

**TOWN OF SALEM  
TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 10, 2011  
6:00PM**

**Opening: Prior to the start of the Council Meeting the swearing in of our newly elected councilmember took place Mrs. Lorenia Lee was sworn in by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.** The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 6:10 pm on May 10, 2011 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

**Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Tony Moore, Tony Grogan, Kevin Talley, Lorena Lee, 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 Grogan.

**A. Minutes**

Approval of minutes from the April 4, 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 April, 2011 to the town council. During the month of April the Salem Police Department conducted more than forty (40) building checks, three traffic stops with three (3) summons being issued, 8 citizen contacts, and three (3) reports were taken. The Salem Police Department assisted the fire department, the Oconee County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Highway Patrol as well as the State Forestry Commission on several calls in the nearby area throughout the month. Chief Poulson, attended the monthly area law enforcement networking meeting held at the Oconee County Sheriff's Office. The police department assisted Officer Duke and Mr. Moore with the Tamassee- Salem High School Prom. There were no reported incidents or problems during this event. Helped the Salem Cub Scouts with their annual Easter egg hunt and bicycle ride through town. This was a great event and there was a lot of help from the community. The Salem Police Department assisted the South Carolina Highway Patrol with an accident involving a car and a van on highway 11 in front of jakes store. The Salem Police Department participated in "Career Day" at Tamassee-Salem Elementary school. We held several 25 min presentations to the kindergartner, third, fourth and fifth grade classes. Took a report and made an arrest for shoplifting from the Dollar General Store here in town. All the items were recovered and a court date is pending.

### **C. Utilities Report**

Warren Harris presented the monthly utility report to council. Walhalla /Lake Keowee WTP: While attending the Duke Keowee-Toxaway Relicensing committee meeting last month I had an opportunity to briefly talk to Scott Paris, Walhalla's Engineer & Utilities Admin. Scott indicated that Walhalla was having a difficult time with Duke over a potential withdrawal site and that he is unaware of the tract previously mentioned. Additionally, I asked Scott for a full set of plans for the abandoned project involving a WTP near Salem and a piping system along Hwy.11 from Salem to Walhalla. He advised there are no plans as the project never got that far.

Issaquenna Point Utilities System: On or about March 30, 2011, IPUS began actively using Salem Water. Consumption for the first period was 36,300 gal. I did check in with Richard Phillips, PE, Goldie & Associates, he stated they have provided IPUS with proposals to design a replacement system as well as a proposal to run the current system. Richard did confirm that possible funding for IPUS's proposed project would be in the form of a low interest federal loan. Richard estimated that if all went well it will probably be a year and a half before the project is completed. The issue of water billing is yet to be resolved between Salem and IPUS.

While attending an asbestos cement pipe safety class at Six Mile Water District recently, I had an opportunity to talk with Tim Gilstrap about their position and efforts regarding a WTP. I also inquired as to the existing pressure on their 12" DIP main at Hwy. 11 & Rt. 133. Tim indicated that Six Mile, independently, will be or is pursuing a WTP with an initial permit period of 40 years with a yet to be determined capacity. His engineering firm has confirmed that they have sufficient pressure to serve our system. If a possible northern connection similar to our connection with Seneca is of interest to Council, Tim would like a "letter of interest" with an estimate of water requirements over the next 40 years. A motion to send letter of intent was made by Tony Grogan second by Kevin Talley motion carried all in favor. Keowee-Toxaway Relicensing; FERC No. 2503 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".

Pine Mountain Road/Proposed Water Main Replacement: If commitments are met, I hope to have the engineer's plans and his estimated cost available for Council at this coming meeting.

Budget time has reminded me of the unaddressed maintenance funding issues surrounding the Nimmons Bridge Rd. Tank initiated by the unresolved issues of defective or substandard coatings applied to the tank in 2006. As you may recall, our tank service provider, Utility Service Co., initially (prior to their inspection of the coatings) submitted a yearly maintenance contract price of \$13,992. Council took no action on the contract. Shortly after discovering the defective paint work in October 2007 Utility Service withdrew the price of \$13,992. The defective coatings issue was referred to counsel for a resolution. Should the Town not prevail in its legal efforts to have the coatings repaired or replaced, then the accompanying "Revised" Utility Service Co. Full Service Program

Schedule of Work & Fees would apply if the Town so choose. Note that year 1 (2011/2012) of the “revised” program is actually the 5<sup>th</sup> year of service life of the tank. In questioning Utility Service as to the huge upfront costs in the first 6 years, besides the sandblasting and coatings costs of both interior and exterior in “year 3” 2013/2014, (tank life year 7) it was explained that the environmental draped containment system required for the exterior sandblasting operation costs upwards of \$100,000 to erect, maintain and remove at completion.

**D. Fire Report**

Kevin Wilbanks- Fire Chief presented the monthly fire report to council please refer to the report in the council packs. We are currently working with several companies on the building deigns. We will keep council informed of the progress.

**E. Recreation Report**

Waylon Roach – Turned in the recreation report to council The 2011 baseball and softball season are under way the 10U girls and the 12U girls both had great season this far the 10U were City Tournament Reserve Champions and the 12U were the City Champions.

**F. Clerk/ Treasure – Report**

Bills paid sheet in council packs.

Bids for the signs to be placed at the end of town were opened for the rock work

1. Pedro Flintstone Company \$1600.00
2. City Sign Company \$2340.00
3. Matthew Merck \$1530.00

Motion to award the bid to Matthew Merck was made by Kevin Talley second by Tony Moore motion carried all in favor.

**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 8:15 pm by Mayor Diane Head.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

