

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY  
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL**

January 22, 2024 - 5:30 PM

**INVOCATION** – Reverend Earnest Frierson, Friendship United Methodist Church

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Mayor Darren Tisdale was sworn into the Council by the honorable Judge Clifton Newman. Additionally, Frankie D. White and Michelle Butterworth took their oaths for the Kingstree Town Council, with Stan Williamson also being sworn in by the Town Attorney Evan Reynolds. Following the swearing-in ceremony, a brief reception was held, attended by family, friends, and members of the public.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL  
JANUARY 22, 2024 - 6:30 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL  
PRESENT**

Darren Tisdale, Mayor

Frankie D. White, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Michelle Butterworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Chris Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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

**OFFICIALS**

**ABSENT**

Derek Fitts, 4<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 JANUARY 22, 2024.**

- *Councilman Hammet moved to approve the regular meeting agenda for January 22, 2024.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*
  
- *Councilman Williamson moved to amend the meeting agenda by adding First Reading of Ordinance 2024-01 after public comments.*
- *Seconded by Councilwoman Butterworth,*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2023.**

- *Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on December 18, 2023.*
- *Seconded by Councilman White.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

### **FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2024-01 – Business License Rate Change**

- *Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-01.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Hammet.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **RESOLUTION 2024-01 – Increase the Annual Town Manager's Salary**

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williamson.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **LEASE AGREEMENT – Williamsburg Historical Society property adjacent to J. Russell Kellahan Recreational Facility on Nelson Blvd.**

- *Council Hammet recused himself from voting on the lease agreement as he is currently the president of the Williamsburg Historical Society.*
- *Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the lease agreement with the Williamsburg Historical Society.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

## **KINGSTREE BOARD OF ZONING NOMINATION AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

- *Councilman Hammet made a motion to table the nominations for the Board of Zoning and Architectural Review Board.*
- *Seconded by Councilman White.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

## **MAIN STREET UPDATE**

As the Main Street Director, Katie Wheeler presented the Council with a comprehensive overview of Main Street's activities in 2023. She emphasized numerous successful initiatives and events that occurred throughout the year. Ms. Wheeler concluded her comments by announcing that her last day of employment with the Town of Kingstree will be January 18, 2024. She thanked the Council for their continued support.

## **TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS**

No comment.

## **NON-AGENDA COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Councilwoman Butterworth**

Councilwoman Butterworth noted that the Main Street program has had a great year and she thanked Katie Wheeler for all her hard work with the program and wished her well.

### **Councilman Williams**

Councilman Williams thanked Mrs. Wheeler for everything she has been able to accomplish with the Main Street Program.

### **Councilman White**

Councilman White echoed the sentiments that have been expressed regarding Mrs. Wheeler and wished her well in her future endeavors.

No comment.

### **Councilman Hammet**

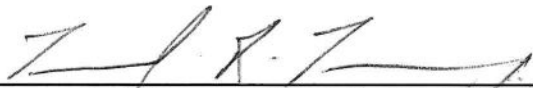
Councilman Hammet stated that the Williamsburg Historical Society celebrated its 2024 Founders Day, focused on the Jewish history in Williamsburg County, particularly the history of Jewish merchants. Sixty-seven people attended the event. Ms. Rebecca Woodruff from Historic Columbia was the guest speaker for the occasion. He concluded by thanking Mrs. Wheeler for everything she's done for the town and noted that she will be missed.

### **Mayor Tisdale**

Mayor Tisdale welcomed Mr. Frankie D. White to Kingstree Town Council. Mayor Tisdale also recognized and thanked Katie Wheeler for everything she has accomplished as Director of the Main Street program. He said he admired her for stepping down from her position to tend to her children and wished her well. Mayor Tisdale thanked Mr. Richard Treme, Town Manager, for everything Mr. Treme has done to keep Kingstree moving forward during the past eight years. He noted that he had learned much from Mr. Treme and that the Town of Kingstree is much better because of his dedicated service.

## **AJOURNMENT**

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

  
**Leonard R. Lowery, Municipal Clerk**

  
**Darren Tisdale, Town of Kingstree Mayor**