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MAYOR: VIOLET DAWE  
POST1: ERIC CARLSON  
POST 2: JASON PRESLEY  
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT  
POST 4: HILDA KURTZ  
POST 5: MEAGAN CUNDIFF

**February 20, 2023**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**APPROVED Minutes**

**Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dawe at 7:32 PM**

**Special Guest presentation: Jennifer Riddle, Oconee County Tax Commissioner**

Mayor Dawe introduced Jennifer to the Council and guests present.

Jennifer spoke for about 15 minutes explaining various tax items for which she is responsible.

She took several questions from those in attendance.

Her presentation and questions lasted approximately 45 minutes.

**Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was declared.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Violet Dawe, Council members Eric Carlson, Eric Wright, Hilda Kurtz, Jason Presley, and Meagan Cundiff, all in person.

**Members Absent: none.**

**Guests present:** Jennifer Riddle, Oconee County Tax Commissioner, John Daniel, Oconee County Commission Chairman, Fred Johnson, Steve Hall, Craig Bangert, Jayme Bruce via video conference.

**Agenda Setting:**

A motion was made by Council member Cundiff to move the following:

- Inspections versus Consultations by Mr. Wheeler to the End of Unfinished Business
- remove Arborwood Ridge report from New Business
- Add Budgeting Employee Hours to the end of Unfinished Business

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

**Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the meeting January 16, 2023.**

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to accept the January 16, 2023, minutes as presented.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote 5 – 0 Unanimously approved.

**Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the meeting January 30, 2023**

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Council member Wright (one correction- Presley misspelled)

Seconded by Council member Kurtz.

Vote 3 – 2 Abstentions – Council member Cundiff (she had taken the minutes), Council member Carlson (not present for the meeting)

**Presentation of Financial Statement for January 2023**

Motion to not approve the Financial statement until members can review them, move the Financial Statement to next month by Council member Wright.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 5 – 0 Unanimously approved

**Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item:**

Citizen Craig Bangert asked questions regarding the trails and their closure. Mayor addressed the issue. Much work is needed to make the trails safe.

Stephen Hall noted that traffic on Jefferson Rd tends to travel well above the speed limit.

**Unfinished Business**

- **Status information regarding water runoff issues Shadyfield Ln.**

Mayor gave an update on the status of this situation.

- **Status review regarding drainage ditch on Hillsboro Rd and the related run-off onto the Town Park and Mr. Sosbee's property.**

County Commission Chairman Daniel addressed the Council. He stated that the County would be responsible for Hillsboro Rd. This would require removing the speed bumps. Mr. Daniel presented a document for the first time, requesting the Town's permission to enter the Town property for the purpose of upgrading stormwater infrastructure. The document also included an indemnification clause, holding the County "harmless".

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to formalize the return of Hillsboro Rd to the County and make payment of \$2,500 to the County that the Town collected for Right of Way.

Seconded by Council member Presley.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimously approved.

Mayor Dawe refused to sign the document. Council member Carlson, as Mayor Pro Tempore, signed the document.

- **Bridge project update/Jefferson water issue.**

Mayor gave an update on the status of these issues.

- **Status report on the Bradberry Memorial Bench from Council member Cundiff.**

Moved to April meeting.

- **Inspections versus Consultations by Mr. Wheeler**

- **Budgeting Employee Hours – address extra hours required of Clerk – discuss ways to reduce those hours.**

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to hold a work session at 6:00 PM on March 27, 2023, for the purpose of

- reviewing 2 years of Mr. Wheeler's information regarding permits and consultations.

Information to be accumulated and sent to the Council by March 13, 2023.

- Review Budgeting some Employee hours to determine how to get overdue filing done.

Second by Council member Carlson

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Council member Presley to limit Clerk hours to 8 hours per day, 24 hours per week, plus hours for all meetings, unless Clerk is unavailable.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote 5 – 0 Unanimously approved.

- **Council member Wright asked for five. minutes to address his park master plan. He spent roughly 20 minutes reviewing the plan.**

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to put discussion of the plan first on the agenda for March 20, 2023.

Seconded by Council member Cundiff.

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Dawe asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by council member Presley.

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned Mayor Dawe at 10:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bishop  
Town Clerk