

MAYOR:
KIM E WILEY



COUNCIL:
DWANDA BOLDEN
ALFONIA "AL" GREEN
JOE N. HADWIN, JR.
TAMMY SOLOMON

Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor K. Wiley at 6:03 pm.

Invocation

Mayor K. Wiley requested, "A Moment of Silence," And at this time Mayor and Council remembers 911 and the families.

Present

Mayor K. Wiley, Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon, Councilman J. Hadwin, Councilman J. Williams, Town Administrator Tiffany Cooks, Clerk Treasurer Edna O'Banner and Attorney K. Davis.

Absent: Councilwoman Dwanda Bolden

Pledge of Allegiance

The Council stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve August 14, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve August 14, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem T. Solomon; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Approve September 11, 2024, Council Meeting Agenda and Amend by adding to Legal Matters, the Destruction of Property of a Citizen

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve September 11, 2024, Council Meeting Agenda. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Cooks invited the Investors of Project Green Spark Projects of UHGI to present on zoom to give Mayor and Council an update for Resolution 2024-04 item exhibit A as far as the raising of capital for the project. Dr. Cooks introduced the investors, Frederick James who is the CEO, and

one of the partners is Mr. Rick Neubaur and they will give us an update. The last meeting Council signed a Resolution for potential options for us to seek funding for Project Green Spark. Those projects are identified and are listed for what we are seeking funding for. Dr. Cooks stated there are two things she will be asking Council for on this resolution, and this is also the opportunity for Council to ask questions. Dr. Cooks stated she will ask Council to take action on the Resolution. Dr. Cooks stated that the town is not on the hook for anything, this is where they can go out and raise the capital, again the council is not under any obligation to take advantage of any of the opportunities. All opportunities must be in compliance with the federal and state law and IRS. Mr. James of Green Sparks speaks to the Mayor and Council, he states that they are spearheading their capital rate initiative where they have active two billion dollars from the private developers, and they are now adding projects in South Carolina. At this particular time the investors are looking for authorization in writing and stating all of the things that have been placed in the Resolution which will give them the power to represent the funding needs as your investor. Council can began asking questions. Councilman Williams asked if the town will be responsible for any funds, is that any funds at the beginning or any funds period? Mr. James stated any fund period. Mayor Wiley asks during a previous meeting she seen the word explore on the Resolution, but now she said it says partnership and she stipulated that the meanings are totally different to her; Dr. Cooks explained that this is a step by step process and exploring will allow the investors to explore opportunities and to communicate conversations on the town's behalf, this step is only for the investors to go out and explore opportunities to raise the capital they cannot do anything else. The town dictates what they want to do.

Resolution 2024 - 04 to Assign Project Green Spark Projects to UHGI to pursue investment opportunities for the Town of Estill. The Mayor states before she make the motion she would like to recognize that it only has a place for the Mayor to sign and since we have Council members it would be feasible for the attorney to make a list with all the names on the Resolution so the Council members can sign as well on the revised resolution.

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024 – 04 Assign Project Green Spark projects to UHGI to pursue investment opportunities for the Town of Estill with revision for adding the signature lines. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro Tem Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. Mayor K. Wiley voted Nay. The council voted 3-1 in favor of the motion.

1st Reading Ordinance 2024 – 02 to Authorize the Borrowing of Matching Funds for Water & Wastewater Treatment Grant

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024 – 02 to Authorize the Borrowing of Matching Funds for Water & Wastewater Treatment Grant. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Councilman J. Williams. Mayor K. Wiley voted Nay. The council voted 3-1 in favor of the motion.

A. Department Reports

Police Report- Chief Solomon- Taken as info only. Chief Solomon stated that he is currently operating at full staff. He said Officer Orr graduates September 25, 2024, and he will be going to the graduation and supporting her.

Safety and Recreation Report- Documents Only Included in the Packet - Taken as info only.

Fire Department Report- Chief Toone- Taken as info only. Chief L. Toones stated that they had the fill the boot campaign.

Public Works, Water & Wastewater Report- Report only
Mr. Hamilton was absent. Taken as info only.

Administration Report – Dr. Cooks

- **VOCA Grant**
Dr. Cooks stated that we were approved again this year for the grant and it is under SAFE Grant for the Victim Advocate and the Victim Advocate was also audited by the state agency and received a great report. There were some of the areas that needed improving, and they plan to get a hotline as a confidential means of contact.
- **School Presentation**
The Town Administrator stated that she will be giving a presentation to discuss the plans for the school Campus A and B. Each member of the Council was sent a slide, and she is asking to let her know if there are any corrections needed to be made or if they would like to add something. Dr. Cooks said she will have to send the mayor's power-point slide a different way.
- **Air Quality at the Town Hall**
Dr. Cooks stated the ceiling fell during the storm causing issues with the air quality, specifically in Mrs. O'Banner's office. Dr. Cooks stated she would like the approval to move forward with the air quality testing in the town hall, People are getting sick with respiratory problems. The cost for the testing is \$4,800. Per Dr. Cooks, it is essential. Mayor asks for a motion to approve the amount to be spent to make this purchase; Councilman J. Williams offered the motion, with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

- **Fence Replacement**

Dr. Cooks stated the fence at the Karl Bowers Park needed to be replaced and it will cost about \$1,000.00. Mayor asks for a motion to approve the amount to be spent to make this purchase to repair the fence; Councilman J. Williams offered the motion, with a second by Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

- Mayor asked to have the bench moved to the Karl Bowers Park and Dr. Cooks said she found another shelter that is cheaper.
- **National Night Out** will be held On October 31, 2024, at the square and they have asked other municipalities to join them.
- **The Christmas Event** will be held on December 6 & 7, 2024. Tree lighting service will be December 6. October 3 will be the date of the first committee meeting.

B. August 2024 Income Statement

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve August 2024 Income Statement as Information Only. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

C. Public Comment

Jessie Mae Taylor -. Had a concern about where they can wait while Council is in executive session instead of going outside since the weather will be changing soon. Dr. Cook said she will get back in contact with Ms. Taylor.

Myrna Reed- Had a concern about the addressing/numbering system. She was referred to the Town Administrator.

Linda Gordon – Ask Mayor and Council to Partner with the school and they will be having their school board meeting on September 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm and one of the issues that will be discussed is the school not having any games in Estill.

Mayor Exited Regular Session and Entered Executive Session at 7:42 pm

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit regular session and enter into executive session for a discussion related to:

- Personnel: Employee B Compensation update
- Contract: Axon Enterprise Quote for Body Worn Camera Vest
- Legal: Destroying Property of the Citizen.

Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon; with a second by Councilman J. Williams the council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor Exited Executive Session and Entered Regular Session at 8:30 pm

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to exit executive session and enter into regular session from a discussion related to:

- Personnel: Employee B Compensation update
- Contract: Axon Enterprise Quote for Body Worn Camera Vest
- Legal: Destroying Property of the Citizen.

Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Personnel: Employee B Compensation update

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve Employee B. Compensation. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Mayor Pro Tem T. Solomon. The motion was offered by Mayor T. Solomon; with a second by Councilman Williams. Mayor K. Wiley voted Nay. The council voted 3-1 in favor of the motion.

Contract: Axon Enterprise Quote for Body Worn Camera Vest

Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to approve Axon Enterprise Quote for Body Worn Camera Vest for 60 months with the listed amount Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Legal: Destroying Property of the Citizen.

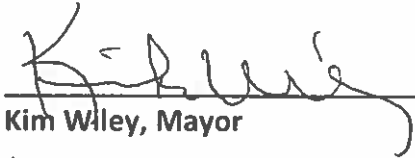
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to table until the citizen can produce receipts. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Hadwin. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Hadwin; with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Solomon. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

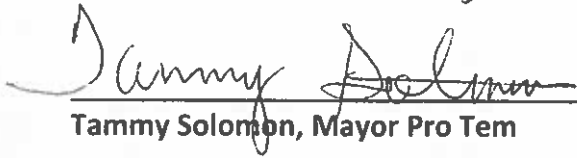
Mayor K. Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor K. Wiley recognized Councilman J. Williams. The motion was offered by Councilman J. Williams; with a second by Councilman J. Hadwin. The Council Voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Mayor K. Wiley adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

ADOPTED this 11th Day of September 2024



Kim Wiley, Mayor



Tammy Solomon, Mayor Pro Tem

Dwanda Bolden, Councilwoman



James Williams, Councilman



Joe Hadwin Jr., Councilman

ATTEST:



Edna O'Banner, Clerk Treasurer