

Town of Kershaw
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2022
7:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order/ Roll Call of Council-** Present Mayor Mark Dorman, Councilmembers Jody Connell, Michael Cook, Harvey Truesdale, Danny Williams, Randy Seegars, Bobbie Faulkenberry, Town Attorney Mandy Powers Norrell, Town Administrator Ryan McLemore, Town Clerk Alicia DeBruhl. Media Present Mack Banks Lancaster News, Kershaw News Era Andrew O'Byrne.
- II. **Invocation-** Jody Connell
- III. **Public Comments-** None
- IV. **Approve Minutes-**
 - A. **Regular Scheduled Meeting June 20, 2022-** Jody Connell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Danny Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
- V. **Mayor's Report-** Mayor Mark Dorman- The clock on Main St, does not work, we either need to get it fixed or removed. It has been asked about several times during meet the Mayor sessions. Assigned to Administrator Ryan McLemore to find parts, etc. to get the clock working again. Update council at next meeting.

Tennis Court Project, we have currently received \$140,575 in funds for renovations. We have applied for grants in the amount of \$50,000, have not heard back at this time. It has been opened for bids for 3-4 weeks, currently we do not have any bids, we have heard from different contractors, just nothing in writing.
- VI. **Administrator's Report-** Administrator Ryan McLemore- We had a break in at the Golf Course on July 2, 2022, around 11 PM. A golf cart was stolen. The cart has since been recovered off Old Georgetown Rd in Kershaw County. The golf cart was painted blue, ignition wiring ripped out, bag holder and cup holder removed. Lancaster County helped assist, suspects are currently in custody at Kershaw County Detention Center. We had lightening strike the irrigation system and pump at the golf course, total cost of repairs \$6,600.20, has been filed with the insurance company. I was informed this morning that we had another lightening strike this past week with the same type of damage. Gerald Montgomery is checking with the company about some type of protection there. Paving has begun with golf course; it was set back about a week. Looks good.

Our new phone and internet services installation has been completed. Everything is working great, phones are definitely an upgrade, much more user-friendly and many more options. The town turned over First Steps to Lancaster County as of July 1, 2022. We have noticed some issues, water leaking through the front door has damaged some of the flooring. The flooring throughout the building is separating. I have already contacted the builders. The building official wanted an extra handrail installed at the main entrance, that was completed this week. Also, the handicap parking area has been marked and painted.

RIA Update- The main line has been run; they are now installing taps. There will be about three to four phases, there will be several places that require boring. With boring there is a

risk of hitting another line. This happened last week, when the line that feeds K-Town Café was hit, and their service was temporarily interrupted. After all the taps are installed, they will have to pressure test the lines, then do chlorine level test. Once this phase passes, they will start tying in customers. There will be a short interruption of service. We plan on notifying all customers, before this phase begins. There will also be another meeting to discuss this process when it comes, maybe during nonoperational hours.

EDA Update- They have begun some of the land clearing and getting equipment moved in. Construction should begin soon.

VII. New Business-

- A. Brian Broughton CEO, Lynches River Co-Op-** Update with River-Net, it was first announced in 2019. First customer was hooked up September 2020. Currently have 5,000 customers on River-Net. We started with our customers before Duke Energy customers. We have River-Net all around Kershaw, Knollwood, Scout Cabin Rd., Bowling Alley, Baxley Pond, and Mitch Williams. River-Net will have to get with Duke Energy to start in town limits. It will be about a ¾ mile project with Duke. Drawing was submitted 30-45 days ago, just heard back from them last week. We will not have to replace power poles. Last six months, we have had a hard time getting materials. Asked Administrator McLemore if he could meet with Duke Energy and Lynches River so they can get started installing River-Net. Mayor Mark Dorman asked, “what do we need to do and who do we need to meet with?” Mr. Broughton responded he will contact who he knows and let Mayor Dorman and Admin. McLemore know. When River-Net originally set out, they had a goal of 5,500 customers by 2025, we will have 5,500 customers by February 2023.
- B. Discussion of Leaf and Limb Truck Purchase-** Mayor Mark Dorman-Our current limb truck is 10-12 years old; we have gotten all the good out of it. We are trying to get pricing quotes together, it’s difficult to get one at this time. Admin. McLemore- The limb truck is beyond repair cost. We are not asking for approval tonight, but we are looking at a brand-new limb truck with Amick Construction. They have three coming on the line soon. Cost of \$206,211. Also, been talking with Jeff Catoe from Lancaster County. We may be able to purchase one from them if they decide to upgrade soon. The truck is not going to last much longer. At the next council meeting I will have more information and give my recommendation on either purchasing a used or new limb truck.
- C. Upgrade WWTP Chemical Distribution System-** Danny Ackerman (WWTP Operator)- Currently we use 12 ½% liquid bleach, would like to switch to liquid chlorine gas at a 1/3 of the cost. With the flow system, as the flow goes up, the gas goes up. Up front cost will be costly, but it will save the town in the long run. Been talking with Piedmont Chlorinator Sales they will set everything up and repair anything that tears up, cost to them. We will have to do training with the Fire Department with the new system.

Questions from Council-

Jody Connell- Do we have a local supplier?

Danny Ackerman- Already have supplier that will bring it. They will bring three drums at a time.

Bobbie Faulkenberry- It will be a third of the cost of what we pay now?

Danny Ackerman-Yes.

Mayor Mark Dorman- What would be the upfront cost?

Danny Ackerman-Piedmont Chlorinator Sales- \$12,500 includes everything being services each year and Piedmont Chlorinator Sales is liable for everything.
Chlorinator Sales, Matthews, NC- \$26,311

Mayor Mark Dorman- Do you recommend Piedmont Chlorinator Sales?

Danny Ackerman-Yes

Harvey Truesdale- Have you done the calculations for how long it would take to pay back the upfront cost?

Danny Ackerman- It will take two months for it to pay back the upfront cost.

Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to approve using Piedmont Chlorinator Sales to switch the WWTP from liquid chlorine to liquid chlorine gas, pending a written contract stating that Piedmont will services each year and be liable for everything. Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

- D. Delinquent Business Licenses-**Admin. Ryan McLemore. We have several businesses that still have not paid for their business license. They have been sent the renewal letter and two delinquent letters. Admin. McLemore asked Town Attorney Mandy Powers Norrell what is our next step?

Attorney Powers Norrell- There is a clear process in the handbook. Renewals must be sent, then a reminder, then certified letter including the appeal process. Certified letters with signature required or personally delivered. After that, the business can be fined every day. Department of Revenue can make tax returns available. We cannot shut down a business for not paying business license fees, but we can prosecute. You can also do public posting.

- E. New A/C Unit for Fire Department-** Admin. Ryan McLemore- One of the units at the Fire Department has gone out. It started going bad last week and went out at the end of the week. We were able to get three different quotes, told Larry Ammons since it had already gone out to go ahead and have it replaced with the cheapest quote. Quotes are as follows: Kershaw Heating and Cooling- \$6,917.00, Kevin Robinson Heating and Cooling- \$6,990.00, Ports Heating and Cooling-\$8,200.00. We went with Kershaw Heating and Cooling to replace the unit. Bobbie Faulkenberry made a motion to approve the emergency ordinance, for the Fire Department to replace the unit. Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
- F. Contractual Matter with Duke Power-** Admin. Ryan McLemore- We are looking at switching out all the lights at Town Hall like we have done at the Marion Boan Community Center. Cost upfront will be \$8520.93 with an incentive of \$4,695.09 for a

total of \$3,825.84. Saving \$253.79 a month, \$3,045.51 after a year and \$15,227.54 after five years.

Questions from Council

Harvey Truesdale- Are we going to upgrade the lighting at the golf course as well?

Yes, that is next. We wanted to get the Marion Boan Community Center and Fire Department first. Now town hall, then golf course.

Harvey Truesdale made a motion to approve the contract with Duke Energy for updating the lights at Town Hall. Danny Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

VIII. Old Business- None

Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to enter Executive Session. Randy Seegars seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

IX. Executive Session-

- A. Contractual Matter with D & S Services**
- B. Contractual Matter with Town of Heath Springs**
- C. Contractual Matter with Faulkenberry Tree Service**
- D. Contractual Matter with Kershaw Cemetery**

Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to go back to Open Session. Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

X. Potential Actions Resulting from Discussion in Executive Session- No Action Taken

XI. Adjournment- Harvey Truesdale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Mark Dorman

Town Clerk Alicia DeBruhl