



TOWN OF DONALDS

Office of the Mayor and Town Council
P.O. Box 275
Donalds, SC 29638-0275

April 2025

Monthly Town Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Donalds Town Grange

Council Members Present:

William Scoggins, Mayor
Susan Powell, Council Member
Jana Burton, Council Member
Tisha Hill, Council Member
Carol Ellis, Council Member

Staff:

Morgan Davenport, Clerk

Guests:

Angela Worthington
Tracey Young
Janet Page
Doug Howell
Anita Howell
Ronnie Vaughn
Terri Stone
Melanie Kennedy
Jane Stone
Donna Gambrell

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scoggins called the regular meeting of the Council to order at 6:00PM.

The invocation was given by Mayor Scoggins.

QUORUM

Mayor Scoggins noted that a quorum of members was present.

Council Members and guests stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

P&N Avenue residents came to discuss road maintenance. Angela stated that they can't afford the cost of upkeep on the road. She stated that the County said there are supposed to be three meetings. She stated that the issue with it being a private road is maintenance and the road needs gravel. Janet says it's not a private drive if there is more than one entrance and there is no way to control traffic. Janet wants to know when the road was changed to a private drive. Anita stated that it was not a private drive/road when the storage buildings were put in. Ronnie stated it was brought to the County, and they said it was private so the Town said they would maintain it. Janet asked who put stickers on signs saying it's private and stated the County said

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the road would have to be two lanes to be paved as there is liability with it being narrow. Mr. Scoggins asked what would be best to solve. He also informed guests that more information would need to be obtained from the County, and his understanding was that the Town had paid to have the road corrected one time previously, but that was supposed to be a one-time fix. Ronnie and Mr. Scoggins advised the other P&N Avenue residents to contact their county seat for the best information.

First reading of the 2025-2026 Annual Budget - Mrs. Hill motioned to approve. Mrs. Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit update - CD information was submitted last week. Table for now.

Ms. Powell made the motion to go into the Executive Session to discuss Ronnie's retirement from the Council. Mrs. Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All guests except Ronnie Vaughn and officer exited the building. Executive Session began at 6:38pm.

Ms. Powell made the motion to return to the Open Session at 7:01pm. Mrs. Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Guests were invited to return into the building.

Mrs. Powell motioned to approve Ronnie's retirement package. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Golf Tournament update - The tournament fundraiser has been canceled at this time. The amount of \$2000 previously approved for use is to be split between the Fire Department and the Abbeville County Animal Shelter. Mrs. Burton motioned to approve \$1000 be sent to the Animal Shelter and since we already have \$8500 budgeted for the Fire Department, that should suffice for now. The bag purchased for a raffle and that is at the Fire Dept is approved for the Fire Department to raffle off by them. Remaining balance of \$2,000 from \$1,000 to Animal Shelter and the cost of the bag, to be cancelled moving forward. Ms. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Insurance coverage - Ms. Powell made the motion to add the playground equipment and the Farmer's Market Pavilion to the insurance coverage. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Summary letter for Dunlap Park from Mr. Scoggins - Mr. Scoggins prepared a summary letter of recent findings at the park during recent inspections. Mr. Scoggins shared the information with the guests including: Duke Energy has been to the site twice to locate all power sources and deactivate all power meters; currently there is only one light in operation at the park due to the

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schematics; and the primary panel will be reworked now that the pavilion and gazebo have been removed. The three bids should be obtained and ready for review at the next meeting to include resolution of parking lot, power source, and removal of existing track. Mr. Scoggins informed Council and guests that the Town is able to keep the playground equipment in the current location with the addition of necessary fencing.

Spreadsheet on Town projects budget - Mrs. Burton made the motion to accept the final spreadsheet. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Media Guidelines provided by Town Attorney - Mrs. Hill made the motion to accept the guidelines. Ms. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Depot Property - William advised that he has been unable to reach anyone about the property and was told that the owner had been in the hospital. Jana volunteered to try and reach the owner's family, too.

CDs - CD at Abbeville bank to mature on April 17th. Table for now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM.

Other appearances:

- Abbeville County Sheriff's Office member (s)

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