

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
KINGSTREE TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 18, 2024 - 6:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
FRANK H. MCGILL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

ROLL CALL

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Darren Tisdale, Mayor

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

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

**OFFICIALS
ABSENT**

Evan Reynolds, Town Attorney

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PRESENT**

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

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Councilman Williamson

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA – Verified

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2023.

- *Councilwoman Butterworth moved to approve the meeting agenda for February 19, 2024.*
- *Seconded by Councilman White.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2024.

- *Councilman Fitts made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on January 22, 2024.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Fitts.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miss Williamsburg County, Charity Rivers, explained to Council that as Miss Williamsburg County, she must have a community service platform. Her platform is to develop an environmental awareness platform that would include the youth of the county. She solicited the assistance of the Town of Kingstree to support her initiative. She stated that she would like for the town to partner with her to host a greenathon on Earth Day, April 20, 2024. The idea is to have participants collect as much cardboard to be recycled at a local recycling center on that day. The event will be held at a local recycling center and the location of the event will be announced later. Mayor Tisdale stated that the Town of Kingstree will support the event.

Dalia Rodregez expressed her concerns about a growing problem of homelessness in Kingstree. She explained that she and those who are in attendance with her are searching for ways that they can become more involved in such a way that will make things better. They are looking for opportunities and solutions to reduce homelessness. She stated that if there are already programs and outreach efforts in place, they would like to assist. Ms. Rodregez explained that these are our friends, family members, and neighbors who are experiencing challenging times. In closing she noted that she believes in prayer and has been praying for the situation to improve.

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2024-03

- *Councilman White made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Fitts.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2024-01 – Business License Rate Change

- *Councilman White made a motion approve Ordinance 2024-01.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

KINGSTREE BOARD OF ZONING NOMINATION (BZA)

- *Councilman Fitts made a motion to table nomination for the Board of Zoning.*
- *Seconded by Councilman White.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

NOMINATION FOR THE KINGSTREE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)

- *Councilman Williamson made a motion to nominate and approve Dorethy A. Murray to be on the Kingstree Architectural Review Board.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Williams.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION 2024-02 – Resolution to appoint Kipp Coker as the new Town Manager

- *Councilman White made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02.*
- *Seconded by Councilman Hammet.*
- *The motion carried unanimously.*

MAIN STREET UPDATE

Town Manager Treme acknowledged that the Main Street director has recently resigned. When the new Town Manager begins his employment with the town, one of his first orders of business will be to hire a new Main Street director.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Treme announced that this would be the last Council meeting he will attend as Town Manager. He appreciates the Mayor, Council, and citizens of Kingstree for allowing him to serve in this role for eight years. He also stated that he appreciated the retirement reception that was given in his honor. He and Mrs. Treme have lived in Kingstree for more than thirty-five years, and they have always loved the Town. In parting, he stated that he would never forget his experience as Kingstree Town Manager.

NON-AGENDA COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Fitts

He stated that he would miss him, and he appreciated the energy and support that he always gave to help him and the residents in his district.

Councilwoman Butterworth

Councilwoman Butterworth echoed the sentiments expressed by Councilman Fitts. She congratulated Mr. Treme on his retirement. She noted that Mr. Treme joined the Town of Kingstree when we needed his leadership, and he successfully turned the Town around. She told Mr. Treme he worked hard as a manager and deserved his retirement. She welcomed Kipp Coker as the new Town Manager.

Councilman White

Councilman White described Mr. Treme as a straightforward man. As he is new to the Council and coming on board, Mr. Treme is leaving the organization, but he wishes him well and all the best in retirement.

Councilman Williams

Councilman Williams thanked Mr. Treme for everything, but words can't explain how thankful he is for the service he has provided the Town of Kingstree. He welcomed Kipp Coker to his new position as Town Manager.

Councilman Williamson

Councilman Williamson apologized to Mayor Tisdale for being unable to attend the meeting last Monday due to a family emergency. He stated that he and Mr. Treme have worked together on several initiatives and will miss working with him. He thanked Mr. Treme for his service to the Town of Kingstree.

Councilman Hammet

Councilman Hammet thanked Mr. Treme for everything he had done. He stated that there are no words to describe his contributions to the Town of Kingstree. He feels he's done such a fantastic job that the town should be named after him.

Mayor Tisdale

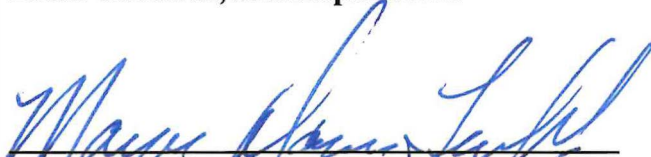
Mayor Tisdale thanked Mr. Treme for doing such a great job and wished him well in retirement.

AJOURNMENT

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



Erica Goodwin, Municipal Clerk


Darren Tisdale, Town of Kingstree Mayor