

Town Council Meeting

October 11, 2022

The Town Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the council room of the Town Hall. Those joining the assembly were: Brian Laine, Mayor; Oscar E. Parker, III, Council President; Michael Kessinger, Dennis Mason, and Darlene Whiting, Council Members; Pat Bowden, Fire Chief; Robyn Croft, Treasurer; Bonita Meyers, Clerk.

Call to order: The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Brian Wills and H Lane Chambers were present. Mr. Kessinger moved to adopt the agenda as presented, Mrs. Whiting seconded; and Council voted unanimously by raised hands to accept the motion.

Announcements: None

Minutes: Mr. Mason moved to dispense with the reading of the August minutes and to approve them as presented; Mr. Parker seconded, and Council voted unanimously 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 September 30, 2022- \$218,345.25

Bills introduced for payment as of September 30, 2022- \$11,340.99

Mr. Kessinger motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Mr. Parker seconded the movement, and Council voted unanimously by raising hands in favor of the action.

Citizen Statements: Leslie Robert of Brown Edwards presented the Fiscal Year Ending June 2022 Auditor's report. The Auditor's report opinion stated the audit "presented fairly," which is the highest rating. She advised that the audit recommended Council should review and approve the correct journal entries.

Committee Reports

Fire Department: None

Sussex Service Authority: The mayor announced that SSA accepted the offer to provide the meter reading at \$0.75 per meter per month for one year. The agreement is in the process of signing and includes the \$50.00 cutoff and turn-on fees.

Airport: Construction is scheduled to begin on October 24, 2022, and will take approximately 60 days to complete. The daylight hours will have limited flights during construction, and the airport will be closed at night as there will be no runway lights.

Ballpark/Recreation: None

Budget/Finance: None

Cemetery: The cemetery has a new layer of rock throughout.

Emergency Services/Safety: None

Personnel: None

Planning Commission: None

Property Maintenance: None

Streets/Beautification: None

Utilities: None

Vehicle Maintenance: Mr. Kessinger recommended downsizing the bucket truck to one that does not require a CDL-licensed driver and procuring one large enough to reach the street lights.

Zoning: The Mayor announced two seats were vacant on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Parker motioned to appoint Jesse Wills and Jessica Moore to fill the vacancies. Mr. Kessinger seconded the movement, and Council voted unanimously by raising hands in favor of the motion.

Legal: None

Old Business: The mayor announced since the Town approved the new ordinance, he had begun taking pictures of some of the dilapidated buildings in town.

Southern Corrosion has started repainting the water tower.

New Business: Mr. Kessinger motioned for the Town to celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31, from 5-8 pm. Mr. Mason seconded the motion, and Council voted unanimously by raised hands in favor of the action.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Brain M. Laine, Mayor

Bonita JC Meyers _____

Bonita Meyers, Clerk