

**TOWN OF McBEE  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 2018**

**Present:** Mayor John Campolong, Charlie Sutton, Beulah Bolton, A C McLeod, Jr., Benson Driggers – Rep. for 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:** Beulah Bolton

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

**Motion to approve minutes**, as written, from the June 25, 2018, Regular Council Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor.

**Motion to approve minutes**, as written, from the July 17, 2018, Special Council Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor.

**Motion to approve minutes**, as written, from the July 23, 2018, Special Council Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person Charlie Sutton. All in favor.

**Motion to Appoint Third Seat to the Election Commission: Todd Horton** made by Mayor John Campolong.

Discussion:

Council Person Beulah Bolton: I had previously recommended Paulette Humphries and I thought the Council was okay with this. I recommend that we select Paulette Humphries to be the third person on that committee.

Mayor John Campolong: Any other discussion

Council Person Charlie Sutton: I recommend Todd

Council Person A C McLeod to Council Person Beulah Bolton: Have you talked to Paulette?

Council Person Beulah Bolton: Yes, I thought everyone was in agreement and she has agreed to serve.

Council Person A C McLeod: Is Todd willing to serve?

Council Person Charlie Sutton: Yes

Council Person A C McLeod: Both are good candidates.

Motion seconded by Council Person Charlie Sutton. Three in favor – One Against

Hospice has requested that the Town of McBee make a Proclamation that the Town of McBee will be a Purple Heart City.

Proclamation read (see attached)

**Motion to Proclaim the Town of McBee a Purple Heart City** made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by A C McLeod, Jr. All in favor.

**Motion to approve the closing of the Town Hall on September 4, 2018 during the Town Council election** made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Person Charlie Sutton. All in favor.

The Town Hall will be closed on September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day.

## **Reports:**

### **Council Person Beulah Bolton**

I want to go on record about the lack of Council support in selecting a member for the Election Commission.

Susie Price has brought us the information from the community meeting that was held for the discussion of our proposed mobile home ordinance.

I recommend that we come together to look over the information to determine what we can include in our mobile home ordinance. I would like to schedule a workshop for the council.

Mayor John Campolong: I agree, but I don't believe we are ready. I would like to have a verbal report from Susie and an analysis of everything. Each group had different ideas and opinions. I think we should get a synopsis from her of the ideas given by the community.

Council Person Beulah Bolton: We have the information from each group and what we need to do is to go through each one to determine what can be included in the ordinance. There are

issues that need to be resolved about our mobile home ordinance that is coming up in the community: Permits and applications.

**Council Person A C McLeod**

I agree with Bea that we need a workshop.

We had a good community meeting and I thank our previous Mayors Von Mack and Eddie Kirkley for attending and offering advice during the meeting.

I think we should go into Executive Session to discuss some points that have been brought up.

**Council Person Charlie Sutton**

Election causing dissention in the black neighborhoods.

(Heated discussion followed)

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

**Motion to Verify That Only the Items Stated In The Motion To Enter Executive Session: Personnel and Legal Matters were discussed during the Executive Session** made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Charlie Sutton. All in favor.

**Council Person A C McLeod**

The tennis courts are in poor shape and we had an estimate to try to patch it back a couple of years ago. The tennis courts were built during Von Mack's tenure using LWCF funding – which obligates the town to maintain the tennis courts in perpetuity – which we have not done.

The High School has been practicing at the Hartsville Country Club and I think we need to go forward and get the tennis courts fixed.

I've gotten three bids from contractors to pour the foundation. The lowest bid is \$11,500, but they do not have workers compensation insurance; the lowest bid from a company with workers compensation insurance is \$12,000 – Kevin Griggs. He doesn't have a laser level. Another bid from a guy in Camden does have a couple of laser level.

The secret to a tennis court is what you put under it. We can go the cheapest route, but we'll have to recoat in 5 years and none of the contractors will guarantee that the courts will not crack. Then you're looking at \$30,000 to resurface in 5 years.

The job we can do is to pre-cut it every 200 sq. feet and then fill that in and coat it the best we can. Have it so that no water actually settles anywhere on the courts.

The Town does not have in the budget to pour the concrete, but I have a lot of private people that have agreed to help with it. I'm going to have the concrete poured. The quote from the guy with the laser level is about \$15,000.

If we use the laser level, we'll have use pumped concrete, which is about \$10 more per yard. It's going to take 200 yards of concrete and that will be about \$20,000 to \$22,000 in concrete , or more.

We're looking at about \$30,000 to \$35,000 in just the concrete pad.

The High School has a tennis team and we don't have the courts for them to play on. We took money from LWCF and said that we would keep the courts up and we haven't done what we were suppose to do.

We do have a recreation tax in town and over time we could put the tennis court in the budget.

I'm going to get bids for the tennis courts to be rebuilt.

**Motion Made to be Assigned as Supervisor Over the Rebuilding of the Tennis Courts** – to oversee getting the bids and the work to be done and I'll be responsible for the \$40,000 and we'll get bids for the remainder of the work by Council Person A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Mayor John Campolong. All in favor.

**Motion to Approve the Mobile Home Moving Permit for Odom & Associates** made by Council Person A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor.

**Motion to Hold Workshop for the Mobile Home Ordinance on August 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** made by Council Person A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Council Person Beulah Bolton. All in favor.

I recommend that we do not issue any permits for the remainder of August until we can get a handle on how to move forward with the permitting process. The purpose of the permit is to give the Town the opportunity to review what type of mobile homes are coming into town. We have had some come in that were not of a standard that would not do anyone any good and would possibly devalue surrounding property.

**Motion to Not Accept Any Applications for Mobile Home Moving Permits** made by Council Person A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Council Person Charlie Sutton. All in favor.

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

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was created as a Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is awarded to those who have been wounded or killed while serving the United States against opposing forces; and

**WHEREAS**, The Military Order of the Purple Heart was chartered by congress to foster an environment of good will among combat wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, to support legislative initiatives and to make sure we never forget the sacrifices our veterans have made; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception through all the wars and conflicts it has been awarded to over a million veterans that were wounded or killed in action; and

**WHEREAS**, the McBee area has many Veterans from all wars and conflicts: let us hereby recognize them for their sacrifices, and

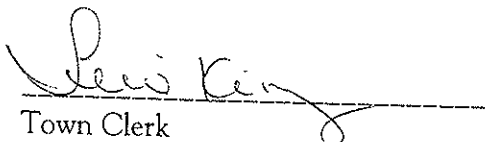
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the McBee Town Council that McBee is a:

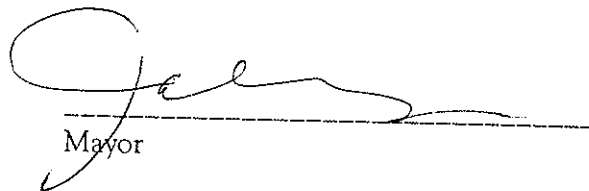
## **“Purple Heart City”**

and is hereby honored to bestow honor and gratitude to all local combat veterans wounded and killed in action who have protected our freedom.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018.

Attest:

  
Town Clerk

  
Mayor