



TOWN OF DONALDS

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

August 2025

Monthly Town Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 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:

Travis Smith
Melanie Kennedy
Jessica Beasley
Ronnie Vaughn
Angela Worthington
Tracey Young
Jane Stone

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

July Meeting Minutes – Councilman Ellis made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for July. Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Donalds Festival Committee – Fall Festival scheduled for October 25th at the Farmers market. Christmas festival on December 6th in or on grounds of Grange. Vendors for both, Santa for Christmas. Fall festival to be simple with costume contest for children and maybe pets. Carnival type food vendors. Christmas type of food vendors at Christmas festival. Week or so for sponsorship for events, businesses have scarecrow contest. Mayor Scoggins mentioned Mama's Sweet Shoppe at parade last year. Volunteers will be needed for both events. Possibility of pageant.

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Jessica Beasley – Abbeville Leadership Cohort Committee

- Project for sign with QR code with map of track. Asking Council for sponsorship of sign. Location would be near Grange.
- Food Share – at the end of each week a box of food is available, pickup location is needed for boxes. Jessica would be responsible for box pickup and distribution. She would need access to a building for temperature control. Old Town Hall building recommended. Councilwoman Hill asked if school would be able to distribute signage/advertisement. Jessica has coverage if she's unavailable.

Councilwoman Hill motioned for \$1500 for sign project. Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Calendar – No changes

Amendment to Agenda to add Audit results – Councilwoman Burton motioned. Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit – FY 24 was submitted to the State on time, with confirmation of receipt. Everything is good to go at this time. Mayor Scoggins advised that the auditors opinion was unmodified and no discrepancies were found, and since the audit was completed within the legally required timeline, it ended up not being late as previously expected. Mayor Scoggins also publicly acknowledged and praised Katie and Morgan's super effort on the 2023, 2024, and 2025 audit, along with the auditors, noting that this session started behind and 2023 was already late before Council was sworn into office.

Executive Session for the Mayor to convey legal advice from the Town attorney on contracted matters with the Town Council – Councilman Ellis motioned to move into Executive Session. Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All guests with the exception of the Abbeville County Police Officer exited the building and Session began at 6:28PM.

Councilwoman Powell motioned to move back into Open Session at 7:57PM. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Guests were invited back into the building.

Depot Property – Mayor Scoggins met with Tripp, closing expected by end of month.

Acquisitions – Phase I & Phase II – tabled

Dunlap Park – Updated contract, 3 sets of drawings.

Mayor Scoggins advised Council that Eddie had called him about vehicles being parked in front of the double gates blocking entrance into the Park. He let Mayor know that he was delayed

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until the following day on completing the necessary lawn care because he couldn't access the gate. Mayor and Eddie met and posted no parking signs, as there is no designated parking there or anywhere around the park as it sits closed. Mayor Scoggins reached out to Ronnie Vaughn to see if there have been any issues with vehicles being parked in front of the double gate when they needed access and was advised that while they have seen vehicles parked there, they haven't been directly impacted yet. Ronnie did mention that there was a vehicle parked there a few days prior when there was an accident that emergency services were preparing for Life Flight, but did not need the Life Flight. Mayor Scoggins advised the Council that if any unauthorized vehicles are parked in front of the double gates, the Town has the right to have the vehicle(s) towed at the owner's expense.

Insurance – SMURF policy versus Reserve to be reviewed at the first of the year.

Properties – table

GL Codes – Advised Council members of current codes in use by accountant, will amend as needed.

Grant – Councilwoman Burton motioned to approve. Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Powell made the motion to adjourn at 8:03PM. 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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