

Mayor Julius Jones:

- Called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Jeff Washington, Jennifer Williams, and Daniel Jackson.
- Led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Declared quorum and welcomed all.
- Requested a motion to approve Public Hearing minutes for June 8, 2020. Councilmember Jackson motioned; Councilmember Washington seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Requested a motion to approve Council Minutes for June 8, 2020. Councilmember Washington motioned; Councilmember Jackson seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Requested a motion to approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2020. Councilmember Jackson motioned; motioned seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Welcomed Chief Lin Shirer to share the Police Report.

Chief Lin Shirer with the Police Report:

- Check points for the next 30 days.
- Addressed the Town regarding business licenses. Reoccurring issue with lawn maintenance copies coming from out of town not obtaining proper licensing with the Town.
- Issue with golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs (side-by-sides) being on the roads. The Town recognizes the State requirements for utilizing golf carts roadways. Proper licensing, insurance, etc, must be maintained. ATVs and UTVs are not allowed on roadways at all. The Town has an ordinance available for detailed information, available online.
  - Councilmember Williams asked Chief Shirer if children's motorized scooters were included in any of these ordinances. Also, if they were allowed on sidewalks. Chief Shirer verified that the ordinances were in place for vehicles, not children's toys. He did, however, remind Council that children's scooters were not allowed on the roadways either.
- Discussed the auction for the police vehicles that are no longer in commission. Duke's auction facility has offered to the auctioning of the cars. The company works with Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office regarding their out of commission equipment. Duke's would handle all the paper work and everything pertaining to the sale.

Mayor Julius Jones on New Business:

- Financial reports for June and July 2020. Asked if there were any questions. There were none.
- New member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, pastor Richard Toy. Pastor Toy has previous experience with the subject matter and has completed all the required training.
- Welcome Beverly Jamison as a new volunteer for the Town's Election Commission.

- Annual preventative maintenance conducted on the pump at the Town's well by Grave's Water Inc. The Town received a positive report that the pump is functioning appropriately.
  - Councilmember Williams asked how often this maintenance was done. Mayor Jones confirmed once a year.
  - Councilmember Jackson asked who has access to the system if the pump goes out again like previously. Mayor Jones and Chief Shirer both confirmed there is a response system in place.
- There will be elections held at North Town Hall for Woodford's special election. Usually both poles are opened for elections, but only North Town Hall will be utilized for this one.
- General Elections will be held at both of North's poles on November 3, 2020.
- Census results as of August 3, 2020 – Orangeburg County was 15<sup>th</sup> of 17 in the State. North was 16<sup>th</sup> of 17 in the County.
- COVID-19 testing in the town square tomorrow (August 11, 2020) from 8AM-1PM by Family Health Centers.
- MASC Home Town Development Grant is \$300,000+, making up to \$25,000 available to municipalities. Asked who would like to take on the grant opportunity for the Town.
  - Councilmember Williams asked if this was the same grant previously applied for by previous Councilmember Cook. Mayor Julius said he believed so.  
Councilmember Williams agreed to taking project opportunity.

Mayor Julius Jones opened the floor for Council Projects:

- Councilmember Jackson did not have an update.
- Councilmember Washington: No updates regarding projects but wanted to announce the Town's required new lawn mower.
  - Councilmember Jackson asked if that new mower came with a weed eater, that the Town Property looked horrible. Councilmember Washington stated that the Town has three weed eaters already. Councilmember Jackson stated that apparently they weren't being used.
  - Councilmember Williams asked who would be cutting the grass.
    - Councilmember Washington tried to remind Williams that the Town had an individual employed for lawn maintenance.
- Councilmember Williams: No updates. Took the chances to inquire about Veteran Memorial Park pavers. Mayor Jones informed her that forms are available in Town Hall.
- Mayor Julius Jones asked if there were any questions.
  - Councilmember Washington brought up an internet provider having a worker circling around town. Chief responded that they were more than likely looking at connections, that work was going on within the Town limits.

Mayor Julius Jones stated there was no written request for public comments.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion for adjournment:

- Councilmember Washington made motion to adjourn; Councilmember Jackson seconded motion. All in favor. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 14, 2020**.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephanie M. Ott*

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Clerk of Court

Mayor Julius Jones:



Council Members:

Daniel Jackson:

Jeff Washington:

Wanda Whetstone:

Jennifer Williams:

