Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026

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 September 10, 2026, at 7 PM. Members in attendance were Mayor James Atkinson: Presiding; Council: Mark Beckman, Chris King, and Judy Shaw, Attorney, Mary McCormac and Town Administrator, Tom Brooks. The agenda was emailed to the Pickens County Courier and the Journal on September 9, 2026.

Call to Order & Invocation & Pledge
Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order; he called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9/11 25th anniversary. Then the invocation was given by Mark Beckman and Judy Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Session
Carolyn Nations, from the Fort Prince George Chapter of the SCDAR came forward to speak about the 250th anniversary of the nation and read the Proclamation declaring the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week in Six Mile. The mayor and two witnesses signed the proclamation.

Consent Agenda The minutes for the meetings of August 13, 2026, were approved.

Committee Reports

- Administration / Finance / Greenspace (Chair Atkinson): He reported that the Bryson project (BCNW) is progressing and hopes to have the grand opening November 5 from 11-1.
- Public Health & Infrastructure (Chris King):
  - No report
- Recreation (Beau Proffitt):
  - Chair Absent
- IT / Safety (Mark Beckman):
  - Mark gave the statistics report from the Sheriff's Office.
- HR / Volunteers (Judy Shaw):
  - Events: Trick or Treat on Main is in the planning process and although the date is not firm yet, it should be by the end of the month.
- Monthly Administrator's Report (Tom Brooks):
  - **Ponderosa Park Safety and Insurance:** Tom Brooks and Rita Martin met with an SCMIRF representative to review safety matters at Ponderosa Park, including inspections and confirmation that the Town has adequate insurance coverage.

    Bryson Children's Nature Walk Funding: PRT funding for the Bryson project has been approved. Tom Brooks met with the House Ways and Means Committee to determine whether the Town could obtain a confirmation letter; he was advised that the funding has been passed into law and that should provide the necessary documentation to proceed with the planned work. The funds are expected to be available by November 1.

    Park Improvements and RFPs: Stormwater Review: During the stormwater meeting,

there was agreement to ask the county to handle the Town's stormwater review and revise the current permit.

- PRT has PARD funds available, and Tom Brooks suggested using the lighting funds as the Town's match for a possible beach volleyball court.
- The Ponderosa Lighting RFP has been emailed to Council for review. Once Council approves it, Tom Brooks will send it out.
- Work began last week on the pickleball and basketball courts and is expected to be completed within 90 days.

- **Grants and Property Cleanup:**
  - Tom Brooks reported that he has applied for, or looked into, several grants, including a Duke Energy grant for $10,000.
  - The property across from the Post Office has been cleaned up as requested by the Town.

- Monthly Report from Attorney (Mary McCormac)
  - Attorney Mary McCormac reported on the need to amend the 1999 Six Mile Code of Ordinances to reflect updates to election laws, including changes to the candidate filing period and special election provisions. She noted that the amendments should be completed before January 1, 2027.

Executive Session:

At 7:26 PM Chris King made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1) and S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) for the purpose of discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and personnel matters. These matters concern a potential contract for services at the Downtown Community Park. Pursuant to S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2), discussion of negotiations and legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the Town in other adversary situations involving an assertion against the Town of a claim. Judy Shaw made the second and the vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous.

Regular Session: At 8:28 PM Chris King made a motion to go back into Regular Session; Mark Beckman made the second and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Atkinson asked if there were any post Executive Session motions.

Post Executive Session Motions

Chris King made a motion to appoint Faith Rosenberger to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Judy Shaw made the second motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Agenda Items

Chris King made a motion to approve a Resolution committing the town to provide a local match for a MASC Big Idea Grant. Judy Shaw made the second and the vote to pass the first reading was passed unanimously.

James Atkinson made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #09102026, annexing into the town limits of Six Mile, the portion of the Bryson Children's Nature Walk that is not inside the town limits. Mark Beckman made the second and the Ordinance passed unanimously.

Chris King made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 08132026 authorizing a temporary transfer of funds for the purpose of completing work at the Bryson Children's Nature Walk before inflation and other cost increases further impact the cost of labor and supplies. The source of anticipated funding from the State of South Carolina to drive this Ordinance ensures the town's' capital construction contribution to the Bryson project from the temporary transfer of funds remains at $0. Mary has one amendment to make on the Ordinance 2nd page item 1 incremental transfers to contractors not to exceed $75k. Judy Shaw made the second and the Ordinance passed unanimously.

Adjournment
Mark Beckman made a motion to adjourn; Chris King made the second and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rita Martin
Rita Martin/Clerk

Approved:
By:
Date: 11-12-2026