

**TOWN OF SALEM
TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
April 4, 2011
6:00PM**

Opening: The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 6:04 pm on April 4, 2011 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Tony Moore, Tony Grogan, Kevin Talley, Town Attorney Brad Norton, Town Clerk/Tres. Kim Alexander, Utilities Office Mgr. Marti Jennings, Utilities Admin. Warren Harris. See attached sign in sheet for public attendance.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Councilman Tony Moore.

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the March 09, 2011 meeting. Motion made by Kevin Talley, Second by Tony Moore, All in favor.

B. Police Report

Police Chief David Poulson presented the police report for the month of March, 2011 to the town council. Mr. Poulson informed Town Council and Mayor that he is still meeting the residents of the Town of Salem along with all business owners. At this time the Police Department has purchased a new computer that will be compliant with the new Sled regulations. A complete inventory of all police department property has been completed and is on file. Chief Poulson has participated in a number of community events i.e. Cub Scout Derby Race, Youth activity at the Community Center, and Movie night. The part time police officer position has been advertised and the application process is taking place now.

C. Utilities Report

Warren Harris presented the monthly utility report to council. Jocassee Ridge BPS is continuing to run as programmed. Issaqueena Point Utilities System: On 3/21/2011 I received a telephone call from Richard Phillips, P.E., (former SCDHEC Anderson Region chief engineer) representing Goldie & Assoc., Inc. Richard advised that IPUS has been in contact with Goldie, and that IPUS expects to receive some type of public grant funding which they would use to fully replace their water distribution system. Richard presented a few different scenarios but eventually wanted to know if Salem might be interested in acquiring the new IPUS system and its 17 or so customers.

City of Walhalla – Proposed Lake Keowee Water Withdrawal Facility: Attorney Norton apprised me of the fact that Mayor Chastain indicated Walhalla has 16 acres somewhere

On or adjacent to the lake for the purpose of a new water withdrawal facility. Mayor Chastain wanted to know whether Salem had any interest. I told Brad that the Proposed facility location was probably the deciding factor in that issue. Brad said he Would set up a meeting.

Duke Energy has submitted to FERC, their “Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License and the Pre Application Document for the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project”. The current license was issued in 1966 and will expire August 31, 2016. The renewal license period will be for another 50 years.

South Carolina Drought Response Committee: Following our February 2011 Committee meeting, the South Carolina Drought Status by County indicated 9 counties (mostly coastal) as “Normal” or no drought, and the remaining 37 counties in the first stage of drought or “Incipient” status.

Pine Mountain Road/Proposed Water Main Replacement: Scott indicated he should have preliminary drawings and a project estimate ready in about two weeks. I will keep Mayor and Council advised. Our target, contingent on available funding, is to be ready to go to bid shortly after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Both Dan’s and Travis’s reapplication to SCDHEC for “SC Water Treatment Operator Training Permits” were approved. Both have been notified that they have one year in which to pass the test required to become licensed “treatment” operators.

Please refer to the report if there are any other questions from council please let me know.

D. Fire Report

Kevin Wilbanks- Fire Chief presented the monthly fire report to council please refer to the report in the council packs. At the present time there are several companies looking at submitting to council RFP to design for the building to house the department after we review this we will send out for bids on this project. I will keep council up-to-date on this progress. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me.

E. Recreation Report

Waylon Roach – Turned in the recreation report to council Baseball and Softball games are starting. Everything is going well at this time.

The Recreation Department Board is requesting to precede with the new sign for communication of all recreation events. Kevin Talley motion to approve the sign Second by Tony Grogan. Motion carried.

F. Clerk/ Treasure – Report

Bills paid sheet in council packs.

Quilt trail council gave direction for the quilt to have an eagle from the quilt the Bessie Fortson made for her granddaughter. The Eagle will be made to match the saw blade that is being constructed from a quilt hanging that Gail Duncan made. We will keep council informed of the progress.

Executive Session

Kevin Talley made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters related to the Police Department and Fire Department second by Tony Grogan. All in favor. Kevin Talley made a motion to return to regular session, second by Tony Moore all in favor.

B. Open Session

No action at this time.

No further business at this time. Kevin Talley made a motion to adjourn second by Tony Moore.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Mayor Diane Head.

Approved by: _____

Signed By Clerk _____

Date: _____