

**SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2016 - 6:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Darren Tisdale, Mayor

Luester McCullough, 1st District
Michelle Butterworth, 2nd District
Open, 3rd District

Monica Murdaugh, 4th District
C .M. (Bubba) Hammet, Jr., 5th District
Andrea R. Kelly, 6th District

**OFFICIALS
PRESENT**

Merianne Cowley, Acting Town Manager
Leonard R. Lowery, Municipal Clerk
Eric C. Williams, Chief of Police
Tim Duke, Chief of Fire
Ernest Jarrett, Municipal Attorney

CALLED TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Mayor Tisdale

MEDIA NOTIFICATION – The News and Morning News where both notified of the meeting. No media was present.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2016.

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to approve the agenda.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Murdaugh.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

BIDS FOR FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to award the bid to repair Town of Kingstree buildings damaged by the flood to Blackbox Construction LLC.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Kelly.*
- *Roll Call Vote- The motion was carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION –DISCUSSION CONCERNING AN INTERIM TOWN MANAGER AND PERMANENT TOWN MANAGER

- *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss hiring an Interim Town Manager and a Regular Full Time Town Manager.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Kelly.*
- *The motion was carried unanimously*

- *Councilwoman Murdaugh made a motion to return to General Session.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Hammet.*
- *The motion was carried unanimously.*

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL RELATED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION


No action was taken while in Executive Session.

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to hire Mr. Richard Treme as Interim Town Manager. Mr. Treme will be paid \$75,000 annually, and receive a \$400 per month travel allowance.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman McCullough.*
- *Roll Call Vote- Councilwoman Kelly and Councilwoman Murdaugh voted in opposition of the motion. The motion was carried.*

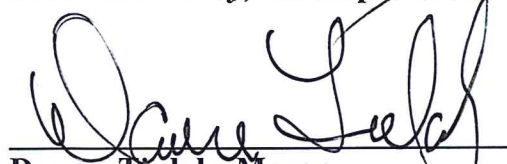
Municipal Attorney Ernie Jarrett announced to the public that the Town will place a job vacancy announcement in The News, State, Morning News, and in the Charleston Courier beginning during the current week. On February 22 at 5:00PM all applications will be due. On February 29th, Council will hold a Special Meeting to review applications and select three candidates to interview. Once these candidates have been selected, the Town will fulfill Freedom of Information requirements by notifying the press of the three finalists. This is the procedure that the Council has adopted for hiring a regular fulltime Town Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

- *Councilwoman Murdaugh made the motion to adjourn.*
- *Councilwoman Kelly seconded the motion to adjourn.*
- *The motion carried.*



Leonard Lowery, Municipal Clerk



Darren Tisdale, Mayor