

BETHUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Recreation Building

September 10, 2020

The Bethune Town Council met Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Recreation Building with the Honorable Mayor Charles McCoy presiding.

Mayor McCoy called the meeting to order.

Don Witham opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the August 13th and September 2nd, 2020 Meetings were read. Councilman Heflin requested that the word “reactivated” be changed to “involved” with regards to the Zoning and Planning Committee in the August 13th Minutes and the verbiage should read “through the growing season”, not October when referring to the grass cutting in the September 2nd Minutes. Councilman Witham made a motion to have the minutes reflect these changes. Councilman Heflin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial statements were provided to each of the Town council members and to the mayor for review.

Julian Burns, Chairman of Kershaw County Council, was in attendance and spoke on several subjects: The passing of Austin Sheheen who was a former Chairman of the County Council. Sandhill Telephone putting in WIFI around the area. Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Tom Payne, is from Kershaw County. Census 2020 – the electronic portion is over. Bethune is at 59-60%. Gave out Covid-19 handouts. Before closing, Chairman Burns spoke about a new County Ordinance covering Solar Panels. This pertains to solar farms, not on buildings and there are specific guidelines.

The Mayor mentioned that he had received numerous calls about council members and others not wearing their masks. Since we have adopted the Mask Ordinance, we should be wearing one.

Old business:

Councilman Witham updated the Council on the water project. Uptown will be the first area to be completed in order to get the sidewalks and roads fixed. There will be a cost of \$15,000 to have the old fire hydrants dug up. Councilman Witham stated that he had received a call from a company in Rock Hill who would probably purchase the fire hydrants and meters but he does not anticipate much income from this.

New Business:

Councilman Heflin handed out some information about absentee voting and asked the Clerk to have these handouts available in Town Hall and to make robot call about the voting.

Mayor McCoy asked Councilman Heflin to go into more details about the website. Councilman Heflin stated that the site would include information about the town, which would include addresses and phone numbers of all churches, businesses. There is an opportunity to sell ads. Hopefully the website can be up and running by the first of the year. Question was asked as to who would be responsible for putting the information on the web site. Councilman Heflin stated that eventually it would be a combination of the website people and the Clerk.

Councilman Witham made the motion to adjourn, and Councilwoman Hunter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Stephens

Clerk

Attachment

Present:

Mayor Charles McCoy

Don Witham

John Heflin

Cindy Hunter

Jimmy Lucas

Unapproved: 9-22-2020