

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

Council Members:

Bob Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Christine Czarnik
Kima Garten-Schmidt
William McIntosh



Town Administrator
Colin L. Martin

Town Clerk
Beth Messervy

Town Attorney
G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Wiley Johnson, Councilmembers Christine Czarnik, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Walter Bailey, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. A quorum was present. Town Administrator Colin Martin, Town Clerk Beth Messervy, and Town Attorney G.W. Parker were also present. Public and press were duly notified.

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS

Town Attorney GW Parker stated that Sandy Senn asked the Town of Summerville to join her lawsuit against a specific manufacturer of opioids. After reviewing the statistic of opioid use in the Town and Dorchester County, Mr. Parker reported that he feels strongly that the Town should join in on the lawsuit. The settlement is scheduled to be announced on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, authorizing the Town Attorney to enter into a contract for legal services with Sandra J. Senn and Senn Legal, LLC to represent the Town in the "In Re: South Carolina Opioid Litigation" and file suit against Purdue Pharma L.P., et al in accordance with the draft document submitted to Council. Some discussion followed regarding what the money awarded from the settlement should be used for. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson commended the IT staff for doing all that they have to allow the Town to be more transparent to its citizens.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12am on motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:


Beth Messervy, Town Clerk


William W. Johnson, Mayor