

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 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
C.M. (Bubba) Hammet, Jr., 5th District
Stan A. Williamson, 6th District

COUNCIL

ABSENT

Derek Fitts, 4th District

OFFICIALS

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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 MARCH 20, 2023.

- *Councilman Hammet moved to approve the meeting agenda for March 20, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2023.

- *Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on February 20, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

SC STATE UNIVERSITY 1890 RESEARCH & EXTENSION

Mr. Ronnie Rhodes, regional director for South Carolina State University 1890 Extension Santee-Wateree region, presented an overview of his agency. The 1890 Research & Extension Program at SC State University offers essential public service for rural and urban limited-resource families who are in need of the latest research-based scientific knowledge, sustainable practices in agriculture, financial management, business development, parenting skills, health and nutrition, and computer skills.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

Ms. Kerri Kellahan, Local Government/Business Services Administrator, presented an overview of the services the WIOA offers its customers. She noted that WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. The Town of Kingstree currently participates in this program and has experienced a tremendous amount of success during the past several years,

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. Gilleon Frieson announced to the Council that Williamsburg County is proposing to develop a 31-lot single-family detached residential subdivision on a +/- 6.72 acres of land, of which +/- 4.48 acres of the tract will be developed. Each lot will have a width of 44 feet and length of 100 feet, patio home lot typologies, a street network, sidewalks, open space, and community amenities. The property has a frontage on East Main and Tomlinson Streets. The property will be accessible from Woods and Franklin Streets. Currently, both are undeveloped right of ways. An Environmental Site Assessment has been conducted. The assessment includes a Boundary Survey, Wetlands Delineation, and Topographical Survey. Engineering on the site work, including roads, water, sewer, and stormwater, has also been conducted. The development is proposed to be completed in phases. The first phase will include the construction of ten one-story and two-story, single-family dwellings, including commercial space facing East Main Street. The development will proceed upon demand for new homes. The official name of the subdivision is The Enclave.

SUSPENSION OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE

- *After hearing the recommendation from Town Manager Treme that the Town no longer rent kayaks and canoes currently owned by the Town to residents of the Town because of liability concerns, Councilman Williamson made a motion to temporarily suspend the Town's Procurement Ordinance so that the kayaks and canoes can be sold at auction.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman McCullough.*
- *The motion carried. Councilman Hammet voted in opposition of the motion.*

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2023-02

- *Councilwoman Butterworth made a motion to approve the 2023-02 Fair Housing Resolution.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously*

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION, AND PLANNING COMMISSION

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to table all commissions and board nominations until the next regular council meeting.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson.*
- *The motion carried unanimously*

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-02 – Granting authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the SC Municipal Association.

- *Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-02.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Hammet.*
- *The motion carried unanimously*

MAIN STREET UPDATE

Katie Kellahan, Main Street Director, informed Council that the mural committee met a month ago and decided on a location for the first downtown mural. All the logistical information will be presented during the next regular council meeting. Between April 29th and May 1st, the mural should be completed. The promotions committee met today. The committee will be ordering new promotional items. Eggstravaganza will be held on April 1st.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2023-01 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- *Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-01*
- *Seconded by Councilman Hammet.*
- *The motion carried unanimously*

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Treme announced that construction on the parking lot at Black River Landing has begun. He also announced that the Town of Kingstree now owns the Hancock building on Mill Street. The drainage study will start very soon. In conclusion, the Town of Kingstree provides water to the industrial park located on N. Hwy 52. Plans are being made to erect a water tank and a water well in the industrial park allowing the two to operate independently of our primary water system. The Town would also be better positioned to expand services in that direction.

NON-AGENDA COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Butterworth

No comment.

Councilman Williams

Councilman Williams asked Mr. Treme if the water well near George's Truck Stop was still in use. Mr. Treme indicated that the well is currently being used. In conclusion, Councilman Williams asked Mr. Treme if the Town made a utility cut at Sumter Hwy and Longstreet St. Mr. Treme stated that he does not believe that the Town is responsible for the utility cut but that he

would follow up to make sure that it is not. Councilman Williams noted that the cut needs to be repaired.

Councilwoman McCullough

No comment.

Councilman Williamson

Councilman Williamson asked if the small 3-way intersection at Kellahan Park could be repaired because of its poor condition. Mr. Treme indicated that he would call DOT. He urged Councilman Williamson and others to contact the agency in hopes of having more repairs and road re-surfacing addressed throughout the Town. Councilman Hammet suggested that a letter be sent to DOT.

Councilman Hammet

Councilman Hammet stated that there is a discolored streetlight (purple) on Main Street in front of Family Dollar and a strobing streetlight across from that location. Mr. Treme noted that he would follow up. The Historical Society had movie night in honor of Women's History Month. Hidden Figures was shown, and the event was well attended.

Mayor Tisdale

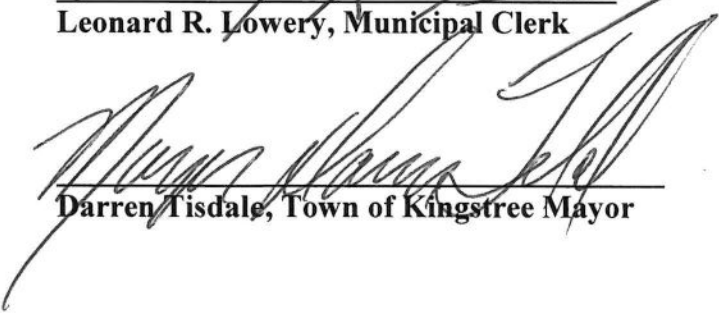
Mayor Tisdale requested Mr. Treme to ask DOT when he communicates with them if SLOW signs can be placed in the middle of Main Street. He has visited other municipalities with this setup and believes it would be a safety enhancement for our downtown district.

AJOURNMENT

- *Councilman Hammet 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