



**Town of Kershaw
Town Council Meeting Minutes
113 S. Hampton St.
Monday, January 27, 2025**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Mark Dorman, Councilmembers Present, Jody Connell, Harvey Truesdale, Randy Seegars, Danny Williams and Bobbie Faulkenberry, and Michael Cook. Also present, Town Administrator John Douglas, Town Attorney Stephen Smoak, Town Clerk Alicia DeBruhl.
2. **Invocation**- Council member Harvey Truesdale
3. **Approval of Agenda**- Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to amend the agenda. Remove 213 Neal Street from the Public Hearing and under New Business Annexation/Rezoning Ordinance 2025 until the February Meeting. Councilmember Randy Seegars seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended by Mayor Mark Dorman. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
4. **Public Comments- Vernie Faile**- Mr. Faile voiced his concern with the ordinance pertaining to portable storage containers. Him and his brother purchased one approximately 9 years ago that they have on their parent's property in town limits. They have also run electricity to it. Mr. Faile stated "Ms. Boone stopped by a few weeks ago and wrote my brother a ticket saying you cannot have a tractor trailer on your property. I spoke with Mayor Mark Dorman, and we agreed that there are two different kinds. A trailer drives up and down the road, and a storage container stays in place. You also have to check the tires on a tractor trailer, but a storage unit doesn't have tires on it." Mr. Faile proceeded to say "It's going to cost a lot of money, nowhere to put the stuff, then have a storage unit to pay for. It's going to cost me a lot of money. It's going to cost more than that big raise y'all gave yourselves. I appreciate y'all considering forgetting about this with the storage units. Shouldn't have to live up to someone else's standards"
5. **Approval of Minutes- 11/18/24**- Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to amend the minutes. Under Tailgate Festival Proceeds Proposal, Any funds used from Hospitality Funds, will be repaid buy excess funds from the Tailgate Festival in 2025. Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/18/24, with amendments. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
6. **Financial Report**- Financial Update as of 12/31/24 is included in the packet.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Rezoning of Annexed Properties (541 W. Richland St. and 535 W. Richland St) -- No Public Comments**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading of 404 Kershaw Country Club Rd Rezoning Ordinance 2024-038-** Councilmember Michael Cook made a motion to approve the Second Reading of 404 Kershaw Country Club Rd Rezoning Ordinance 2024-038. Councilmember Jody Connell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
2. **Second Reading of 124 East 1st St Rezoning Ordinance 2024-039-** Councilmember Danny Williams made a motion to approve the Second Reading of 124 East 1st St Rezoning Ordinance 2024-039. Councilmember Randy Seegars seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
3. **Second Reading of East 2nd St Rezoning Ordinance 2024-040-** Councilmember Randy Seegars made a motion to approve the Second Reading of East 2nd St Rezoning Ordinance 2024-040. Councilmember Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
4. **Second Reading of Three C's Road Rezoning Ordinance 2024-041-** Councilmember Harvey Truesdale made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Three C's Road Rezoning Ordinance 2024-041. Councilmember Bobbie Faulkenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
5. **Second Reading of Catledge Road/Three C's Road Rezoning Ordinance 2024-042-** Councilmember Michael Cook made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Catledge Road/Three C's Road Rezoning Ordinance 2024-042. Councilmember Jody Connell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
6. **Second Reading of Kirkland Avenue Rezoning Ordinance 2024-043-** Councilmember Danny Williams made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Kirkland Avenue Rezoning Ordinance 2024-043. Councilmember Bobbie Faulkenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
7. **Second Reading of 248 Kirkland Avenue Rezoning Ordinance 2024-044-** Councilmember Randy Seegars made a motion to approve the Second Reading of 248 Kirkland Avenue Rezoning Ordinance 2024-044. Councilmember Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
8. **Second Reading of E. 1st Street/ Blackwell Drive Rezoning Ordinance 2024-045-** Councilmember Harvey Truesdale made a motion to approve the Second Reading of E. 1st Street/ Blackwell Drive Rezoning Ordinance 2024-045. Councilmember Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
9. **Second Reading of Blackmon Circle Rezoning Ordinance 2024-046-** Councilmember Jody Connell made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Blackmon Circle Rezoning Ordinance 2024-046. Councilmember Randy Seegars seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

- 10. Second Reading of Horton Rollins Road/West Richland Street Rezoning Ordinance 2024-047-** Councilmember Michael Cook made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Horton Rollins Road/West Richland Street Rezoning Ordinance 2024-047. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FY 2024 Audit- Shane Kirkley of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP-** For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the town's general fund balance increased by \$628,266. In the same period, the water and sewer fund's new position increased by \$268,904. "We gave an unmodified opinion which is the highest opinion we can give the town," Kirkley said. "We greatly appreciate the hard work and efforts of your staff in the audit process."
2. **Appointment of Fire Chief for Kershaw Fire Department-** Members of the Kershaw Fire Department voted earlier in the year to nominate Tracy B. Caldwell as the new Fire Chief. Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to approve the Kershaw Fire Department's recommendation of Tracy B. Caldwell as Fire Chief. Councilmember Danny Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
3. **First Reading of 541 W. Richland Street Annexation/Rezoning Ordinance 2025-001-** Councilmember Michael Cook made a motion to approve the First Reading of 541 W. Richland Street Annexation/Rezoning Ordinance 2025-001. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
4. **First Reading of 535 W. Richland Street Annexation/Rezoning Ordinance 2025-002-** Councilmember Danny Williams made a motion to approve the First Reading of 535 W. Richland Street Annexation/Rezoning Ordinance 2025-002. Councilmember Randy Seegars seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
5. **First Reading of Mackey Alley Quitclaim Conveyance Ordinance 2025-004-** Councilmember Harvey Truesdale made a motion to approve the First Reading of Mackey Alley Quitclaim Conveyance Ordinance 2025-004. Councilmember Michael Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
6. **First Reading of Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance 2025-005-** Councilmember Harvey Truesdale made a motion to approve First Reading of Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance 2025-005, adding that 2 vehicles can remain cover for up to 90 days before it must be removed. Councilmember Jody Connel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
7. **First Reading of Portable Storage Containers Ordinance 2025-006-** Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to table the First Reading of Portable Storage Containers Ordinance 2025-006. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0. Mayor Mark Dorman requested that Councilmember Harvey Truesdale and Jody Connell meet to discuss amending the ordinance before next meeting.
8. **Cemetery Gates-**Councilmember Danny Williams has spoken with Sheriff Barry Faile, the deputies in town will start unlocking the Cemetery in the mornings and will lock

them at night. This is to start on February 1, 2025. Councilmember Danny Williams said he would go in the mornings to check to make sure the gates had been unlocked, and Councilmember Randy Seegars would go in the evenings to make sure they had been locked. Councilmember Randy Seegars stated he would like to give this a try for approximately a month to see how it goes. Depending on how it goes, he would like to possibly check on getting automatic gates at the cemetery.

9. **Christmas Decorations-** Councilmember Bobbie Faulkenberry made a motion for the town to purchase 14 new Christmas decorations to begin phasing out the existing wreath decorations and new bulbs for the large tree placed outside at Town Hall up to \$8,643.27 in cost, with expense coming from the Hospitality Tax Fund. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to Enter Executive Session. Councilmember Danny Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Contractual Matters Pertaining to Sewer Service**
2. **Contractual Matters Pertaining to Comprehensive Plan/UDO**

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

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to approve Keck and Wood creating a sewer pre-treatment program as required by the SC DES at a cost of \$35,000. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
2. Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to have the manhole in the intersection of Cleveland and Richland Streets lined at a cost of \$24,175 and 50 feet of sewer line replaced on Richland Street at a cost of \$66,454. Councilmember Jody Connell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
3. Mayor Mark Dorman made a motion to employ the services of Lindler Planning to create the required future land use map needed for the town to adopt the county's comprehensive plan with the cost not to exceed \$6,500. Councilmember Danny Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT- Councilmember Bobbie Faulkenberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Harvey Truesdale seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Mark Dorman

Town Clerk Alicia DeBruhl