

## TOWN OF COLOUMBIA BOARD MINUTES

### September 16, 2024

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Columbia met in recessed session at 7:PM, Monday, September 16, 2024 in the meeting room of the Columbia Municipal Building. Aldermen attending were Hal Fleming, Sandra Owens, Lynda Mastronardo and Bryan Owens. Mayor James W. Cahoon presided.

Mayor Cahoon called the meeting to order. He announced that the meeting would be a continuation of the September 3, 2024 meeting, but asked for one item to be added to the agenda – approval of a contract to drill a test well at Well Site # 4. The Town Manager, Rhett white, said there were two bids to do the work, A.C. Shultes of Carolina, Inc., at \$178,912.00 and Magette Well and Pump Company at \$87,725.00.

Upon motion of Alderman Fleming the vote was unanimous to approve the contract with Magette Well and Pump Company in the amount of \$87,725.00.

Mayor Cahoon announced the format for the night's meeting. He said there would be no public comments since that was included in the September 3, 2024 meeting, rather the meeting would give the Board their opportunity to discuss and consider the suggestions that have been brought forward to upgrade the waterfront and downtown areas.

He noted that the suggestion to demolish the existing Municipal Building had been taken off the table., but there are plans to demolish the old shop and storage building behind the Municipal Building. The estimate on the building demolition is \$8,500.00. The estimate for a replacement metal building is \$150,000.00.

He noted that there is a CAMA Permit to remove three piles at the boardwalk that will allow docking of the cruise boat. It was noted that A.R. Chesson secured the CAMA permit and will handle the pile removal through their contract with Harbor Towns Ferries. That work will be done by mid-October.

The Mayor and Board then reviewed a list of seventeen proposed projects to use the Town's Harbor Towns funding. He explained that this list would be pared down and then reviewed by the Ad hoc Work Group to develop spending priorities. attachment # 1

Town Manager Rhett White reported that there has been no further communication concerning the ZIP Line proposal.

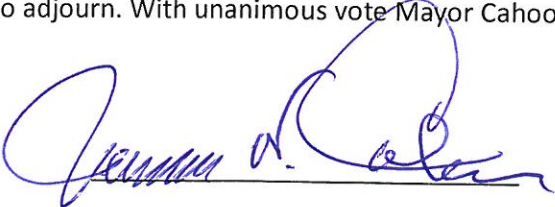
Mayor Cahoon called for nominations to fill the Alderman position left vacant by the resignation of Lloyd Armstrong. Alderman B. Owens nominated Clydette Overton and she was selected by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cahoon asked if residents in residential neighborhood can be prohibited from doing auto mechanical work in driveways, yards and on the street. He explained that one resident lost a property sale due to the conditions across the street. He noted that grass and derelict vehicles are also a problem.

Mayor Cahoon thanked everyone present for their interest in the Town.

With no additional business Alderman S. Owens moved to adjourn. With unanimous vote Mayor Cahoon adjourned the meeting.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



Mayor James W. Cahoon

ATTEST:

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Rhett B. White, Clerk

 Test Well BidsWater well

From: Tyndall Lewis (ftl@mcdavid-inc.com)


To: rhett\_townofcolumbia@yahoo.com

Cc: deg@mcdavid-inc.com

Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 at 04:31 PM EDT

We received two bids yesterday for Columbia Contract 50 Test Well Construction. The low bid was provided by Magette Well and Pump Company in the amount of \$87,725.00. The second bid was provided from A. C. Shultes of Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$178,912.00. Award is recommended to the low bidder, Magette Well and Pump Company in the amount of \$87,725.00. Note that the Town will have to pay for the test well and likely will not be reimbursed by the State until after bids have been received for the entire water system project.

Please ask the Town Board to award the contract at the next Town Board meeting.



We need the Town attorney to prepare an Option to Purchase the tract from the Hatchel folks. Please provide contact information for the town attorney to me and I will correspond with the Town attorney and provide suggested terms and a survey of the proposed well site and access.

We need to go ahead with the contract award, but not let Magette actually proceed until the Option has been prepared and signed. Magette has indicated it will be about 45 – 60 days before he can start. It would be great if the Town attorney will quickly prepare the option and if Hatchell will quickly sign the option.

If questions, please advise. thanks



Columbia Test Well Bid from Magette Well Co.pdf  
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