



May 5, 2022

The regularly scheduled Pacolet Town Council meeting will be held Thursday May 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Pacolet Town Hall.

Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
2. **FOIA Statement** - In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was submitted by fax to the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Town Hall and on the Town's website on Tuesday, May 3, 2022
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Citizens' Comments**

Old Business

6. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting April 7, 2022 and Special Called Town Council Meeting April, 21, 2022.**

New Business

7. **First Reading of FY 2022-2023 Budget**
8. **Town Hall Security Cameras - Chief Alexander**
9. **Town Hall Security – Discussion of improvements to Town Hall to provide security**
10. **Administrator Comments**
11. **Police Chief Comments**
12. **Mayor/Council Comments**
13. **Adjourn**

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**Town of Pacolet
Council Meeting
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Mayor Camby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The agenda was prepared and posted as required.

The Mayor read over the FOIA Statement.

Pastor Mike Hutchins gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

1. Citizen's Agenda

Nelene Seay, 421 Brewster Street, has lived in the same house for over eighty years and her concern was with Enchanted Homes. Her phone line has been cut three times, there is trash from the area construction, and she still has water at her doorstep and yard. The water is chalky. She has contacted them, but nobody has called or come by.

Jennings Camby, 231 Brewster Street, also has a concern with Enchanted Homes. When they are complained to, they do nothing to correct the situation. The porta johns stink. He said if he knew what was going to happen, houses would not be built because he would protest. There is trash everywhere. The contractors do not care. Mayor Camby told him they would look into it.

Betty Byrd, 440 N. Highway 150, said she has talked with the clerk, Alli, and the Interim Administrator concerning her trash. Travis passes by her trash, and she does not know why he cannot get it. The mayor told her they would check on it and get back to her.

2. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2022 and April 21, 2022 Special Meeting

Council Member McBeth motioned to accept the Minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting and the Minutes of the April 21, 2022 Special Meeting, as written. Council Member Sexton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Amend the Agenda

Council Member Wright motioned to amend the Agenda after number 7 to read Executive Session Regarding Personnel - Pursuant to S.C Code Section 30-4-0(a) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body. Council Member Palmer-Green seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

4. First Reading of FY 2022-2023 Budget

- Trey Eubanks, the Interim Administrator, explained the proposed budget included a 3% raise and a \$6,000 increase for the Assistant Clerk/Clerk of Court and does not include a tax increase (see enclosed Memorandum). He gives Council copies of the MASC salary survey for comparison with other towns. Council agreed to hold a budget meeting next week, May 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Wright motioned to go into Executive Session. Council Member Sexton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council returned to Regular Session, with no action taken during the Executive Session.

Council Member Wright motioned to accept the First Reading of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. Council Member Sexton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Town Hall Security Cameras – Chief Alexander

Chief Alexander presented a proposal to install an interior/exterior security camera system for the Town Hall (see enclosed). The cost will be between \$2,900 and \$3,100. Council Member Wright motioned to go ahead with the installation of a security camera system not to exceed \$3,500. Council Member Hood seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Town Hall Security – Discussion of improvements to Town Hall to provide security.

Council Member Wright presented Council with plans to enclose the main hallway so that nonemployees cannot have access to the main office (see enclosed). He said he would be responsible for the getting the work done. Council Member Hood motioned to proceed with the plans. Council Member Palmer-Green seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Administrator Comments

Mr. Eubanks reported:

- **Code Enforcement** – Chris Harper resigned on April 25th. We have received a quote from CC&I for code compliance services and are waiting on a quote from RCI. Once we have both quotes Council will be provided these for discussion.

- **Cloth Room** – Council has been provided the March 12th correspondence from Mayor Camby to SC Department of Aging Director Munn. This letter was a result of discussions during a meeting in Spartanburg on March 14th involving representatives from Spartanburg County, Pacolet, the Area Agency on Aging, and SC Department on Aging. On April 1st, a meeting was held at the Cloth Room involving; Mayor Camby, SC Department on Aging Director Munn as well as Tara Vitollo and Lily Cogdill. ACOG Executive Director Steve Pelissier and ACOG Aging Services Director Tim Womack, Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Director Woodsby and a staff member, Kerry Easler with Spartanburg County, and Paul Lyles. Spartanburg County has indicated that they plan to continue senior services at the TW Edwards Center, but they are willing to talk about having occasional senior programming at the Cloth Room

Mayor Camby's discussions with Senator on the Attorney General's position on Callis Anderson trial has been beneficial to the Town. Late last month SC Attorney General Wilson called Mayor Camby to inform him a different attorney with experience in this type of matter was being assigned to the case.

Council has been provided a copy of Mayor Camby's April 8th response to the SC Department on Aging. Paul Lyles has also provided the SC Department on Aging information they requested from him. We are now waiting to see what position SC Department on Aging takes on the PIP Grant.

- **MASC Annual Conference** – Attached is the brochure from MASC about their 2022 Annual Meeting that will be held in Charleston from July 14-17.
- **Special Election** – A Special Election for the seat Ms. Seibert vacated when she resigned will be held on June 7, 2022. The Clerk has been in touch with Spartanburg County's Registration and Election Director and the County is overseeing the election.
- **Limb and Trash Collection Service** – Council has been provided memos on limb and trash collection resulting from the April 21st Special Council Meeting.
- **Town Administrator** – The Pacolet Administrator job has been posted with the Municipal Association of South Carolina, the South Carolina Association of Counties, the SC City County Managers Association, the Appalachian Council of Governments, and the town web site. In addition, the posting has been sent to the MPA Directors at Clemson and the College of Charleston. The selection committee chose two applicants to interview on May 6th.

8. Police Chief Comments

Chief Alexander reported:

- STATS Report

- The Department has several active investigations going on right now. The one that includes the damage to the Cloth Room is turning out to be very in-depth and is yielding several suspects and very possibly crimes in other jurisdictions. They have identified the culprits, whom all are juveniles, who damaged the Cloth Room and some other town property along with some state property. They are still sifting through a large amount of evidence and hope to wrap the investigation up this month, then charging documents on the juveniles will follow. Council will be updated once they get to that point. Two companies are assessing the Cloth Room damage and he should have estimates soon.

9. Mayor/Council Comments

Council Member McBeth had a concern about trees blocking the view on Beech Street. Council Member Palmer-Green had a concern about the traffic and speeding on Dogwood Circle, what can be done about it.

Mayor Camby would like to recognize D'Marco Jackson in some way for being drafted by the New Orleans Saints.

9. Adjourn

Council Member Hood motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sexton seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Signed

APPROVED