



TOWN OF DONALDS

Office of the Mayor and Town Council
P.O. Box 275
Donalds, SC 29638-0275

November 2025

Monthly Town Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Donalds Town Grange

Council Members Present:

William Scoggins, Mayor
Susan Powell, Council Member
Jana Burton, Council Member
Carol Ellis, Council Member
Tisha Hill, Council Member

Staff:

Morgan Davenport, Clerk

Guests:

Melanie Kennedy
Tracy Young
Ronnie Vaughn
Jane Stone
Angela Worthington

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scoggins called the regular meeting of the Council to order at 6:00PM.

The invocation was given by Mayor Scoggins.

QUORUM

Mayor Scoggins noted that a quorum of members was present.

Council Members and guests stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

October Meeting Minutes – Councilwoman Powell made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Festival Committee – Fall Festival did not go well, not nearly enough done. Have started planning Christmas at the Grange. Decorations inside – work with fire department on using location. Porta-potty or trash in question. Council will provide porta-potty depending on location.

Fire Department Candy Donation - \$1300 last year. Councilman Ellis motioned to match amount. Councilwoman Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Property by Old Gunnell's Building – Resolution of sale to Colby McNeil. No one has ever inquired about property, two ordinance readings needed for sale. Offer is \$6500 plus all closing costs covered by purchaser. Councilwoman Powell motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilwoman Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Davis & Floyd Projects – Town no longer owns the park property as of closure, per Town Attorney and his correspondence with the attorney for the school district. Lights, fence, playground equipment, and any other Town owned items at or on location still belong to the Town. Greenville Presbyterian Church reached out to Councilwoman Powell about playground equipment. UAC is aware of current issues and conditions and assumes liability of all equipment if received. Property deed has a right of re-entry clause, so the property automatically reverted back to the school district when Council voted to close until further notice at January 2025 meeting, which was validated after a county inspection letter in March 2025 from county planning condemning conditions and subsequent comment suggesting closure had the Town not already acted to close. UAC may want fencing and lights. Katie confirmed the only thing of value currently at park is the playground equipment due to depreciation. Councilwoman Hill asked about lights belonging to Duke. The Town's current Duke Energy accounts are being researched by the account manager and lighting division with Duke, along with Katie, Morgan, and Mayor Scoggins. Councilwoman Hill to discuss current park sign with Steve Dunlap to decide if the Dunlap family wants to keep the name at a new location. VGo is willing to work with Council on new location, if necessary. Ordinances need two readings for locations and quotes. Currently a grant is available for nature area only if kept as nature area forever. Mayor Scoggins to attempt to get owners of VGo to give ownership of property parcel to the Town. Councilwoman Powell motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance to move forward with drawings on concepts of VGo and Farmers Market sites and Davis & Floyd projects at town parking lot and Depot purchase survey. Councilwoman Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Playground – Referring back to Councilwoman Powell's conversation with Greenville Presbyterian Church, Mayor Scoggins consulted with the Town attorney. Tripp confirmed that the UAC donation was more appropriate since it is a government to government transfer of assets and the playground was purchased with COVID funds. Council decided to proceed with a resolution to UAC. Councilman Ellis motioned to approved the resolution to donate playground equipment to UAC. Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Planning – Mike Mullinax accepted the LOI at \$45,000 for the old gas station across from Water Department. The next steps are contract and phase I and II testing of old fuel tanks. Purchase is contingent on phase I and phase II results and Council approval. Councilwoman Powell motioned to approve current plan. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion was had amongst Council to place something in honor of Milly at location.

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Dixie Yearbook Ad – Tess Hagan reached out to Councilwoman Powell about yearbook ad for Dixie. \$200 for full-page ad. Councilman Ellis motioned to approve. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion.

P&N/SCDOT – County Director and Mayor Scoggins rode around town to assess the town's roads.

- P&N Avenue confirmed to not be a private drive. Mayor Scoggins advised that every person on P&N Ave will need to sign agreement to pace. Gravel with phosphate is another option. Ronnie asked for breakup of road for clean up of overgrown vegetation.
- Looking at widening of right of way at gas station.

Facilities Update – Eddie to stop maintenance at park. Trash cans to be moved to parking lot and Grange. Eddie has had to cut grass at bank a few times and now is trimming trees and bushes there. Councilwoman Hill to send Mayor Scoggins contact for other lawn maintenance (John Hughes) to stop use.

Christmas Lights – Discussion to ask Eddie to help with install and removal, but Mayor Scoggins advised Council of Eddie's recent surgery and that he may not be able to help. Councilwoman Hill suggested that Council make the decorations. Councilwoman Powell suggested to have Daniel make new decorations noting that he may not be able to install.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Powell made the motion to adjourn at 6:56PM. Councilman Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Other appearances:

- Abbeville County Sheriff's Office member (s)

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