

Minutes
Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
6:00pm

The Committee met on the above date for a Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in the large conference room at the Heckle Complex, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. The following members were present: Council member Allison Love, Council member Debi Cloninger and Council member Tommy Adkins. Also present were Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore and County Attorney, Michael Kendree.

Eric Rekitt, Public Works Director and Morris Russell, Director of Fire Services also attended.

Council member Tommy Adkins called meeting to order

Discussion regarding Keep York County Beautiful Ordinance amendment

Eric Rekitt explained that the Keep York County Beautiful board is made up of all volunteers that participate in other activities for the board besides the board meetings. Staff would like to reduce the board meeting requirement to every other month rather than monthly.

Motion was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Debi Cloninger to allow the ordinance modification to change the meeting schedule to every other month. Motion Carried.

Discussion regarding towing/wrecker service with the Sheriff's Department

Committee Chair Tommy Adkins explained that he spoke with Sheriff Tolson prior to the meeting and Sheriff Tolson requested that this item be deferred to another meeting.

Motion was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Debi Cloninger to defer this discussion to a later meeting. Motion Carried.

Follow up discussion regarding the Special Fire Tax Districts AUP (Agreed Upon Procedures)

Bill Dunlap, Chief of Oakdale Fire Department introduced Shawn Wilson and requested that he speak on behalf of the fire tax districts.

Mr. Wilson addressed the Committee and requested that he be able to meet with Management, Staff and Legal to develop a plan for the future of fire services and discuss the AUP.

Morris Russell, Fire Services Director stated that developing a plan for the future of fire services should be discussed with the Fire Advisory Committee.

Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore and County Attorney, Michael Kendree acknowledged the request for a meeting on November 3rd from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Committee member Allison Love requested an update on the AUP and a timeline.

Morris Russell, Fire Services Director explained that a fire accountant has been hired and she has started working with the Lesslie Fire Department to bring their accounts over. Mr. Morris also stated that he has begun requesting more information from the boards regarding agendas, minutes, and board meeting dates. Mr. Morris explained that staff is also working on bringing over the personnel from the tax districts with job descriptions, etc.

Bill Dunlap, Chief of Oakdale Fire Department stated that the Fire Advisory Committee is not the correct place for discussions regarding the AUP.

Pete MacVean, Chair of the Newport Fire Tax Board stated that he has not received any requests for information regarding his department.

Mr. Russell stated that no additional financial information has been requested of the tax districts at this time. The only information requested is regarding minutes, agendas, and board meeting dates and that request was sent to the Chiefs.

Motion was made by Council member Debi Cloninger and seconded by Council member Allison Love to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023 Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Debi Cloninger. Motion Carried.