

**The Town of Newborn
Council Meeting
Minutes
February 6, 2023**

Present: Mayor Ellwanger, CP Bratton, CP Williamson, CP Spitler, Clerk Elisa Rowe, Attorney Joe Reitman
(MPT Krieger absent)

Citizens: Susan Oliveto, Linda & Woody Woodworth, Shane Cox

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm.

II. INVOCATION:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Mayor Ellwanger

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9th Council Meeting:

CP Williamson made a motion to approve the January 9th council meeting.

Motion: CP Williamson

Second: CP Spitler

Approved: 4-0-0

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Arbor Day will be held Saturday, February 25th from 1-2pm at the schoolhouse. It will be a drive through event, no food/drinks, etc. The seedlings given away will be Dogwoods. Mayor Ellwanger stated that Arbor Day will be held at the schoolhouse and volunteers will be handing out Dogwood seedlings. Mayor Ellwanger encouraged everyone to attend and get a seedling to plant.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Distribution of funds from the American Rescue Funds made available through the State. Representative from Georgia Municipal Association stated that funds can be used for infrastructure, sidewalks, land acquisition that pertains to government services, park, library. Decision on funding needs to be made by the end of 2024. Mayor Ellwanger stated that the Town is currently doing a lot of work at the schoolhouse and that SPLOST funds will be used. Schoolhouse projects include updating the bride's room, redoing the bathrooms, building a small bathroom in the bride's room, floor sanded and stage. Mayor Ellwanger went on to state that he has been talking to Mr. Eubanks regarding the property on Timberlake and it may be donated to the Town to be used for a pocket park, larger butterfly garden, possibly a smaller pavilion and if the talks with Beaver continue then we may have the trails coming to Newborn and the American Rescue Funds can be used for that. Attorney Joe Reitman stated that he looked at the material that Clerk Elisa Rowe sent him on what the funds can be spent on and he encouraged to talk to GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) and the CPA. Mayor Ellwanger stated that we have talked to them both. Clerk Elisa Rowe stated that she had talked to Becky Taylor at GMA and she stated that American Rescue Funds can be used for infrastructure, sidewalks, land that pertains to government services and also the park and library.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Ellwanger adjourned the meeting at 7:30

Motion: CP Bratton

Second: CP Williamson

Approved: 4-0-0