

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2023 - 6:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

ROLL CALL

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Darren Tisdale, Mayor

Luester McCullough, 1st District
Michelle Butterworth, 2nd District

Chris Williams, 3rd District
Stan A. Williamson, 6th District

**OFFICIALS
ABSENT**

Derek Fitts, 4th District
C.M. (Bubba) Hammet, Jr., 5th District
Evan Reynolds, Town Attorney

**OFFICIALS
PRESENT**

Richard L. Treme, Town Manager
Leonard R. Lowery, Municipal Clerk
Alvin D. Chambers, Community Development Director

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Councilwoman McCullough

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA – Verified

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2023.

- *Councilman Williamson moved to approve the meeting agenda for April 17, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20, 2023, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 5, 2023

- *Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on March 20, 2023, and the special meeting held on April 5, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. McGill informed the Council that she appeared before the Council a few years ago requesting that a small area east of the town be annexed into the town. She is asking again that the town consider annexation, and she presented a petition signed by several residents from the area interested in their properties being annexed. Other concerns that Ms. McGill raised are issues on the east side of the railroad tracks in town. She noted that utility poles remain in the middle of sidewalks. New utility poles have recently been installed in the exact locations as the old ones. She stated that this is a horrible situation. She also stated that there are large potholes in front of Anderson Primary School, Charles Avenue, and Madison Avenue. There is also a lack of adequate sidewalks on streets such as Brooks, Tomlinson, and Thorne and that they are desperately in need of repair. Ms. McGill requested immediate help from the Council to address these issues.

PEE DEE COALITON

Sarah Goodwin, volunteer Community Educator for Williamsburg County, provided Council with information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The information was very informative and well received by those in attendance.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-03 – Rezoning of 208 North Academy Street

- *Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-03.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

NOMINATION FOR THE KINGSTREE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)

- *Councilman Williamson a motion to table the nomination to the ARB.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman McCullough.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

NOMINATION FOR KINGSTREE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEMBER

- *Councilman Williamson nominated David Tisdale to the Beautification Commission.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

NOMINATION OF THE KINGSTREE PLANNING COMMISSION

- *Councilman Williamson made a motion to table the nomination until the next regular Council meeting.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2023-01 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- *Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-01*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth.*
- *The motion carried unanimously*

DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OWNED BY KINGSTREE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The council requested that the Historical Society allow 30 days to complete its due diligence to determine if it would like to purchase the property owned by the Historical Society adjacent to the recreation complex.

MAIN STREET UPDATE

Katie Wheeler reported that the Eggstravaganza held on April 1st was a success. The event was well attended. A new hair salon called Styles and Smiles is coming to the corner of Academy and Mill Street. The new business owner's name is Felicia Conyers, and she is excited about the move downtown. Three Kingtree Live events have been scheduled for the summer. Featured entertainers include the Finesse Band, The Tams, and Thomas Rhodes. Lastly, an ARB public hearing will be held this Thursday. The mural for the downtown district will be on the meeting agenda for approval. If approved, the mural will be installed on April 29th.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Treme announced that phase one of the Black River Landing continues progressing. Senator Linsey Graham's office has allocated 1.6 million dollars towards the project. Black River Landing is expected to attract people who otherwise might not visit Kingtree. The Council will continue to have direct input on the project. The streetscape project funding has been approved. The town will put the streetscape project out for bid soon. The budget committee will meet tomorrow.

NON-AGENDA COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman McCullough

Councilwoman McCullough echoed what Ms. McGill mentioned: the east side of town still needs repairs to sidewalks and roads. Mr. Treme emphasized that most streets in town belong to DOT, as well as the sidewalks. However, when the town disrupts the roads to make repairs to our water infrastructure, we are responsible for making the necessary repairs at that time. Mr. Treme said he would call Mr. Livingston with DOT to get the agency out to address the issues on the east side of town.

Councilwoman Butterworth

No comment.

Councilman Williams

Councilman Williams reported that he was approached and asked if the police department would patrol more on Fulton Avenue because of high-speed traffic from people racing their vehicles.

Councilman Williamson

Councilman Williamson complimented the fire department for responding to smoke detectors that went off in his home while he and his family were away. The fire department was dispatched to his house. When he arrived at his home, he found that the fire department was already on the scene, and he commended them for being very professional while responding to the situation. They discovered that the alarm system malfunctioned. He asked that Chief Duke be made aware of their high level of professionalism.

Mayor Tisdale

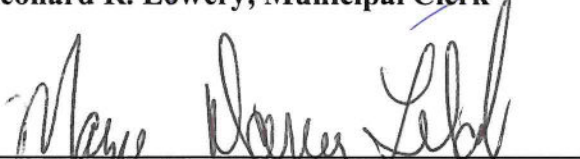
Mayor Tisdale thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget. The mayor also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

AJOURNMENT

- *Councilman Williamson made the motion to adjourn.*
- *Councilman Williams seconded the motion to adjourn.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*



Leonard R. Lowery, Municipal Clerk



Darren Tisdale, Town of Kingstree Mayor