

TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2017

Present: Mayor John Campolong, Charlie Sutton, A. C. McLeod, Jr., Marion Stephens, Beulah Bolton, Martin Driggers (Town Attorney), and Terri King (Administrator)

Absent:

Note to Minutes: Terri King, Administrator, typed minutes.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor John Campolong called meeting to order.

Invocation: Shilon Green

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes from the April 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Ordinance 2017-1 “Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018”

Ordinance to set the budget of the Town of McBee for fiscal year 2017-2018 as set forth below:

Revenue & Expenditures:	General Fund	\$539,155
	Utility Fund	\$435,865

Motion to accept first reading of Ordinance 2016-1 “Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018” made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Discussion of proposed contract with Chesterfield County Sheriff

Mayor Campolong

We are in discussion with the Chesterfield County Sheriff’s Department about assuming the duties of the McBee Police Department. Martin Driggers has been working with the County’s Lawyer in regards to the wording of the contract.

Attorney Martin Driggers

You have before you the proposed agreement with Chesterfield County. They have a similar agreement with the Town of Jefferson and this mirrors that agreement with Jefferson.

The concern about indemnification was brought up due to it not being in the proposed contract. The state has an opinion letter from the Attorney General's Office that states that any Municipality or County government should not and cannot indemnify anybody, unless it is pre-approved by the Insurance Reserve Fund.

Mayor Campolong

If we decide to accept the contract and ask that it begin before July 1st, the fee will be prorated for the remainder of this current fiscal year. Upon acceptance, I would hope to have this begin by May 15th.

Administrator Terri King

A SLED audit is required and I will contact SLED to get one scheduled.

Council Member Beulah Bolton

What about the things we discussed in our prior meeting – having coverage on Saturday and Sunday? What we're talking about now is having coverage only Monday through Friday.

Mayor Campolong

The Sheriff's Department has promised us, they didn't put it in writing, that we will have the same protection that we have been having when we do not have police protection from our department. The deputy assigned to this area would be available to us.

Council Member A C McLeod, Jr.

What about when the Town has functions – special events?

Administrator Terri King

During our meeting with the Sheriff's Department, it was stated that when we have events on the weekend, the second shift officer assigned to McBee would work those events.

Mayor Campolong

At our request, they will provide coverage at any time.

We also need to understand that the deputies assigned to McBee are working under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department and not the Town. If we have any problems or concerns, we are to talk with the Sheriff about them – not the deputies. The Sheriff gives them their schedule and what they are to do while working for the Town.

Council Woman Beulah Bolton

How long would we be obligated to this contract?

Mayor Campolong

There is a 90 Day cancellation notice required in order to end the contract.

Motion to approve the Contract “Intergovernmental Agreement Among The Town of McBee and The Sheriff of Chesterfield County” made by Council Member A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Mayor John Campolong. In Favor – 4 Against – 1

Reports

Administrator: Terri King

Review of 2016 – 2017 Budget

A review of the current fiscal year budget has been completed. We are operating within the budget, for those expense line items that are either over / under our projected line item budget, an adjustment has been made to reflect actual expenditures. This adjustment did not affect the approved operating budget.

We have received a request from the McBee High School Band to be a sponsor for some of the expenses of the Annual Awards Banquet. There are different levels of sponsorship, from \$20 to \$500. Would Council agree to sponsor this event?

Motion to Sponsor the McBee High School Band Awards Banquet in the amount of \$250 made by Council Member A. C. McLeod, Jr., seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Council Member Beulah Bolton

We discussed the possibility of asking the local churches to run the concession stand at the Recreation Complex. I've talked with Shilon about this and he suggested that, since the current baseball season is almost over, that we look at this for next year.

Council Member Marion Stephens

We should go ahead and send the letter to the churches and let them have the summer to discuss with their church and then get back with us if this is something they want to do.

Council Member Beulah Bolton

We also discussed asking the churches to adopt one of the four entrance signs coming into McBee. I found out that the Lyons Club is currently putting flowers in the containers and taking care of them. I talked with Chuck Humphries and he will verify if the Lyons Club will want to continue taking care of the signs.

Council Member A.C. McLeod, Jr.

There are 3 street lights that are burned out on Hwy. No. 1 near The Company Store restaurant. We need to get them replaced. I'll get the pole numbers and would ask that as lights are replaced that they be replaced with LED lights, rather than the vapor lights. This will save money for the town.

Mayor John Campolong

The Town Hall will be closed on May 29th in observance for Memorial Day.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.