

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The Regular Town Council meeting was held by the Six Mile Town Council at Town Hall (106 South Main Street, Six Mile, S.C.) on October 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance were Mayor James Atkinson: Presiding; Council: Mark Beckman, Chis King, Beau Proffitt and Judy Shaw. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on October 6, 2025.

Call to Order & Invocation & Pledge

At 7:00 PM Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order, the invocation was given by Chris King, and Judy Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction to Public Session

Mayor Atkinson welcomed attendees, expressed appreciation for their participation, and reflected on Six Mile's heritage, values, and community pride, sharing personal family ties to the fire department and the town's history. He emphasized the importance of civility, faith, and respect in maintaining Six Mile's character, even during challenges.

Mayor Atkinson stated that he, along with Town Council, invites people to speak during public session as an opportunity to be heard respectfully, and is not a forum for debate or disruption. He reviewed meeting procedures and rules of decorum, including time limits for speakers, the requirement to sign up in advance, and reminders that interruptions or disrespectful behavior would not be allowed. He reminded the audience that Council does not respond to public comments during the meeting, and if necessary, they will follow up at a later time as deemed appropriate.

Special Guest Speaker

Attorney Mary McCormac apologized to the residents for the recent turmoil in the community. She clarified that she had advised the Mayor to verify the County Fire Department's insurance coverage with Ken Roper, since the Town's insurer for special events prohibits candy throwing.

She outlined the state's business license requirements, noting that Six Mile adheres to the standardized model ordinance developed by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) and used by most municipalities across the state. In response to concerns about one-time event vendors, she drafted an ordinance as an option to create a short-term event business license, which Council may consider at a future meeting.

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Public Session

7:16-7:19 PM - Coy Adkins – 167 Della Lane, Six Mile

Mr. Adkins thanked Council for their service, sharing personal understanding of their positions. He decided to speak to address the topic of the recent division in the community. He urged the community to seek truth, and quoted Colossians 3:23. He urged respect for law and order, and town policies. He encouraged respecting humanity by avoiding hatred on social media, and by working together in unity to move forward.

7:20-7:23 PM - Roy Stoddard - 132 Breckenridge Drive, Six Mile

Former Mayor Stoddard expressed appreciation for the Council and Mayor's accomplishments since they have all taken office. He recognized Mayor Atkinson's hard work on the Bryson Children's Nature Walk to benefit the children of Six Mile. He highlighted the community parks that Council has been planning to help improve the quality of life for the community, and to preserve greenspace in Six Mile. He urged community support for ongoing initiatives and commended Council members for serving out of love for their community rather than personal gain.

7:25-7:28 PM - Rusty Elrod - 557 Old Seneca Rd, Central

Mr. Elrod expressed that his concern was not about the candy, but rather about taking care of people that take care of you. He spoke about his previous community involvement in the town. He urged stronger town support for local firefighters, expressing disappointment over the recent situation and acknowledging that it is a County issue. He was upset he needed to obtain a business license for volunteer work performed at Six Mile Elementary. He stated that he would not give any more money to the town, but he voiced his appreciation of the Council and Mayor's service and his respect for the flag.

7:29-7:32 PM - Tom Von Kaenel - 314 Smith Memorial Hwy, Central

Mr. Von Kaenel came to speak in honor of the Medal of Honor recipients and their sacrifice so that we can air our grievances. He feels there was a breakdown of trust within the town and expressed the hurt within the community, referring to the recent events with the County Fire Department. He urged efforts to rebuild unity in the community, proposing a shared timeline of events and a moderated public reconciliation forum. He requested a 90-day trust and safety task force to address issues to organize solutions for everyone involved to rebuild civic pride. He suggested there should be a business coalition, so business attracted to Six Mile are done meaningfully. He finished by quoting Micah 6:8.

7:33-7:36 PM - Jenni Brink - 307 Paramount Dr, Six Mile

Ms. Brink came to speak as a business owner and volunteer in the town. She feels there is a lack of respect for the contributors who live outside town limits. She called for stronger relationships between the Town, its residents and businesses. She believes the silence from the town is worse than the noise on Facebook, Marketplace, social media and Fox News. She indicated that our events would not be the same without the event coordinator, who resigned, and the volunteers who were offended for not being recognized.

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Consent Agenda

The minutes for September 9, 2025, were unanimously approved.

Executive Session

At 7:37 PM Beau Proffitt made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice relating to a pending, threatened, or potential claims or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, as provided by SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2). This item concerns legal advice regarding municipal compliance with state enabling laws relating to land use matters. Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) which may include discussions related to proposed potential contractual arrangements and legal matters.

Chris King made the second and the vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.

Regular Session

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting back to regular session and asked if there were any motions to come from Executive Session.

At 8:24 PM Beau Proffitt made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Chris King seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Executive Session Motions: Chris King made a motion to authorize Mayor Atkinson to seek and present to Council requests for proposal for Contracting the pickleball and basketball courts at the Downtown Community Park.

Judy Shaw seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Additional Motions

Beau Proffitt made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 10072025 to prohibit sex offenders in town owned or managed public recreational parks, trails, or recreational facilities.

Chris King made a second and vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports

- Administration / Finance / Greenspace (Mayor Atkinson):
 - Commended Pickens County and Clemson University for organizing “Pickens County Make a Difference Day,” highlighting their successful community projects. He encouraged future town participation.

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- Recognized a Greenville resident who independently raised \$6,000 to fund tree planting for Bryson Children's Nature Walk. A company out of Seneca will provide labor for the greenspace project, scheduled for November 15, 2025.
- Public Health & Infrastructure (Chairman King): Nothing to report.
- Recreation (Chairman Proffitt):
 - Soccer season has ended, football playoffs begin this week, and baseball has a few weeks remaining.
 - A new weather alert siren is being installed at the park to warn visitors when lightning is detected within seven miles, allowing them time to take shelter.
- IT / Safety (Chairman Beckman):
 - Gave the statistics report from the Sheriffs office.
 - The Town's safety manual is being reviewed with Beau Proffitt to ensure coverage of all facilities, including Ponderosa Park and recreation areas.
- HR / Volunteers (Chairwoman Shaw):
 - Continuing progress on HR manual.
 - Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st, and volunteers are still needed.
 - Planning for Christmas events is also underway.

Executive Session

8:32 PM Chris King makes made a motion to go into Executive Session which may include legal advice relating to a pending, threatened, or potential claims or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, as provided by SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2). This session may also include Legal, Contractual, and/or Personnel Matters per SC State Code Section 30-4-70(a). Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) which may include discussions related to proposed potential contractual arrangements, legal matters, and various personnel matters including Council appointments. Council may or may not act upon the matters discussed in executive session upon returning to regular session.

Beau Proffitt made the second and the vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.

Regular Session

9:01 PM Chris King made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Beau Proffitt seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

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Executive Session Motions:

Judy Shaw made a motion to hire Jolie Frangipani as the new events coordinator. Chris King seconded the motion, and the vote was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mayor Atkinson adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Diana Manwarren/Assistant Clerk

Approved:

By:

Date: 11-20-2025