



TOWN OF DONALDS

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

March 2026

Monthly Town Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Donalds Town Grange

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

Carol Ellis, Council Member

Staff:

Morgan Davenport, Clerk

Guests:

Melanie Kennedy
Robbie Hill
Angela Worthington
Jane Stone
Ronnie Vaughn

CALL TO ORDER

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Scoggins.

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

QUORUM

Mayor Scoggins noted that a quorum of members was present.

DISCUSSION

January meeting minutes – Councilwoman Hill motioned to approve. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Donalds Volunteer Fire Department – Ronnie Vaughn provided an update of recent events and calls of DVFD. They have a new patch for the fire department to incorporate Donalds. He requested the annual allotment as it has not been received yet. He also made Council aware of a project DVFD is participating in for children with autism. He stated this project allows fire departments to provide a bag of items to help autistic children when the fire department is responding to a call. The bags include items like headphones, small toys, etc. DVFD is asking Council for a donation of \$300 - \$500 for more bags. Councilwoman Powell motioned to approve \$325 for the bags. Councilwoman Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Ronnie Vaughn asked brush management on P&N Ave. Melanie Kennedy mentioned the county roads and other dirt roads have been corrected recently.

Festival Committee – Angela Worthington stated the Committee is asking for sponsors with local businesses and asked Council who was to pay for the use of the sports complex for the July 4th event. Mayor Scoggins stated that if the Town is hosting the event then at least one Council Member should be present. No Council Member stated that they could commit to attendance. Mayor Scoggins stated that if the Committee wants to take on this project, they will need to handle planning and bring forth the necessary requested amount to Council. Angela stated that it is \$250 to rent to complex for a day and they would need to obtain the event insurance separately.

Phase II Testing – After the closing on Depot property, Councilwoman Burton and Mayor Scoggins met with the Town Attorney. Attorney advised to do soil testing for a complete review of findings. The estimated total for Phase I & II testing at this time is \$12,200. \$3,650 was spent on Phase I testing. The original total allotment for testing was up to \$10,000. No survey at this time, and the right of way is through the middle of the existing building. Councilwoman Powell motioned to increase the allotment by \$5,850. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Planning –

Depot Property & Surrounding Sites – Eddie looked at properties to clean up. Quoted \$2,500 at locations including trash pickup. Councilwoman Burton motioned to approve the work. Councilwoman Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Higdon House Property – Eddie has reported damage to his personal property at this location at several times during regular grass maintenance/trimming. Mayor Scoggins advised Council to plan for adjustments needed to correct current issues.

Annual Budget – Mayor Scoggins asked Council if any additional items or expenditures should be added to the annual budget for FY2026-2027. Nothing was brought forward at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Burton made the motion to adjourn at 6:33PM. Councilwoman Powell 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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