

# Town Council Meeting

August 8, 2022

The Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022, in the council room of the Town Hall. Those joining the assembly were: Brian Laine, Mayor; Michael Kessinger, Brian Wills, H Lane Chambers Council Members; Pat Bowden, Fire Chief; David West, SSA Representative; Robyn Croft, Treasurer; Bonita Meyers, Clerk.

**Call to order:** The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm leading all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda:** The clerk called the roll; all members except Oscar Parker, Dennis Mason, and Darlene Whiting were present. Brian Wills moved to adopt the agenda as presented, Michael Kessinger seconded; and Council voted unanimously by raised hands to accept the motion.

**Announcements:** None

**Minutes:** Michael Kessinger moved to dispense with the reading of the July minutes and approve them as presented. Lane Chambers seconded; Council voted unanimously by raised hands to accept the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Croft presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand in the General Fund as of July 31, 2022- \$649,749.06

Bills presented for payment as of July 31, 2022- \$21,491.08

Michael Kessinger made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Brian Wills seconded the motion, and Council voted unanimously by raised hands in favor of the motion.

**Citizen Statements:** Kelly Kruschel asked if it would be possible to put a sidewalk from Johnson Ave to Main St across the Town-owned vacant lot. Mr. Kessinger responded that the land did not extend to Johnson Ave. Additionally, the land was slated for possible use in the future for a water tower.

## Committee Reports

**Fire Department:** Mr. Bowden reported that they sold the old Rescue truck to Surry Volunteer Fire Department, and he turned the check in to the Town Hall.

**Sussex Service Authority:** The mayor asked to schedule a work session to discuss a request that has come in from SSA.

**Airport:** The mayor reported that the county deputies were closely monitoring the terminal building. People have been closing the sleeping room door during the day.

**Ballpark/Recreation:** Mr. Kessinger requested that a circuit breaker be added with more outlets. Currently, there is only one breaker, and it keeps tripping.

**Budget/Finance:** None

**Cemetery:** Mr. Wills requested permission to move forward with re-rocking the drive as was budgeted for this year. He will take care of getting it done.

**Emergency Services/Safety:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Planning Commission:** None

**Property Maintenance:** The mayor asked to schedule a work session to discuss the amendments to the Town Ordinances. The work session is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, at 6 pm.

**Streets/Beautification:** The mayor reported that the four electronic speed limit signs were purchased, and he expects to take delivery soon. Mr. Chambers requested that the pecan tree on the corner of his property be trimmed away from the power lines.

**Utilities:** Mr. Chambers reported that Anixter, Inc. merged with WESTCO. Anixter had been holding ten transformers for the Town. WESTCO would not continue holding the transformers; therefore, the Town would need to purchase the transformers and store them at the town shop. However, they could be purchased at the lower price of three years ago.

Southern Corrosion is scheduled to begin painting the water tank in September.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** None

**Zoning:** None

**Legal:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Hazard Mitigation Resolution and JMT Water Main Project Design/Scope of Services will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.