

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 04, 2025

The regular Town Council meeting combined with the first FY26 budget meeting was held by the Six Mile Town Council at Town Hall (106 South Main Street, Six Mile, S.C.) on March 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Members in attendance were Mayor James Atkinson: Presiding; Council: Mark Beckman, Chris King, Beau Proffitt and Judy Shaw. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on March 3, 2025.

Call to Order & Invocation

Mayor Atkinson asked Chris King to give the Invocation, he then asked Mark Beckman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Meeting

Beau Proffitt gave a brief explanation of the budget spreadsheet that he passed out to Council with very few changes from last year. The Mayor then asked Council if March 13 at 6 PM would work for everyone for the second budget meeting. All confirmed that date and time. He then ended the budget meeting and moved into the regular meeting.

Public Session

Mayor Atkinson then asked if anyone from the public would like to speak, hearing none, he proceeded with the agenda.

Consent Agenda

The minutes for February 11 and 20, 2025, were approved.

Committee Reporting

Administration/Finance/Greenspace: Mayor Atkinson made mention that the capital expenditure account is in the red and will also include HVAC and lights (town hall and the community room) which have been replaced.

Public Health and Infrastructure: Chairman King had no further updates.

Recreation: Chairman Proffitt said work has been done on three of the fields at Ponderosa.

IT/Safety: Chairperson Beckman gave the report from the Sheriff's office.

HR/Volunteers: Chairperson Shaw reported that she has almost completed her revision of the Employee Handbook. She is planning a cleanup day on April 26 in conjunction with Earth Day.

Judy Shaw then made a motion as has been the longstanding practice of Six Mile Town Council, that our town policy is that invocations be only given by an elected public council member to the deliberative public body. These invocations made at Council meetings are to be addressed to and made for the benefit of Council, rather than to others who may be present. The person offering the invocation may do so according to the dictates of that person's faith, belief, and conscience but may not: Proselytize; advance any one faith or belief; disparage any other faith or belief; nor coerce participation by any person present. All participation in invocations is strictly voluntary. Chris seconded the motion and after some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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Judy Shaw a motion to accept a Proclamation declaring the week of March 9th as Emergency Services/Emergency Management/Six Mile Fire Department week in the Town of Six Mile. Mark Beckman read the Proclamation, Beau Proffitt made the second and the vote to adopt the proclamation was unanimously passed.

Chris King made a motion affirming Governor McMaster's designation of March 2 through March 8 as South Carolina Severe Flood and Safety Week. The goal is to raise awareness about the significant hazards from severe storms, tornadoes, and flash floods while encouraging residents to take proper safety measures and update their emergency preparedness kits. On March 13, 1929, nine members of one family were killed and others were injured when a tornado hit downtown Six Mile. Beau Proffitt made the second and the vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Atkinson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 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 which may also include employee compensation. Mark Beckman made the second and the vote to go into Executive Session was passed unanimously.

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting back into the regular session at 6:43 and asked if there were any motions to come from Executive Session.

Judy Shaw made a motion to raise the salary of the Clerk/Treasurer by 2% and to raise the salary of the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer by 2% effective the start of the 2025/2026 budget year. Beau Proffitt made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris King made a motion to increase the weekly time of the part time Assistant Clerk/Treasurer to no more than 25 hours per week effective the start of the 2025/2026 budget year. Mark Beckman made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Mark Beckman made a motion to use the remaining 2024 PARD Grant funds of \$19,116.54 plus cash from donations and other grants, authorizing Porter Grading and Clearing to complete the underlayment and gravel for the Bryson Children's Nature Walk Parking Lot in the amount of \$26,450. Judy Shaw made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

Beau Proffitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chris King made the second and the vote carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:


Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:

By: 
Date: 4-8-25