

REGULAR TOWN OF SNEAD COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2025

Present: Mayor Tim Kent, Councilmembers Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan and Dwight Christian, Chief Casey Hathcock, Town Clerk Jammie Osborn, HR Director Alethea Bailey, Fire Chief Lee Netherton, Attorney David Dobson, Town Employees Ty Webb, Garrett Hamrick, Eddie Ellison. Visitors Amy Kent

Mayor Tim Kent called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, Phillip McHan led the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

AGENDA

Councilmember McHan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Broom second this motion.

All individual votes were yea, Motion approved.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 03/24/25 were approved by a motion from Councilmember Broom with a second from Councilmember Lindsay.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

BILLS

Bills were approved as presented by a motion from Councilmember Lindsay with a second by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

MAYORS REPORT - Mayor Kent reminded all that Statement of Economic Interest are due to the Ethics Commission by April 30, 2025.

He also asked that the Council consider sponsoring 3 students from Susan Moore High School to Boys & Girls State at a rate of \$225.00 per student for a total of \$675.00. Motion made to approve this by Councilmember McHan with a second from Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

Hometown Accounts – Motion to approve adding HR Director Alethea Bailey to all bank accounts at Hometown Bank was made by Councilmember McHan with a second from Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Policies & Procedures – At the request of Mayor Kent, tabled until the meeting on 4-29-25. This will give Council time to look over and Attorney Dobson to get approval from the Merit Board.

Court System – Mayor Kent requested that part time employee Ashlynn Salmon be hired full time. This would be with full benefits and a pay rate of \$17.00/hr. Also, that Translator Stephanie Martinez be raised from \$200.00 per month to \$300.00 per month due to the fact that she is also receipting payments for the Court System. Town will pay to get her bonded. Motion from Councilmember Lindsay to approve these requests was seconded by Councilmember McHan.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Fire Department Transfers – Town Clerk Osborn asked that the Council permit her to make transfers to the Fire Department from the General Fund as needed due to low funds. Motion to approve this request was made by Councilmember Lindsay and seconded by Councilmember McHan.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Meeting scheduled for 4-28-25 – Due to a State Holiday, Councilmember McHan made a motion to postpone the meeting on 4-28-25 to 4-29-25. This was seconded by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Royal Fire Dept – Ms. Osborn received a phone call from the Fire Chief of Royal Fire Dept asking about the fire dues that had not been received by their Dept. Ms. Osborn was unaware that they were supposed to get a portion of the dues collected on utility bills. Fire Chief Netherton advised that the original agreement was that Royal Fire Dept. received \$100.00 per month since they only had a few customers in their area. Since this was agreed in 1998, the Council asked Mrs. Osborn to look in to obtaining a new contract for our records. Also, a contract with Susan Moore Fire Dept. Discussion of how to help increase customer paying fire dues and also increasing the rate.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McHan – Police Report

Councilmember Lindsay - Fire Reports for February & March. Advised the Council that the Senior Manager, Deborah Wright was back at work.

Also asked the Council to make an emergency hire of Pamela Griffin at the Senior Center due to the extended medical leave of Mrs. Roberts and the absence of Willie Mae Thompson. Motion made to approve this hire by Councilmember Lindsay and seconded by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

Councilmember Ogles – Told Council that the new Road Widener was doing great. Greer Drive and Braswell Street currently being prepped for paving. Drive and parking lot at Police Dept to be paved with the acceptance of the bid in the amount of \$47,500.00 from Gray Enterprise. Discussed getting estimates on paving in front of the Council Building. At the request of Ty Webb, Councilmember McHan made a motion to accept the bid of \$3500.00 from Gray Enterprise to add additional asphalt to the shoulder area of the entrance to Clark Gas. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

Councilmember Christian – Councilmember Christian thanked all who helped make the 2025 Town Easter Egg Hunt a success. He asked the budget for Summer in the Park be set at \$5000.00 and that Jessie Sanders be paid \$1,000.00 for coordinating the event. All flyers concerning any Town Events to be approved by Council. Summer in the Park date to be July 12 with a rain date of July 19. All of the above approved by a motion from Councilmember Christian and seconded by Councilmember McHan.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

Councilmember Broom – Water Dept is still needing building to store equip. Received bid from Summertown Metals for a 24x48x14 free standing shed in the amount of \$9,747.46. The trucks that were sold brought in \$9,750.00 which would cover this expense. Motion to accept this bid and approve the building made by Councilmember Ogles with a second from Councilmember Broom.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Hathcock – Requested to approve Bro. Curtis Hawkins as Chaplain for the Police Dept.

Motion to approve this request made by Councilmember Ogles and seconded by Councilmember McHan.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Asked for approval to bring on a new Reserve Officer, William Lacey. Motion to approve this request, pending physical and drug testing made by Councilmember McHan with a second by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

At Chief Hathcock's request, Council discussed and motion was made by Councilmember Ogles to discontinue use of the Town Fuel Station. Motion seconded by Councilmember McHan.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Summer Conference coming in August, Council asked that he bring prices of lodging to next meeting.

Fire Chief Netherton – Everything he needed to discuss has been brought up previously.

Water Supervisor Jeff Whited – Project on Burgett Road to increase in price by \$68,000 bringing our match to \$318,000.00. Council asked Mrs. Osborn to check on interest rates with Hometown Bank and Liberty Bank in case we need to obtain funding through a loan. Town of Susan Moore to write checks for invoices for this project. Clerk to send us copies of all invoices and payments. Motion to borrow the money to cover the Burgett Road project in the amount of approx. \$318,000 made by Councilmember McHan with a second from Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Court Clerk Ashlynn Salmon – Gave Court Report.

Chamber Representative Osborn - Chamber Report. See Attached.

Councilmember Christian made a motion that the Council go into Executive Session at approximately 8:05 pm. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lindsay.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian

Nay – none

Councilmember McHan made a motion that the Council go back into Regular Session at approximately 8:42 pm. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

Yea: Tim Kent, Greg Ogles, Joey Broom, Teresa Lindsay, Phillip McHan, Dwight Christian
Nay – none

Upon returning to Regular Session, Mayor Tim Kent made the motion to ask Hannah Wright to resign her position as Court Magistrate. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Christian.

Mayor then asked for a Roll Call Vote with votes as follows:

Councilmember McHan – Yea

Councilmember Ogles – Yea

Councilmember Lindsay – Yea

Mayor Kent – Yea

Councilmember Broom – Yea

Councilmember Christian - Yea

With no other business to be brought before the Council, at approximately 8:45PM Councilmember McHan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ogles.

Individual votes were as follows:

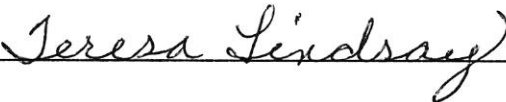
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Nay – none

Tim Kent



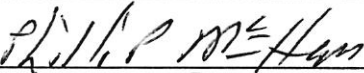
Joey Broom

Teresa Lindsay



Greg Ogles

Phillip McHan



Dwight P. Christian



Attest:

