

**Town of Honea Path
Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025
6 PM**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Members present, Ward 1 Council Member, Mr. Earle Ashley, Ward 4 Council Lady, Mrs. Marie Jenkins, Ward 5 Council Lady, Ms. Dot Evans, and Ward 6 Mayor Pro-Tempore, Mr. Jim Taylor. Ward 2 Council Lady, Ms. Sheila Caldwell and Ward 3 Council Lady, Ms. Jean Perrett, were absent due to illness.

Mayor Smith asked the group to stand, and Life Scout Boone Hanks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Smith then asked Rev. Rickey Knight, Pastor of Bethany World Outreach to pray.

In the opening remarks, Mayor Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Ms. Loretta Mulle' to inform everyone about Wreaths Across America. Mayor Smith approved a donation of \$500 to be taken from the Hospitality Fund for this good cause. No one signed up for Public Comments at this meeting.

In new business, Mayor Smith then asked Mrs. Beverly Crawford to present the November 4, 2025, Election Certification results. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the results, and Mrs. Jenkins made the second. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Smith then asked Judge Green to swear in the newly elected council members. Ward 1, Mr. Earle Ashley, Ward 3, Mr. Jason Peterson, and Ward 5, Mrs. Molly Fisher. The new council members then took their seats and Mayor Smith asked for all the council members to elect Mayor Pro-Tempore. After voting was complete, Mr. Young collected the ballots and announced the Mayor Pro-Tempore as Mr. Jim Taylor. Committee appointments were made by Mayor Smith, and they are as follows: Public Safety: Jim Taylor (chair), Marie Jenkins and Jason Peterson; Public Works: Earle Ashley (chair), Marie Jenkins and Molly Fisher; Parks and Recreation: Sheila Caldwell (chair), Molly Fisher and Jason Peterson; and the Finance Committee: Earle Ashley (chair), Jim Taylor and Sheila Caldwell.

Mayor Smith asked the council to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, meeting. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes stated above, and Mr. Ashley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0, with all in favor. Mayor Smith then asked the council to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Special called meeting. Mr. Ashley made a motion to approve the minutes stated above, and Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Smith then asked Mr. Larry Young to give the monthly financial report. Mayor Smith requested the council to consider a Resolution for Fee in Lieu of the Covan property. He stated this could be good for tax incentives and common practices to consider this resolution. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the resolution, and Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 6-0. Mr. Young made the council aware of a dilemma with the pricing for commercial dumpsters. He stated the town is reviewing cost and fees of commercial sanitation services and is working to get more information on how to resolve this issue. Mr. Evan Bramhall suggested that the town adopt the Ordinance for Road Standards used by Anderson County. The First Reading was held at this meeting, with Mr. Taylor making a motion to accept this as the First Reading and Mrs. Jenkins seconding the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 6-0. Mr. Young asked the council to approve a Christmas bonus for town full-time and part-time employees. The bonus would be \$100 for full-time employees, depending on their hire date, and 60 hour part-time \$75, and 40 hour part-time \$50. Mrs. Jenkins

made a motion to accept this proposal, and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 6-0. The Resolution for Acceptance of LAA-RIA for the Chiquola and Clatworthy project to improve sewer lines was needed. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the Resolution and Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 6-0.

Under old business, Mayor Smith announced that the property owned by the town on Laurel Street and Sirrine Street had been sold, and the closing date would be November 18, 2025. Both properties sold for \$17,000 each. Mayor Smith tabled the first reading of the annexation of Hwy. 252 and Hwy. 76.

Chief McGaha gave a report on the repair the concrete back pad at the Fire Department. M & D Construction was working to complete the project and is almost finished. Chief McGaha thanked the mayor and the council for approving this work to be done.

The second reading of the Tax Anticipation Note took place at this meeting, Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept, and Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Smith gave an update on the Chiquola Mill Site, announcing that RFQs would be taken and Stantec would be handling this with Anderson County's assistance.

Under other business, Mayor Smith gave an update on the water system construction, they are about two weeks behind and asked residents to notify us if the construction company needed to do any more work on yards. Chief Miller announced the upcoming event the Police Department does every year for needy children for Christmas.

At this time, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Ashley seconded the motion, all were in favor, passing the motion 6-0, and it was so ordered.

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Jimmy Smith, Mayor

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Amanda Porter, Clerk/Treasurer