

The Smithfield Town Council reconvened its April 2, 2024 meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Smithfield Town Hall, Mayor M. Andy Moore presided.

Councilmen Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Wood
Marlon Lee, District 1 (arrived 6:40 pm)
Sloan Stevens, District 2
Travis Scott, District 3
John Dunn, At-Large
Stephen Rabil, At-Large (left at 8:05 pm)

Councilmen Absent

Dr. David Barbour, District 4

Administrative Staff Present

Michael Scott, Town Manager
Ted Credle, Public Utilities Director
Jeremy Daughtry, Fire Chief
Shannan Parrish, Town Clerk
Greg Siler, Finance Director

Reconvene: April 2, 2024 Meeting

Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Mayor Moore stated the Council would not make any decisions on the request being made during this meeting. He expressed his appreciation to everyone in attendance.

1. Non-Departmental / Nonprofit Requests

a. Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation (DSDC)

The DSDC was requesting \$29,655 in funding and an additional \$40,000 earmarked for projects. This is status quo from the previous year.

DSDC President John Bilott introduced Interim Director Nancy Bartholomew. Mr. Bilott explained the DSDC would be using its funding for operational expenses, events, downtown lighting and grants. He further explained that the DSDC was unaware of the \$40,000 for special Council approved projects, but the DSDC would like to use some of the current year funds for two billboards on I-95.

b. Harbor, Inc.

Harbor, Inc. requested \$2,500 which was status quo from the previous year. Executive Director Kay Johnson explained the requested funds would be used to offset matching funds required for state grants

c. Community and Senior Services of Johnston County

Community and Senior Services of Johnston County requested \$3,500 which was status quo from last year. A representative from this agency was unable to attend the meeting.

d. Ava Gardner Museum

The Ava Gardner Museum requested \$27,000 which was status quo from the previous year. Joe Creech Vice Chairperson of the Ava Gardner Museum introduced Museum Manager Angelica Henry. Mr. Creech explained the funds would be used to offset costs for the leadership team.

e. Triangle East Economic Development Foundation

Triangle East Chamber of Commerce requested \$1,000 which was status quo from last year. Executive Director Maureen McGinnis explained the funds would be used for the JOCO Works Program.

f. Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield

The Library of Johnston County and Smithfield was requesting \$285,000 Funding which was status quo from last year. Library Executive Director Johnnie Pippin provided an overview of the library's operations, its services, its affiliate libraries, and the number of citizens it served.

g. Smithfield Firefighter's Association

The Smithfield Firefighter's Association was seeking \$3,600 which as status quo from last year. Councilman Dunn explained the funds would be used to support Firefighters and allow them to give back to the community.

h. Partnership For Children

The Partnership for Children was seeking \$3,000. The agency was awarded \$1,000 in the current budget. Representatives from Partnership for Children explained the funds would be used for the Read to Grow and Safe Kids Johnston County Programs.

i. Recovery Alive

Recovery Alice was seeking \$5,000. The agency was awarded \$1,000 in the current budget. A representative from Recovery Alive was unable to attend the meeting.

j. Johnston County Disable American Veterans

This was a new request for \$45,000. Commander Adrain Davis explained the funds would be used to rehabilitate its current office space on 1500 Buffalo Road which is owned by the Town. He further explained the building needs a new roof, new winds, mold abatement, installation of insulation and repairs to the main entrance of the facility.

2. Consideration and request for approval of a budget amendment for the purchase of property at 107 South Front Street.

Councilman Stevens made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wood, to approve a budget amendment for the purchase of property located at 107 South Front Street. Unanimously approved.

ARPA FUND

1. Expenditures

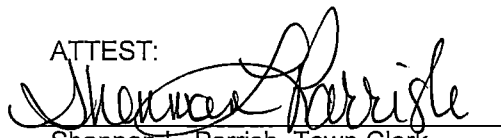
20-76-0000-5970-9100 ARPA - Transfer to	\$	\$	\$ 1,010,336
Other Capital Projects	1,325,336	(315,000)	
20-10-4100-5700-7401 - Real Estate			<u>315,000</u>
Purchase/107 S. Front Street		<u>315,000</u>	
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To fund and assign ARPA funds to purchase Real Estate (107 S. Front Street, Smithfield, N.C.)


Councilman Scott made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stevens to reconsider a decision on the requested Downtown billboard on I-95 until the April 16, 2024 meeting. Unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stevens, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Shannan L. Parrish, Town Clerk




M. Andy Moore, Mayor