

**TOWN OF McBEE
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 5, 2018**

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

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

Floor Opened for Public Discussion for the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 – Ordinance 2018-1

No Discussion

Floor Opened for Public Discussion for the proposed amendment to Town Ordinance Chapter 16 to add Section 16.107 Sign Regulations

Citizen requested that proposed addition be read aloud. Terri King read proposed amendment. Questions arose as to the validity of the proposed regulation requiring signs to be 400 feet from the polling place on the day of the election.

Mayor Campolong responded that the state sets the 200 feet and Municipalities have the legal right to impose further restrictions.

Floor Closed to Public Hearing

**TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2018**

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: Marion Stephens

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Minutes from the May 1, 2018 Regular Council Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to approve Minutes from the May 24, 2018 Special Council Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to accept Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-1 “Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019” made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member A C McLeod, Jr.
All were in favor.

Motion to table the Amendment to Town Ordinance Chapter 16 Section 16.107 Sign Regulations until a review of the legality of the ordinance could be determined made by Council Member A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Beulah Bolton. All were in favor.

Motion to approve Sheheen, Hancock, & Godwin LLR, CPA’s as “Auditor of Record” for 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member A C McLeod, Jr.
All were in favor.

Motion to approve Judge Barbara Lisenby as McBee Town Judge for 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to approve Terri King as McBee Town Administrator for 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Citizens to Address Council

Darrel Walters – To Discuss New Motion / Ordinance

Residence: 78 E. Juniper Ave., McBee, SC

I would like to inform the citizens of the Town of McBee about my experience about moving a mobile home from Darlington County to the Town of McBee. The mobile home was moved by a Town Council member on April 14th, after all the required permits were obtained by the county. The Town of McBee knew nothing about the permits for the town. And then on May 3rd, I had a Sheriff deliver a letter, an uncertified letter, to my home from the Mayor to my home informing me that I had until May 31st to move the mobile home. As it was against the Town Ordinance or I would be required to pay a \$500 fee with further actions taken. There was an ordinance in 1994 that was not enforced and never had been enforced, same as we were discussing about the signs never being enforced. Due to the delivery of the letter, I felt that I needed to obtain counsel to protect my rights as a citizen. Well I had to pay for my counsel and had to pay for our counsel to fight against my letter or to address my letter. A emergency meeting was held and a motion was put in place, but later rescinded by Town Council. Which most of them was unaware. Both were published in The Link paper, the first Link was the motion to refrain all mobile homes in the town, a town with no zoning laws, and then later published in The Link paper they rescinded and re-thought about the motion they had put in place and put in the paper that I would receive a letter saying to disregard the first letter. I yet have received that letter.

McBee residents this did not pass this time, but we the citizens know there are 167 mobile homes in the Town of McBee. Over 50% are staying in mobile homes. The citizens needs to be aware of the ordinance that are put in place for our Town. With a ordinance already on the books why wasn't the proper procedure not followed to repeal and then replace the ordinance; which will require a public hearing – usually two hearings to pass the ordinance.

Still, like I said, I hadn't received the letter.

Thank you.

Summer Freeman: No Show

Janell Armstrong: No Show

Kendrick Cook: No Show

Cindy Kirk – To Discuss the Motion and New Ordinance

Residence: 391 S. 7th Street, McBee SC

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I moved a mobile home there back at the end of March, before all this ordinance went into effect. An my thing is I come to get a water meter and found out that my home may be unhabitable and I may never get to live in. And I have children. So, cause I live in a mobile home, I should be homeless? And it cost a lot of money when you move a mobile home, Charlie can back me on this. Besides moving it I had to pay for a septic tank, I paid for the water meter, and a light pole. And when you're a single parent with kids, unless you're rich or win the lottery, it takes a little bit, when you're working, to get moved into it. My thing is, I didn't come to the meeting on May 1st and I'm still fighting to get into my home. I did have a lawyer to write a letter, cause my thing is, I'll be in my home within 90 days, cause I can't just be homeless with children. I work and a lot of the community does live in mobile homes, but that shouldn't be bashed on us cause some of us does work. I'm not getting no government help, you know I work and I take care of my kids. I don't ask for it, but I don't want to be homeless. Cause that's the only, that's the only home my kids have got to know of. And I ain't lived in this town long, but I think there need to be a park for these children. And that's why these kids grow up and on drugs. You know, when we first moved here my son wanted a park, we thought this Town had a park where he could play basketball and go hang out with other kids. There not nothing in this community for these young kids. And that's why they grow up being on drugs and stuff, cause they ain't got nothing to keep them occupied and the police, we do need police...

Terri King interrupted: Ma'am that was the mobile home ordinance you were discussing.

Cindy Kirk:

The community needs to go, you know, cause we live in mobile homes don't mean we're bad people. Cause our next generation is what's growing up around here.

Mayor Campolong: Do you live in the mobile home?

Cindy Kirk:

I'm fixin to move in it, but thing is, it kinda throw me back a little bit, cause I first came to pay for the water meter I was told the home was unahabitable, that I couldn't pay for it at first, cause the codes, you know, was passing after that, so I had to wait a little while. I did come pay for the water meter last week, so I'm working on moving into it.

Mayor Campolong: Thanks Ms. Kirk, we'll take your suggestions under consideration.

Reports:

Administrator Terri King

We have to have the generator at the well and fire pump equipment serviced annually, the company WW Williams has given us a service agreement for Council to approve. It is \$800 per year for them to inspect and service the generator out at the well.

Discussion:

Mayor John Campolong:

Knowing the needs and to maintain that generator in top condition and it needs to be looked at periodically and for \$800 a year, I make a motion to accept the service agreement. We are aware of this company, they do a lot of other this type of work in other municipalities. They are out of West Columbia and we need to have our generator continually operational, as it has been. So, I make a motion that we accept their \$800 per year service agreement.

Council Member Marion Stephens:

Is the first quote we have received? This would be the first time we've used this company?

Mayor John Campolong: Yes

Council Member A C McLeod, Jr.:

Who's been servicing it in the past?

Mayor John Campolong: Well, unfortunately, it hasn't been getting the proper professional service it should be getting. That's why we are now are at a point where we need someone can maintain it and foresee any problems that may occur. They will be checking it periodically, fixing various things and cleaning and changing oil, and other necessary maintenance.

Council Member Beulah Bolton: When was the last time it was serviced?

Mayor John Campolong: We have been doing it with our maintenance people. We need to have someone that is certified to provide the service we need for the generator.

Council Member A C McLeod, Jr.:

You don't think we should get bids?

I know a guy in Sumter that would do a good job, he works with well equipment. If it is alright with Council, I would like to contact him.

Mayor John Campolong: Yes, can you do that?

Council Member A C McLeod, Jr.: I know this guy does generators and would be cheaper. If he comes in under the \$800 I would recommend him.

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Mayor John Campolong:

If he comes under the \$800, do we want to make a motion that we accept the new people?

Motion to request an additional quote for the service agreement to maintain the generator at the well and if the additional quote is less than \$800, to accept the lower quote made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Administrator Terri King

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at the McBee Town Hall. The Public Notices will be filed in The Link newspaper.

There are 2 Council seats up for election. Filing for the seats will open at 12 Noon on June 22, 2018 and will close at 12 Noon on July 6, 2018. The filing fee is \$25. The Election Commission will announce the results of the election on Thursday, September 6, 2018.

Council Member Beulah Bolton

I wanted to discuss 4 things tonight. I'm bringing back the street signs. We need street signs, people are getting lost, so we need to keep working on getting street signs.

Mayor John Campolong: We have sent a request to Sammy Copeland of the CCTC on May 24, 2018 requesting that he review our needs and determine if the CCTC could provide us with the money to purchase street signs. We sent him how much it would cost and we are currently waiting on a response from him.

I have some people in the community that recommended that we have one or two clean up days per year. I had someone who had moved and they had a lot of cardboard boxes that they set out by the road and no one picked it up.

Administrator Terri King: We don't have a service that will pick up that type of debris. We don't have a dumpster for that type of debris.

I'm talking about a clean-up day for the spring time. I'm sure we could get a dumpster for this type of debris. We let the community know that they can set out unwanted items on these designated days and we get someone to pick it up. This was a community citizen's concern.

We need to get a voter registration commission for the Town of McBee, cause we have an election coming up. We need to go ahead and get our voter registration committee together and not have to rush to put somebody on the committee at the last minute.

Administrator Terri King: Are you talking about an Election Commission?

Yes. That's my suggestion. We have 3 people, right?

Administrator Terri King: Yes, there are 3 on the committee.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code FOIA 30-4-70(a)(b)(1)(2) to discuss legal and personnel matters made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to Come out of Executive Session and to Verify that only the items stated in the Motion to Enter Executive Session were discussed during Executive Session made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Council Member Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to discuss the Amendment to Town Ordinance Chapter 16 Section 16.107 Sign Regulations and the Mobile Home Ordinance during a called Special Meeting made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Charlie Sutton. All in favor.

Council Person A C McLeod, Jr.

We have had a request to put one meter in for two units by Darrell Walters.

Motion to not approve the request by Darrell Walters to have one meter for 2 units to operate from by Council Member A C McLeod, Jr., seconded by Mayor John Campolong. 3 in favor – 2 abstained.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on June 26, 2018 – this will be considered the July meeting.

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