

**SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
SWEARING CEREMONY  
JANUARY 04, 2016 - 6:30 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**COUNCIL  
PRESENT**

Darren Tisdale, Mayor

Luester McCullough, 1 <sup>st</sup> District	Monica Murdaugh, 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Michelle Butterworth, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	C .M. (Bubba) Hammet, Jr., 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Open, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District	Andrea R. Kelly, 6 <sup>th</sup> District

**OFFICIALS  
PRESENT**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION** Councilwoman McCullough

**MEDIA NOTIFICATION** – The News and Morning News where both notified of the meeting. Michele Duke, Kingstree News was present.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 04, 2016.**

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

**ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 4 AND 5 OF THE SC CONSTITUTION**

The Honorable Craig Brown read Article VI, Section 4 and 5 of the South Carolina before the oaths were administered.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Darren Tisdale was sworn in by the Honorable Craig Brown as Mayor of Kingstree. Councilwoman Michelle Butterworth, Councilwoman Luester McCullough, and Councilwoman Andrea R. Kelly were sworn in by the Honorable Craig Brown as members of Council.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS – MAYOR TISDALE & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

- Councilwoman Butterworth thanked the citizens of Kingstree for their support. She especially thanked her district for their support. Councilwoman Butterworth also stated that it is an honor to serve on Council and work for the residents of Kingstree. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Councilwoman McCullough thanked the citizens of Kingstree for their years of support. She noted that with the support of the citizens, the Town of Kingstree and the Town Council will be successful. Councilwoman McCullough thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting.
- Councilman Hammet welcomed and congratulated Mayor Tisdale on his new role on Council. He also welcomed Councilwoman Butterworth to the Council. He indicated that he is looking forward to working with all of the members of Council in 2016, and he thanked everyone for their presence.
- Councilwoman Kelly thanked the citizens of the Town for their votes and support. Councilwoman Kelly also told the entire Council that she is looking forward to working with each one of them in 2016.
- Councilwoman Murdaugh congratulated Mayor Tisdale. She stated that the citizens of Kingstree have spoken. She encouraged the members of Council to put egos and personal agendas aside, and do what is in the best interest of the citizens of Kingstree. Councilwoman Murdaugh wished everyone a Happy New Year, and encouraged the citizens of the Town and Council to move forward by making Kingstree better than what it already is by working together.
- Mayor Tisdale thanked the Honorable Craig Brown for participating in the swearing in ceremony. He thanked State Senator Ronnie A. Sabb and County Supervisor Stanley Pasley for their presence. Mayor Tisdale told the members of Council that he is looking forward to working with them, and that he would like for the Council to work in unity. He thanked his family, friends, and supporters. Mayor Tisdale asked that everyone pray for him in his new role. He also asked those present to remember the family of the former Mayor of Kingstree, Mr. Jimmy Kirby, in their prayers.

## **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