

**TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2016**

Present: Mayor John Campolong, Charlie Sutton, A. C. McLeod, Jr., Marion Stephens, Benson Driggers – Rep. of Town Attorney, and Terri King (Administrator)

Absent: Marilyn Fields

Note to Minutes: Terri King, Administrator, typed minutes.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor John Campolong called meeting to order.

Invocation: Councilman Marion Stephens

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 5, 2016 made by Mayor John Campolong, and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to Approve Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on April 28, 2016 made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Marion Stephens. All were in favor.

Ordinance 2016-1 “Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017”

Ordinance to set the budget of the Town of McBee for fiscal year 2016-2017 as set forth below:

Revenue & Expenditures:	General Fund	\$469,092
	Utility Fund	\$435,802

Motion to accept first reading of Ordinance 2016-1 “Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017” made by Mayor John Campolong, seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Reports

Administrator: Terri King

The SC Department of Revenue has notified us that an application for a Beer and Wine License has been submitted by TNT Country Store. To protest this application the Town would be required to attend the protest hearing scheduled on May 17, 2016. Otherwise, the License will be issued.

Mayor Campolong: Tim, do you know of any concerns we should have about this?

Chief Kemp: I do not know of any concerns. Other establishments in the area currently have licenses to sell beer and wine and we have not experienced any problems.

Motion to accept the Notice of Application to sell Beer and Wine for TNT Country Store made by Councilman A. C. McLeod and seconded by Mayor John Campolong. All were in favor.

I would like to propose that the Town Hall be allowed to close on Election Day, September 6, 2016.

Councilman A. C. McLeod requested that the office change the voicemail recording to reflect that the Town will be closed and to post the information on the Town's website.

Motion to approve the closing of the Town Hall on Election Day – September 6, 2016 made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman A. C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

Recreation Director: Shilon Green

The lighting of the fields is progressing; the lights have been installed and hopefully the wiring will begin tomorrow. The scoreboards have been installed.

We are hosting Family Day next week, May 13 – 14, with approximately 30 teams participating.

We are also discussing hosting a Basketball Camp during the summer for the children. Dr. McNutt, the principal of McBee Elementary, has offered the gym anytime we would need it. The parents are showing interest in their children participating in the camp. Our goal is to provide training for the various sports during the year.

Mayor Campolong: The training from last year was rather expensive. Work up some figures for the training you are considering.

While in Jefferson this week, I went over the rule book in regards to Umpires. All Umpires are to be certified and we are currently not requiring certification. This is an area that we will incorporate into our department for next year.

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Police Department – Chief Tim Kemp

April was busy with an increase in traffic and accidents.

We experienced several instances with the Railroad that was out of our control. A pin came out of the track, which caused the train to be detained for several hours on the town's tracks. In another instance, a vehicle crossed the tracks on Hwy. 151 while the arms were down and broke one of the arms, which prevented the arms from going back up. It took over an hour for a repairman to get to McBee to fix the arm.

Councilman A. C. McLeod: Are you aware of the accident that happened on the dirt road that was being used as a detour when the train was detained those couple of hours? We need to have a better system of detouring traffic in order to prevent people from using the dirt road and to use the paved road.

Chief Kemp: The traffic was being detoured to use the paved roads, but the vehicles used the dirt road on their own. The Highway Patrol responded to the accident.

Councilman Marion Stephens

I spoke with Ms. Terri about the dilapidated housing fund that we have in the budget. The Town has not set a standard on how those funds can be allocated to property owners. I have spoken with one property owner about the condition of their property and they would like to clean the property, but they do not have the funds to do so. The Council needs to set a standard on how the funds can be allocated and what are the procedures to do so.

Council agreed that we develop a standard for the allocation of the dilapidated housing fund.

Mayor John Campolong

I have spoken with Chief Kemp about taking on the responsibility of inspecting the Town's vehicles for preventative maintenance. We are developing a Preventative Maintenance checklist for the Town's vehicles for him to use. This will be used to report any needed service or repairs for the vehicles.

Councilman A. C. McLeod

Can we request from DOT to put a sign across Hwy. 151 for the school zone? With the increase in truck traffic due to Nestle Waters, the sign is only on one side of the road are not noticeable to all of the traffic. Nestle actually asked about this.

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Mayor John Campolong

I agree and we have been requesting new signs for the past couple of years and the only response was for the DOT to install larger flashing lights on the signs we have. We have to contact the Maintenance Director out of Chester.

Councilman McLeod

We need to send them a letter every month letting them know that the Council has passed this and we are requesting this and we feel that our schools are not safe and we are not going to be happy until this happens – period. We need to contact Senator Vincent Sheheen and Speaker of the House Jay Lucas if we see that the DOT is not going to respond.

Mayor Campolong

It does take persistence and would you be interested in handling this for the Town?

Councilman McLeod to Terri King, Administrator: Draft a letter and then we can follow up with this.

Also, we need a letter to be sent to CSX about the problems with the railroad crossings. Ever since they have updated their system, we have had more delays than ever before. The crossing down at A O Smith, which I know is out of town, but the crossing is terrible and they say they can't fix it. It may be under a different Roadmaster. I will find out who the Roadmaster is and we can write a letter about these problems.

Mayor John Campolong

The Town Hall will be closed for Memorial Day, May 30.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman A. C. McLeod. All were in favor.