

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 16, 2023 - 6:30 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL  
PRESENT**

Darren Tisdale, Mayor

Luester McCullough, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Michelle Butterworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Chris Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Derek Fitts, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
C.M. (Bubba) Hammet, Jr., 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Stan A. Williamson, 6<sup>th</sup> District

**OFFICIALS  
PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION** – Councilman Williams

**NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA** – Verified

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 16 , 2023.**

- *Councilman Hammet moved to approve the meeting agenda for August 21, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 17, 2023.**

- *Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on July 17, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

### **MILL STREET LANDING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - Hybrid Engineering**

Mr. Trey Butler and Larry Watts from Hybrid Engineering updated the Council on the construction progress at Black River Landing. The project overview included illustrations depicting the features of the landing after its completion. However, it isn't easy to give an accurate estimate for when the project will be completed. It will likely take up to three years or more before completion. Mr. Butler and Mr. Watts answered questions from the Council after their presentation.

### **FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-06 – Annexation of Williamsburg County tax map properties 45-176-009, 18-036-179, 18036-217, and 18-036-178**

- *Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-06.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman McCullough*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-07 – An ordinance (NUNC PRO TUNC) to authorize the Town of Kingstree to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of real property currently identified as tax map numbers 11-025-171, 11-025-172, and 11-025-173 identified as tax map numbers from the Town to Dail Investments, LLC in exchange for \$22,000 dollars.**

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-07.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson seconded the motion.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **NOMINATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF KINGSTREE (KAH)**

- *Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to table the nomination for an appointment to the Housing Authority of Kingstree.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **RESOLUTION 2023 – 03 – Juneteenth Holiday Observance**

- *Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03, establishing Juneteenth as a Town of Kingstree Holiday.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

**APPROVAL OF KINGSTREE POLICE DEPARTMENTS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – Manning Police Dept., Lake City Police Dept., Williamsburg County Sheriff's Dept., Hemingway Police Depts., Sumter County Sheriff's Dept.**

- *Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to approval each of the mutual aid agreements.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Hammet.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **MAIN STREET UPDATE**

Katie Wheeler, Main Street Director, announced that the mural has been completed and is located on Academy Street. She has received some very positive feedback. She thanked the merchants who made donations to the project. Four more community members may be willing to donate benches to be placed downtown. Three hundred new Kingstree t-shirts featuring two different designs were delivered and distributed to local merchants to sell. The shirts are so popular that more shirts will be ordered soon. Planning for Pig Picking` is in motion. The Main

Street Program is seeking interested volunteers to help with the festival. Lastly, new and improved Christmas decorations will be installed at the town entrances and in the downtown district.

#### **TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Treme announced that the streetscape project has experienced a slight delay. Between September 21st and October 1st, construction of the project should begin. This project will aid in making Main Street more pedestrian-friendly. The industrial park on Hwy 52 North is the focus of a new project to place additional water infrastructure there. The water enhancements will increase the level of service we can offer current industrial water users and future industries in the industrial park.

#### **NON-AGENDA COUNCIL COMMENTS**

##### **Councilwoman McCullough**

No comment.

##### **Councilman Williams**

Councilman Fitts noted that he is appreciative of the recent work that the DOT has been able to complete in Town. His only concern is that they move personnel to other locations and projects, leaving behind much work that still needs to be done in Kingstree. He requested that the Town put some additional emphasis on DOT to complete more projects before moving to other projects outside the Town. In his conclusion, the Councilman thanked the Town for sending him to the Annual Meeting sponsored by MASC. He stated that the meeting was educational and enjoyable.

##### **Councilwoman Butterworth**

The councilwoman commented on the great job that has been done to have the impressive mural completed downtown. She stated that she has heard a lot of positive feedback concerning the mural and is excited about the Black River Landing project, which she hopes will be completed sooner rather than later. She concluded her comments by stating that she also attended the Annual Meeting sponsored by MASC. She noted that the meeting was great, and the keynote speaker was phenomenal.

##### **Councilman Hammet**

Councilman Hammet stated that he has heard a lot of positive comments about the downtown mural. He thanked Mr. Treme for having the needed repairs made in Gilland Park.

##### **Councilman Williams**

Councilman Williams thanked Town employees for working so hard this summer in extreme weather conditions. He stated that he and several residents are thankful that we have the cherry picker up and running. The truck is an asset to the entire Town.

##### **Councilman Williamson**

Councilman Williamson stated that he is pleased that KPD has established mutual aid agreements with many local law enforcement agencies.

However, activities in Kallahan Park after hours are beginning to pick up. KPD is supposed to lock the gates in the evenings, but they are not. He stated that it is not uncommon to have ten people in the park after ten or eleven o'clock. They are in the park using profanity and causing disturbances. He stated that he has had enough of that behavior in the park after hours. The speed at which people drive between Live Oak and Second Avenue is also unacceptable. It is worst on the weekend. Several residents have complained about the speeding. Something has to be done. He requested that KPD address the issues and establish a presence in the area. In conclusion, he

noted that he knows that the police can't always be at that location to monitor the activity, but something needs to be done to address the issue.

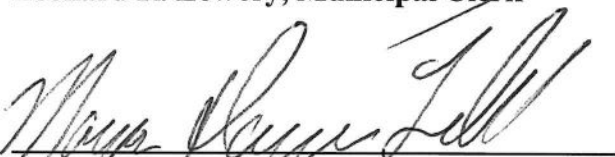
**Mayor Tisdale**

Mayor Tisdale reiterated Council member Williamson's concern about cars speeding in the Live Oak and Second Avenue area. He stated that Saturday seemed to be the worst day. It has become a dangerous situation that needs immediate attention by law enforcement.

**AJOURNMENT**

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

  
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**Leonard R. Lowery, Municipal Clerk**

  
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**Darren Tisdale, Town of Kingstree Mayor**