Truck – Bid \$702.00- Carolina Auto Repair
(Open bid and reviewed)
21. 1998 Ford Van – Bid \$4,353.00- Eric Brady (open bid, reviewed, and accepted)
22. 2007 Ford Explorer- Bid \$500.00- Eric Brady (open bid and reviewed)
23. Explorer Unmarked- Bid \$1,000.00- Cedric Moss
(Open bid reviewed, and accepted)
24. Explorer Marked- Bid \$800.00 – Cedric Moss
(Open bid, reviewed and accepted)
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27. 2007 International Garbage Truck -Bid \$2,615.00- Donald Bracken
(Open bid, reviewed, and accepted)
28. 1996 Ford Ranger – Bid \$300.00-Alfred McGaha
(Open bid, reviewed, and bid was rejected due to bidding was on wrong vehicle)

Mayor Burton stated that the individuals with the winning bids would be contacted. Evans made a motion to amend the agenda, to immediately accept and award the winning bids to each high bidder and that the monies be held in the Town of Honea Path Reserve Fund. Caldwell seconded to amend the agenda. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Burton wanted to open the RFQ (Request for Qualification) Bids for the Mill Site. Cardno was the only one that we saw via email. Mayor Burton requested that he would research more in his email, and if found more he would call a meeting to share. Taylor motioned; Ashley seconded to consultant firm will clean the mill site up. All in favor.

Mayor Burton wanted to request funds for Tree Service at Dogwood Park with dead limbs, branches, trees to be cut. Mayor got 2 bids for trees services for the Town Dogwood Park. The bids are the following: All in tree services quoted at \$5,600.00, Nathan Honea Tree Service was quoted

us at \$4,500.00. Robinson moved to allocate up to \$4,500.00 from reserve account. Evans seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Burton has stated that he is interested in having a Farmers Market, Ashley made a motion to allocate up to \$75,000.00 toward matching funds for the Farmers Market from reserve account. Perrett seconded. Discussion the Farmers Market would be on Laurel Street and James Auto Repair, the playground would be moved back some with storage and chairs.

Hall discussed the meeting that Mayor Burton, Hall, Attorney King, and Mrs. Porter attended with Ware Shoals on Sewer Rates. The numbers were not reviewed correctly, so agreement not to pay any fees at the moment.

Hall discussed the budget; he stated the budget was going to be tight because of inflation. Items are increasing like equipment, piping.

Mayor Burton discussing the interest of where to spend C Funds he is wanting spend them U street and rear rouse if available funds are there.

Mayor Burton wanted to discuss the Flood Damage ordinance that has to be updated per FEMA. This was first reading. Ashley First and Robinson seconded.

In 'New Business,' Chief Smith wanted to update the proposed Wall of Honor at the Fire Department. Thus far, he had received a quotation of \$8,000.00 and is requesting funds \$4,000.00 from Hospitality.

Having concluded all New Business, Robinson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and/or Contractual Issues. Taylor seconded.

Taylor made a motion to exit from Executive Session; returning to Regular Session. Caldwell Seconded.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Robinson seconded.

Christopher Burton
Mayor

Leslie Walker
Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
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Mayor Burton asked Youth Council Member Jared Morris, Emileigh Thomas, and Emma Phillips to update those present as to what the Youth Council has done in the past month. After their presentation, Mayor Burton and Chief Boseman swore in Max Frankel in as new members of the Youth Council.

Taylor made a move to officially recognize Honea Path Church of God and present the plaque. Rebecca seconded all in favor Mayor Burton presented Honea Path Church of God for their 100th year Anniversary of service. Eric Shuler was presented the plaque from the Town of Honea Path.

Mayor Burton asked Randy Wilson to speak on behalf of the Facade Grant, it is a grant that lets our Merchants facelift the Owings of there business. Mr. Wilson stated that he had interviewed 7 merchants that was interested. So, we as the Town of Honea Path is going to apply for this Grant.

As advertised in local media, Mayor Burton opened all sealed bids, pertaining to the 'Town Unwanted Town Vehicle's' as is. He read aloud the specific vehicle information the respective bidders name(s), and the amount of that bid. Those high bidders for each vehicle were:

1. 2007 Crown Victoria - Bid \$375.00-Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
2. 1998 Ford Van - Bid \$301.50- Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
3. 2007 Ford Explorer - Bid \$404.95-Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
4. Black Ford F150 - Bid \$1,010.95- Carrie Bryson
(Open bid, reviewed, bid was rejected due to bidding on wrong vehicle.)

5. 2007 Gold Ford Explorer -Bid \$375.56- Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
6. 2007 Red Crown Victoria - Bid \$375.80- Carrie Bryson (open bid and reviewed)
7. 1994 Silver Ford Ranger -Bid \$250.00- Kevin Elder (open bid and reviewed)
8. 2007 Ford Explorer- Bid \$300.00- James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
9. 2007 Ford Explorer -Bid \$300.00 – James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
10. 2007 Crown Vic- Bid \$300.00 – James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
11. 1994 Ford Ranger - Bid \$300.00- James Brewington (open bid and reviewed)
12. 2014 Ford F-150 -Bid \$1,200.00- Farrah Fuller
(Open bid, reviewed, bid rejected due to bidding on wrong vehicle)
13. Van - Bid \$600.00 – Farrah Fuller (open bid and reviewed)
14. Explorer Gold – Bid \$675.00- Farrah Fuller (open bid and reviewed)
15. Silver Crown Vic- Bid \$605.00- Carolina Auto Repair
(Open bid, reviewed, and rejected due to bidding on wrong vehicle)
16. Burgundy Crown- Bid \$605.00-Carolina Auto Repair (open bid and reviewed)
17. Passenger Van-Bid \$675.00-Carolina Auto Repair (open bid and reviewed)
18. Gold Explorer-Bid \$801.00-Carolina Auto Repair (open bid and reviewed)
19. Black Ford Expedition-Bid \$675.00- Carolina Auto Repair
(Open bid and reviewed)
20. 2007 Garbage Truck – Bid \$702.00- Carolina Auto Repair
(Open bid and reviewed)
21. 1998 Ford Van – Bid \$4,353.00- Eric Brady (open bid, reviewed, and accepted)
22. 2007 Ford Explorer- Bid \$500.00- Eric Brady (open bid and reviewed)
23. Explorer Unmarked- Bid \$1,000.00- Cedric Moss
(Open bid reviewed, and accepted)
24. Explorer Marked- Bid \$800.00 – Cedric Moss
(Open bid, reviewed and accepted)
25. 1994 Ranger -Bid \$600.00- Cedric Moss
(Open bid, reviewed, and accepted)
26. 2007 Crown Vic -Bid \$1,000.00-Cedric Moss
(Open bid, reviewed, and accepted)
27. 2007 International Garbage Truck -Bid \$2,615.00- Donald Bracken
(Open bid, reviewed, and accepted)
28. 1996 Ford Ranger – Bid \$300.00-Alfred McGaha
(Open bid, reviewed, and bid was rejected due to bidding was on wrong vehicle)

Mayor Burton stated that the individuals with the winning bids would be contacted. Evans made a motion to amend the agenda, to immediately accept and award the winning bids to each high bidder and that the monies be held in the Town of Honea Path Reserve Fund. Caldwell seconded to amend the agenda. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Burton wanted to open the RFQ (Request for Qualification) Bids for the Mill Site. Cardno was the only one that we saw via email. Mayor Burton requested that he would research more in his email, and if found more he would call a meeting to share. Taylor motioned; Ashley seconded to consultant firm will clean the mill site up. All in favor.

Mayor Burton wanted to request funds for Tree Service at Dogwood Park with dead limbs, branches, trees to be cut. Mayor got 2 bids for trees services for the Town Dogwood Park. The bids are the following: All in tree services quoted at \$5,600.00, Nathan Honea Tree Service was quoted

us at \$4,500.00. Robinson moved to allocate up to \$4,500.00 from reserve account. Evans seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Burton has stated that he is interested in having a Farmers Market, Ashley made a motion to allocate up to \$75,000.00 toward matching funds for the Farmers Market from reserve account. Perrett seconded. Discussion the Farmers Market would be on Laurel Street and James Auto Repair, the playground would be moved back some with storage and chairs.

Hall discussed the meeting that Mayor Burton, Hall, Attorney King, and Mrs. Porter attended with Ware Shoals on Sewer Rates. The numbers were not reviewed correctly, so agreement not to pay any fees at the moment.

Hall discussed the budget; he stated the budget was going to be tight because of inflation. Items are increasing like equipment, piping.

Mayor Burton discussing the interest of where to spend C Funds he is wanting spend them U street and rear rouse if available funds are there.

Mayor Burton wanted to discuss the Flood Damage ordinance that has to be updated per FEMA. This was first reading. Ashley First and Robinson seconded.

In 'New Business,' Chief Smith wanted to update the proposed Wall of Honor at the Fire Department. Thus far, he had received a quotation of \$8,000.00 and is requesting funds \$4,000.00 from Hospitality.

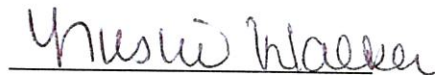
Having concluded all New Business, Robinson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and/or Contractual Issues. Taylor seconded.

Taylor made a motion to exit from Executive Session; returning to Regular Session. Caldwell Seconded.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Robinson seconded.



Christopher Burton
Mayor



Leslie Walker
Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
Watkins Building
September 20, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Burton called the Council Meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor asked Captain Elder to pray. Members present: Mayor Christopher W. Burton, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer. Council Members: Earle Ashley, Sheila Caldwell, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dorothy "Dot" Evans, and Jim Taylor.

Mayor Burton asked Council to look over the minutes from the last Council Meeting that took place August 16, 2022. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes. Perrett seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

During the 'Citizen Remarks' session, Mayor Burton recognized Robert Slight of the Greenville-based Pure Platinum M.C.. He stated that their organization was actively supporting Cancer Survivors and Victims of Criminal Domestic Violence. Being aware of our approaching Fall Festival, he expressed a desire that they conduct a special ride to Honea Path, meet in a specially designated location, and have a special remembrance balloon release honoring victims of these two causes. Their fund raising would be the sale of special balloons for \$3.00 apiece. Mayor Burton indicated the Town would help them work out the details.

Mayor Burton asked Tina Scott to introduce each speaker as the members of the Youth Council: The members are Tina Scott (Director) Stacey Morris (Pay Master): Jared Morris (President), Avery Ashley (Vide President), Ann Lin (Treasurer), Emma Philips (Secretary), James Green (Medical Officer), Eli Brock, and Raelyn Tinsley.

Mayor Burton asked Youth Council Member Jared Morris to update those present as to what the Youth Council has done in the past month. After their presentation, Mayor Burton and Chief Boseman swore in Tyler Babb and Emily Thomas in as new members of the Youth Council.

As advertised in local media, Mayor Burton opened all sealed bids, pertaining to the 'Town Owned/Unwanted Property.' He read aloud the specific property location, the respective bidders name(s), and the amount of that bid. Those high bidders for each property location were:

1. 2 Green Street bid at \$1,111.11- Lisa Vaughn
2. 104 Sirrine Street bid -\$1,111.11 Lisa Vaughn
3. 303 Maryland Ave bid - \$800.00 Mindy and Bobby Dutton
4. 2 Green Street bid -\$550.00 – Christopher Jarrod
5. 104 Sirrine Street bid- \$ 1015.00 – Christopher Jarrod
6. 303 Maryland Ave bid - \$600.00- Melinda Dutton

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- 7. 10 Smith Street bid- \$1050.00-Kelly and Wallace McCuen**
- 8. 8 Smith Street bid-\$1050.00-Kelly & Wallace McCuen**
- 9. 2 Green Street bid- \$711.00-Genia Groves**
- 10. 19 Mississippi Street bid - \$501.00- Barney Atkins**

Mayor Burton stated that the individuals with the winning bids would be contacted. Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda, to immediately accept and award the winning bids to each high bidder and that the monies be held in the Town of Honea Path Reserve Fund. Caldwell seconded to amend the agenda. Vote was unanimous.

Taylor made a motion to immediately award the properties, upon receipt of the correct funds, to each successful bidder. Caldwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Burton remarked that 1300 Chiquola Avenue was the only property that did not receive a bid. He added that this property will be temporarily held, pending future developments of the Chiquola Mill site. Regardless...ALL PROCEEDS from these property sales will be held in the Reserve Fund and cannot be withdrawn without Council approval.

Hall discussed the budget; he stated the budget was going to be tight because of inflation. Items are increasing like equipment, piping.

Mayor Burton stated that we have vehicles that he wanted to have closed bids on:

- 1. 2007 Ford Explorer condition used gold in color 191,830 miles**
- 2. 2007 Ford Explorer Gold in color, condition used 222,834 miles**
- 3. 2007 Crown Vic Red in color, condition used 150,000 miles**
- 4. 1994 Ford Ranger Silver in color, condition used unsure of miles**
- 5. International Date Manufactured 6/2007 Model 7400SBAGX4 117,438 miles**
 - a. (Trash Truck)**
- 6. 1998 Ford Van condition used white in color 122,747 miles**

Taylor motioned and Perrett seconded that set minimum criteria needed to be placed for the bids. The closed bids would be opened at the next council meeting on October 18, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Burton informed that water rates from the B.H.P. Water Authority continue to escalate due to inflationary increases for treatment and labor costs while, at the same time, the Town of Ware Shoals Sewage Treatment Plant continues to increase their charges to treat all sewage and gray water from Honea Path.

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In 'New Business,' Council Member Evans wanted to increase enforcement pertaining to the illegal burning of open fire...that citizens need to have a burn permit. Chief Smith informed Ms. Evans that all firepits should have a lid on them and that should not be in contact with the ground.

Also in 'New Business,' Chief Smith wanted to update the proposed Wall of Honor at the Fire Department. Thus far, he had received a quotation and would be returning with an update at the next Council Meeting.

Having concluded all New Business, Taylor made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and/or Contractual Issues. Ashley seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Taylor made a motion to exit from Executive Session; returning to Regular Session. Ashley Seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashley seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Christopher Burton
Mayor

Leslie Walker
Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
Watkins Building
August 16, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Burton called the Council Meeting to order. The mayor asked for the pledge of the flag, and asked Ashley to pray. Members present: Mayor Christopher W. Burton, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer. Council Members: Earle Ashley, Sheila Caldwell, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dorothy "Dot" Evans, and Jim Taylor.

Mayor Burton asked to look over the minutes from the last Council Meeting that took place July 19, 2022. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022 as written, Perrett seconded. Minutes were approved as written. All in favor motion passed.

Mayor Burton allowed Tina Scott to present her youth council, as they sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Walker.

Mayor Burton asked Tina Scott to introduce each speaker as the members of the Youth Council: The members are Tina Scott (Director) Stacey Morris (Pay Master): Jared Morris (President), Avery Ashley (Vide President), Ann Lin (Treasurer), Emma Philips (Secretary), James Green (Medical Officer), Eli Brock, and Raelyn Tinsley. Each member gave an update on the experiences that hey have had in the past month. (Press Conference, Cookie Stash, Serve Friendship Community Area, and help with school supplies.

Emily Roberts, speaker from Duke Power to speak on behalf f the Duke Power Franchise Fee. It takes a few months for the increase to be placed on the bill. Mrs. Roberts

Hall discussed the budget; he stated the budget was going to be tight because of inflation. Items are increasing like equipment, piping. Boseman requested a gas report so I provided it to him.

Mayor Burton stated that the office position that was open and was filled by Mrs. Amanda Brock.

Mayor Burton wanted to give an update and state that the Civitan's of Honea Path has donated up to \$2,000.00 to beautify the stage at the Dogwood Park and wants to make it bigger.

Mayor Burton states there is 9 to 11 properties that are unwanted and that will be closed bids in the future. Some property is on the mill hill, a few properties are not on the Mill Hill.

Taylor motioned for this to be published in the newspaper and the one with the highest bid gets the property. All sealed bids will be opened at the next council meeting September 20, 2022.

Taylor motioned to discuss of a criterion for the bids to be accepted for the seals bid with the properties, Caldwell seconded. Ashley expressed that a criteria needed to be set in place for the seal bid of each property. It is illegal to favor homeowners in the area, when they can bid as well. The minimum of each seal bid should be \$500.00. All in favor motion passed.

Mayor Burton did a recap of the press conference that took place August 12, 2022, the state has governed The Town of Honea Path 1,000,000.00 for Chiquola Mill site. Developers wanting to put something on site soon.

Mayor Burton discussed that C Funds money are out there to help the county with improvements of the roads, he expressed that we wanted Chiquola Ave to be all done once the site is done. Mayor Burton expressed that he wants to bring the roads up to codes as well take the eye soar off the mill hill.

Mrs. Robinson showed expression of keeping the monument at the Chiquola mill site and don't want it destroyed, as it has history to it. Mayor Burton also informed that the smoke stack must come down with the mill.

Mr. Ashley discussed that there are some streets that have limbs that need to be trimmed back. Mayor states that the State will trim on state roads.

Chief Smith discussed how he would like to have a wall of honor plaque made outside the Fire Department take down the bushes, and possibly ask for funds in the future.

Taylor made a motion to go into executive session Robinson seconded all in favor.

Taylor made the motion to go into executive session and Robinson seconded, Mayor Burton stated we have no new business.

Taylor made the motion to return back in for council meeting, Caldwell seconded all in favor.

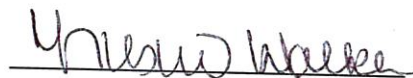
Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda Caldwell seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Burton discussed increasing Duke Power Franchise Fee from 4% to 5% by ~~title~~ ~~only~~ Taylor Motioned and Robinson seconded all in favor.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ashley seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.



Christopher Burton
Mayor



Leslie Walker
Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
Watkins Building
July 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Burton called the Council Meeting to order. The mayor asked for the pledge of the flag, and asked Smith to pray. Members present: Mayor Christopher W. Burton, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer. Council Members: Earle Ashley, Sheila Caldwell, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dorothy "Dot" Evans, and Jim Taylor.

Mayor Burton asked to look over the minutes from the last Council Meeting that took place June 19, 2022. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2022 as written, Robinson seconded. Ashley stated that he was not present on the May 17, 2022 council meeting. Earle was absence from that council meeting besides that all. Minutes were approved as written. 5 in favor motion passed.

Mayor Burton read a special letter from Beverly Crawford, thanking the council members and mayor and all employees in all that we did, while she was dedicated to the Town for 42 years

Mayor Burton asked Tina Scott to introduce each speaker as the members of the Youth Council: The members are Tina Scott (Director) Stacey Morris (Pay Master): Jared Morris (President), Avery Ashley (Vide President), Ann Lin (Treasurer), Emma Philips (Secretary), James Green (Medical Officer), Eli Brock, and Raelyn Tinsley.

Hall discussed that water rates and stated this is second and final reading in increase water by 0.20 cents per 1,000 gallons. Taylor motioned, and Robinson seconded as first tile. All was in favor.

Hall discussed the budget; he stated the budget was going to be tight because of inflation. Items are increasing like equipment, piping.

Mayor Burton stated that there was an opening in the Town Hall, as Mrs. Kelly McCuen has planned to resign on July 22, 2022.

Mayor Burton wanted to remind everyone about the Press Conference on August 12, 2022.

Mayor Burton wanted to give an update and state that the Civitan's of Honea Path has donated up to \$2,000.00 to beautify the stage at the Dogwood Park.

Mayor Burton states there is 10 to 15 properties that are unwanted and that will be closed bids in the future. Some property is on the mill hill, a few properties are not on the Mill Hill.

Mrs. Robinson showed interest in updating the Ordinance paperwork that the Council members have to fill out when they have complaint.

Mrs. Perrett discussed homeless people, that are sleeping on porches using areas to use the bathroom in the bushes, etc.

Mr. Ashley discussed that some street signs are dirty, may the ward members could clean them up.

Taylor made a motion to go into executive session Robinson seconded all in favor.

Civitan's are wanting beautify a stage. Council approved that the Civitan's can have a limit of \$2,000.00 for the stage at the Dog Wood Park.

Taylor made the motion to go into executive session and Robinson seconded, Mayor Burton stated we have no new business.

Taylor made the motion to return back in for council meeting, Caldwell seconded all in favor.

Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda Caldwell seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Burton discussed increasing Duke Power Franchise Fee from 4% to 5% by title only Taylor Motioned and Robinson seconded all in favor.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ashley seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Christopher Burton
Mayor

Leslie Walker
Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
Watkins Building
June 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Burton called the Council Meeting to order. The mayor asked for the Youth Council to lead the pledge of the flag, and asked Elder to pray. Members present: Mayor Christopher W. Burton, Leslie Walker Clerk/Treasurer. Council Members: ~~Earle Ashley~~, Jean Perrett, Rebecca Robinson, Dorothy "Dot" Evans, and Jim Taylor, with one vacant seat of Ward 2.

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Mayor Burton asked to look over the minutes from the last Council Meeting that took place May 17, 2022. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022 as written. With all in favor with 1 absent, 1 vacant seat, and 4 present.

Mayor Burton stated that he wanted to swear in the new Ward Member Sheila Caldwell by her son, and granddaughter holding the bible. Mayor Burton and Council members congratulated Sheila Caldwell as Ward Two Council Member.

Mayor Burton asked Senator Mike Gambrell to help hold the bible, while Mayor was swearing in the Honea Path Youth Council Members. The members are Tina Scott (Director) Stacey Morris (Pay Master): Jared Morris (President), Avery Ashley (Vice President), Ann Lin (Treasurer), Emma Philips (Secretary), James Green (Medical Officer), Eli Brock, and Raelyn Tinsley.

Webcraft Family donated \$1,000.00 to Youth Council. The town of Honea Path Youth council members and Honea Path Council thanked Joanna Webcraft for the donation.

Mrs. Pam Watson wanted to speak on behalf of her yard being dug up due to sewer, and stated she had been contacting the Town Hall and McCullough. She wanted to bring it to the Mayor and Council attention to hopefully get something done about her yard looking so bad.

Special Recognition was for Beverly Crawford, we as town, wanted to observe December 22 for Beverly Crawford. We also presented her with a photo album that was pictures from Mrs. Beverly's retirement party. We, as a town, also presented a Dell laptop to Mrs. Crawford thanking her for all her services she dedicated to the Town of Honea Path.

Mayor asked for Evan Vaughn to present a Air Med Care presentation for council members and head departments. Safe emergency transport when you need it- because life happens & you should be prepared.

Hall discussed the budget, and informed all that insurance for the employer portion will be increased by 18%. Hall discussed that Retirement is going to be increased as 1% by July 1, 2022. Hall stated the budget was going to be tight as inflation is high.

Taylor made the motion to have a discussion for the resolution of the Ware Shoals Reconciliation Bill, and Perrett seconded. Mayor just wanted council to be aware that we have gotten our Ware Shoals bill and it was \$258,226.40. All in favor to be aware of the bill and to pay the bill. Hall estimates that there is an additional \$70,000 to \$80,000 year amount due to the last 2 years.

Mayor asked to open the bids for the 1985 Ford Flatbed truck. The bid was from Tyler Davis at \$3,500.00. Taylor motioned and Caldwell accept the bid. All in favor and in absent.

Mayor stated last council we had discussed that he had roughly thought about going thru a business called textmygov. Service. After observance of Ampstun leader coming to town we learned in the Town Office that Ampstun software supported that so we did not go thru the textmygov. Service.

Taylor made the motion and Perrett seconded to have two signatures on any check, that is over \$5,000.00. No further discussion all in favor 5 in favor and 1 absent.

Mayor just wanted to inform that council members, that C-Funds are available. Mayor requested each Ward member to look at repair on the roads and let's put them together. The Ward member represents the roads that they serve in the area.

Mayor stated that we recently purchased 250 poly carts. Ms. Tina Scott informed us that Honea Path Youth Council was willing to help or paint the poly carts so they do not say D & S Sanitation. Mayor also made a discussion of there is additional poly cart used for a house hold may increase the price of the original poly cart.

Mayor discussed that there may be unwanted town property. Maybe we can auction off the property. If there is no use for the property. Maybe Anderson County can come in demolish the properties back to us and or donate the property mainly on the mill hill are their areas. A lot of these sites are on the mill hill that do have water hook up and sewer hookup. Taylor motioned to accept the property back to Town ownership. Evans seconded and stated that the property may can be used for Habitat for Humanity.

Hall stated that he would like to get the ordinance/zoning book updated but it would cost around about \$40, 000.00 to have this done.

Hall discussed that water rates that this is just first reading by title only that we would increase 0.20 cents per 1,000 gallons. Taylor motioned, and Robinson seconded as first tile. 1 opposed, 1 absent, 4 approve.

Mayor wanted to question who owns the Dog Wood Park? It is titled to the Town of Honea Path; we pay Lawn Maintenance \$240.00 monthly. Civitan's are wanting beautify a stage.

Council approved that the Civitan's can have a limit of \$2,000.00 for the stage at the Dog Wood Park.

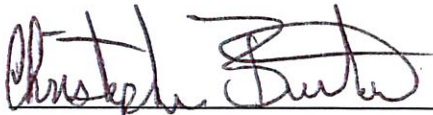
Mayor stated that the Kids Camp was a success.

Mayor also wanted just to let you know that we extended our contact with Creative Grant Writing.

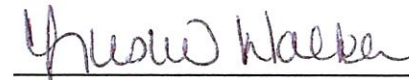
Mayor also wanted to remind of the July 2, 2022 event for annual Independence Day celebration event. Mayor stated that the limit in the pool was 150 citizens.

Taylor made the motion to go into executive session and Robinson seconded, Mayor Burton stated we have no new business.

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



Christopher Burton
Mayor



Leslie Walker
Clerk/Treasurer