

**TOWN OF McBEE**  
**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 3, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Marion Stephens

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

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

**Invocation:** Martin Driggers

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes, as written, from the March 6, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All were in favor.

Concerned Citizen Darryl Walters has contacted the Town to state that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting as previously requested.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Terri King**

I attended the grants workshop, hosted by Senator Lindsey Graham, this past month in Florence. The workshop highlighted the funds available through the USDA. There were two programs that I felt would benefit McBee. The Single Family Housing has funds available to help homeowners with needed home repairs, such as building handicap ramps – repairing windows, porches, etc. There is up to \$7,500 available as a grant to help those who qualify. If the Council is in agreement, I'm interested in asking the USDA representative to hold a workshop for the Town's community leaders and pastors to explain how this grant works.

Council's response: They are in agreement in asking the representative to come to McBee for a workshop.

The other program that would benefit McBee is the Community Facilities Program. There are grant and loan funds available for the Town once the Town begins to pursue building the Community Center at the Complex.

Mr. Harry Murph came by the Town Hall last week to explain that he was a member of the now defunct Town Library Board. This board has been inactive for many years, yet had funds from the time they were active. These funds were given to the board by the United Way and are currently in a CD at Sandhills Bank. The CD is coming up for renewal and Mr. Murph wanted to know if the Town would like to become responsible for the funds.

I have spoken to Mr. Murph and told him the Town would assume responsibility for the funds when the CD came up for renewal. He will bring a check to the Town for the funds and we will designate the funds as being allocated to the library.

The Utility department has a situation with a massive water leak on some property in town. The property was recently purchased by McCaskill Properties and was rented to the Tadlocks in February 2018. The water was turned on February 28, 2018 and the leak was discovered on March 8, 2018. A water line was running through the back of the property into an overgrown area. No one would have know this water line existed. Over 345,000 gallons of water was used during this brief period of time. My question, how would the Council like to handle this situation?

Council Response: To contact Max McCaskill by letter to explain the situation and ask him to contact the office to discuss the matter.

### **Council Person Beulah Bolton**

The entrance sign coming into town from Bethune is broken. We need to get this sign repaired.

Council Person A C McLeod – I'll contact Chris Tiller to see if he can make us a sign for that entrance.

I would like to hold a "Town Hall" meeting for the citizens of McBee to share what we have accomplished as a Council and to get ideas from the community as to what they would like to see happen in McBee. This would be a sharing of ideas type of meeting and I would hope that the Council would join me in hosting this meeting. I would like to hold the meeting in May.

Council Response: They are in agreement with hosting a "Town Hall" meeting in May and asked Council Person Beulah Bolton to work on organizing the meeting.

### **Council Person A C McLeod**

Last month we asked that Darron Kirkley be contacted to attend this month's meeting in order to discuss the Accomodation Tax Grant. I would like for Mr. Kirkley to be contacted by letter and asked to attend our May meeting to explain the grant. I do not want us to miss the opportunity to apply for these funds.

Last month we were to contact the Medical Foundation about their interest in getting a grocery store to come to McBee. I request that a letter be sent to Mr. Chris Dixon asking him to give the town more information about their plans in approach a grocery store.

Mayor Campolong stated that he would send a letter to Mr. Dixon.

During our budget workshop today I found it difficult to follow how the revenue and the expenses flowed for each department. To make the budget process easier, I request that the Police department and the Recreation department be presented the same way as the Utility Fund.

Administrator Terri King stated that she would set up the budget worksheets by department.

We need complete transparency with the Recreation department. I would like to see a monthly report given by Shilon to share what the department is doing. I would also like reports indicating how many players we have for each sport, how much was received for fees and donations. We also need accountability for the Zumba, Senior Exercise classes and Bingo.

**Council Person Marion Stephens**

Not Present

**Council Person Charlie Sutton**

We have reviewed the applications for the Maintenance Department and have selected Donald Bare to be hired on April 9, 2018.

**Motion to hire Donald Bare at \$11.50 per hour with a 90 day probation period to begin on April 9, 2018** made by Mayor Campolong, seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor

**Mayor John Campolong**

**Motion to amend the Agenda to go into Executive Session** made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor.

**Motion to Enter into Executive Session Pursuant to SC Code FOIA 30-4-70(a)(b)(1)(2) to Discuss Legal Matters** made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor.

**Motion to Verify that only the Items Stated in the Motion to Enter Executive Session were Discussed During the Executive Session** made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person A C McLeod. All in favor.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Council Person A C McLeod. All were in favor.