

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 21, 2023 6:00pm West Pelzer Municipal Center 30 Main Street

Those present: Mayor Blake Sanders, Council Members Jim Riddle, Jeff Lee and Johnny Rogers; Town Clerk Paula Payton, Town Attorney Carey Murphy and Chief Scott Stoller.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Sanders

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Sanders 6:02pm

<u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u> January 10, 2023 Council Meeting Motion to approve by Councilman Lee, 2nd by Councilman Riddle; all were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Paula Payton - Clerk's Report — see attached Chief Stoller — Police Department Report — see attached

CITIZEN COMMENTS (sign up required / max 3 minutes - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-0221 "APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER" Clerk's comments: a resolution to appoint Patti Scarfo; Motion to approve by Councilman Rogers, 2nd by Councilman Lee; all were in favor.

REQUEST BY COUNCIL

Councilman Lee - None

Councilman Rogers - None

Councilman Riddle – Recently contacted by a concerned citizen regarding the oversight and neglect of the American flag in the Town Hall parking lot. The citizen reached out because Councilman Riddle is a veteran and a member of council. Councilman Riddle stated that he had

addressed this same issue in the past and it received attention at the time. Councilman Riddle stated that the Town should adhere to proper protocol in the future regarding the flag. Mayor Sanders thanked Councilman Riddle for his response to the citizen and for his service.

Mayor Sanders - Food Lion is having their grand re-opening Wednesday 2/22/23 at 7:45am and all are encouraged to attend;

2023/2024 budget workshop is scheduled for Friday March 3, 2023 at lpm. Discussion will include a request for proposal for the Spring Street property owned by the Town;

Special Election will be held Tuesday March 28, 2023, polls open 7am-7pm; absentee voting is available by contacting the Anderson County Voter Registration office.

SCDHEC requirements have been stringent in the past year; exercising valves, hydrant replacement and flow testing, as well as tank inspection led to 100% SCDHEC compliance. Many meetings, emails and much time has been spent by Mayor Sanders, Paula Payton and Jeff Pearson to accomplish this.

Mayor Sanders stated that in 2018 he was part of the Riley Design Fellowship and this year he was asked to speak; From 2018-present the Town of West Pelzer has increased revenue by approximately 30%, and filled Main Street vacancies with businesses. As Mayor Riley teaches this is in large part due to the leadership of staff and Council members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lee made a motion to adjourn at 6:21pm, 2nd by Councilman Riddle; all were in favor.

Minutes prepared by:
Paula H. Payton, MMC, ABL
Town Clerk



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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II. CALL TO ORDER

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) January 10, 2023 Council Meeting

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

a) Paula Payton - Clerk's Report

b) Chief Stoller - Police Department Report

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS (sign up required / max 3 minutes

VI. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

VII. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

a) Resolution 2023-0221 "APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER"

VIII. REQUEST BY COUNCIL

IX. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

X. ADJOURNMENT





To: Mayor Sanders and Council

From: Paula H. Payton, MMC, ABL

Subject: Clerk's Report

Date: February 21, 2023

The following are updates and information related to activities in the Town of West Pelzer and/or upcoming events. Please contact me with any questions that you may have related to these items. ppayton@westpelzer.com or 864-947-6297 ext. 101

Administration

- The next Quarterly Department Meeting will be scheduled for April 2023.
- TextMyGov
 - Connect to citizens via text
 - o Report issues & find information
 - o Opt to receive alerts for General Information, Emergency, Events
- 2023 Elections
 - Special Election for vacant Council seat 3/28/2023
 - Filing opened 1/20/23 at 8am
 - Filing closed 1/30/23 at 12pm
 - One Candidate Thomas Scarfo
 - o General Election for Mayor & 2 Council seats 11/7/2023
 - Filing opens 8/9/2023 at 12pm
 - Filing closes 8/23/2023 at 12pm
- Events & Partnerships

Public Works

- 8 work orders were completed in the month of January 2023.
 - Work Orders can be submitted online (<u>www.westpelzer.com</u>) or by calling Town Hall
- 2021 CCR Water Quality Report is available at www.westpelzer.com

- Reminder Sanitation will run as usual, unless notification is received, even on holidays
- Waste Industries dba GFL will pick up only GFL cans starting April 1, 2022
 - Citizens can contact GFL directly to add an additional can for a discounted rate of \$5 per month
- ReWa Update
 - o Rate Increase (effective for February 2023 billing)
 - Current Base \$12.38
- ' Increase \$12.75
- Current Usage \$6.27/1,000
- Increase \$6.56/1,000

- o Utility Billing
 - Paperless Billing
 - Auto Draft
 - Customer Login Options

Municipal Court

Monies disbursed for January 2023

- General Fund ~ \$4,342.97
- Victim's Fund (Anderson County) ~ \$614.97
- State Assessment ~ \$6,208.19

Finance

- January 2023 Budget
 - General Fund Income \$109,785.68 ~ Expense \$56,681.36
 - o Water/Sewer Income \$68,352.85 ~ Expense \$73,012.51
 - Hospitality Tax Income \$4,909.81
 Expense \$631.39
- Over Budget Items (YTD)
 - o 03-7195-000 SCDHEC Fees
 - o 03-7411-000 Vehicle/Equipment Repairs & Maintenance
 - o 01-7220-100 Dues & Subscriptions
 - o 01-7254-000 Contingency Expense *Reimbursement claim filed*



To: Mayor Sanders and Council From: Chief Scott Stoller

Subject: Police Department Report

Date: February 1, 2023

The following are updates and information related to activities of the West Pelzer Police Department and/or upcoming events. Please contact me with any questions that you may have related to these items or anything else. I want your input!

chief@westpelzer.com or 864-947-6297 ext. 103

Crime Stats

- Reports- 10
- Arrests- 2 persons
 - o Petit Larceny x 2
 - o Recovered stolen property
- Tickets written 47
- Warnings- 13
- Motor vehicle collisions 1

Updates

- Reminder: If anyone needs to reach an officer for general information, they can call 864-947-6297 opt 5.
 To make a report or request a response call Anderson County Dispatch 864-260-4444; If it is an emergency, please dial 911.
- Please use extreme caution driving on Main Street, especially between Gray Mortuary and Hwy 20. There
 is a lot of foot traffic crossing, especially near the mortuary and Mill Town. We had a pedestrian struck
 just before Christmas in front of the mortuary. Speeding and aggressive driving enforcement will be
 strictly enforced.
- Especially at night, if you see someone or something out of place, please report it to 911.
- We are awaiting the arrival of loaned devices from Palmetto Pride to assist us in curbing littering along our streets.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0221

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF WEST PELZER, SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Town of West Pelzer is authorized by the Town Code of Ordinances and South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, and authorizes as the Mayor and Town Council deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council passed an ordinance in 1999 establishing a Town of West Pelzer Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has terms as required by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission currently does not meet ordinance to meet, discuss, and provide recommendations to Town Council; and

WHEREAS, following Council requests for nominations, the nominations presented meet all requirements set forth by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of West Pelzer is authorized to appoint members of the Planning Commission, subject to approval by the Council of the Town of West Pelzer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of West Pelzer while in a scheduled meeting on February 21, 2023, the following citizen is hereby appointed as a member of the Planning Commission: Patti Scarfo.

Resolution declared and adopted on February 21, 2023.

Blake Sanders - Mayor

Paula Payton - Town Clerk