



TOWN OF NORWAY

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TOWN OF NORWAY COUNCIL MEETING

Via Conference Call/Virtual: 720-740-9696 Pin# 581 4891

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February 1, 2021

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Clemons.
2. Members Present: Mayor Tracie Clemons, Councilperson Berley James, Councilperson Bonnie Fogle, Councilperson Kelvin Crosby and Councilperson Gregg Covington
3. Councilperson Bonnie Fogle led the invocation.
4. Mayor Clemons that the Agenda be approved. Councilperson James made the motion to accept the Agenda as written. Councilperson Covington seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved.
5. Mayor Clemons asked Council members to review the minutes from the previous meeting and the business meeting. Councilperson James made the motion to accept the minutes. Councilperson Fogle seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved.
6. Mayor Clemons reviewed the Treasurer's Report (Attachment 1). Councilperson James made the motion to accept the report. Councilperson Covington seconded it. All in favor, so moved.
7. Department Reports
 - a. Police Department: Mayor Clemons reported that as of 1/4/2021 Chief James Thorpe had resigned as Police Chief. Mayor Clemons stated that Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and SLED were aware of this. Mayor Clemons shared that of the 13 months that this administration has been in office the town has had a Police Chief/on Duty Officers for 11 of those months. Mayor Clemons asked that citizens and Council Members be patient as the town conducts interviews to find the best person for the job. Mayor Clemons said that there have been 3 applicants for the Police Chief position with one strong contender. Mayor Clemons explained that as the hiring process continues, she will stay in contact with this individual. She also said that the part time officer position has been posted. Mayor Clemons stated that the OCSD has been patrolling the town and she shared that on January 26, 2021 the Public Works Department had found a suspicious backhoe behind the old HKT school. OCSD came out and determined that the backhoe had been stolen and it was returned that same evening.

- b. Water Department: Mayor Clemons stated that before she began the water report she would like to ask that citizens not approach her family members about issues that they have with their water service (i.e., disconnected water, water bills etc.) Mayor Clemons also said that no one should be calling town employees at home after hours. Mayor Clemons stated that failure to pay a water bill does not constitute an emergency and that no town employees would be dispatched after hours to turn water back on if this was the reason for cut off. Mayor Clemons then reiterated that it is illegal to tamper with water meters and that anyone doing so would be given a fine. Mayor Clemons stated that it was unethical for council members to suggest having a customer run a hose to a meter that had been turned off for nonpayment. Councilperson Covington asked if he could discuss the situation. Mayor Clemons yielded the floor and discussion followed. After the discussion Mayor Clemons continued with the water report.

The town's water/wastewater quarterly test results have come back and are well within acceptable parameters. The Winchester project is coming to a close. The town is in the process of abandoning the old waterlines. While doing this, it was discovered that two (2) homes were still on the abandoned lines and there will be another change order done. Also, due to this, water to all residents will be turned off on Wednesday February 3, 2021 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Mayor Clemons explained that once the water is turned back on it will be necessary for citizens to boil their water until further notice. Mayor Clemons said that there would be notices posted on the Facebook page and at the Town Hall when the boil water advisory would be lifted. Mayor Clemons also stated that the data that was collected from pressure gauges on the fire hydrants indicates that the water pressure was normal and consistent, and that Public Works continues to flush hydrants and turn water valves. Mayor Clemons continued that the water tank on 332 was scheduled to be drained on Wednesday February 3, 2021 but the date has been changed due to low temperatures expected that day.

- c. Parks & Recreation – Councilperson Crosby stated that there was no report at this time.
 - d. Streets & Sanitation – Councilperson Berley James shared that on 1/17/2021 there was a litter pick up on 2nd Street, 3rd Street and Harrison Avenue. Councilperson James said that she and some student volunteers participated in the pickup. Mayor Clemons said that she would come and help at the next litter pick up at. All other Councilmembers then pledge to help as well.
8. Unfinished Business: Mayor Clemons shared that the money from the loan has been received and that McGregor's had been paid. All Councilmembers expressed their pleasure over this. Mayor Clemons then shared that now the town can work on getting the past audits from 2014 – 2020 done.
 9. New Business:
 - a. Town of Norway Resolution 2021-001 (Attachment 2) Mayor Clemons explained that the resolution had come about at the Business Meeting that had been held in January. Mayor Clemons then read the resolution and went over each point in Exhibit A Mayor Clemons then asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-001. Councilperson James made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-001. Councilperson Covington seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved.

10. Mayor Clemons opened the floor for Public Comments. Shannon Marie (from Facebook) asked about who to get in touch with for volunteer opportunities and asked that they be posted on Facebook as well. Mayor Clemons said that citizens that wished to volunteer could call Town Hall during business hours and said that the town would place the opportunities on the town Facebook page as they became available.
11. Announcements:
- a. Mayor Clemons shared that a thank you folder had come in from the US Census Bureau. Mayor Clemons displayed the folder and read the thank you note that was enclosed.
 - b. Mayor Clemons stated that Mayors United (Consisting of Mayors from: Norway, Springfield, Neeses, Livingston, North, and Woodford) will be doing another food give away on Thursday February 11, 2021. The location for the pickup is 210 Brodie Street Springfield, SC.
 - c. Mayor Clemons gave the current information on the standing of the COVID-19 Vaccine and the current update on cases in the town of Norway.
 - d. Mayor Clemons wished her brother Mr. John Bruce a very Happy Birthday.
12. Adjournment: Councilperson Covington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson James seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Date Accepted: March 1, 2021

Tracie M. Clemons, Mayor

Bonnie Fogle, Councilperson

Gregg Covington, Councilperson

Berley James, Councilperson

Kelvin Crosby, Councilperson

Donna J. Lynch, Clerk