

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes May 12th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION: Mayor, Nicole Perkins presiding, Herschel Browne Jr (Mayor Pro-Tem) Council Members Present: Jay Gorley, Margarette Parrish, Town Clerk, Dawn Helms

1. **Mayor:** Nicole Perkins presiding.
2. **Moment of silence/prayer**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: None present

MINUTES: Minutes of Apr 14th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting recorded, ready to sign for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal and Grant Opportunities

A. ARPA - funding. Funds must be spent by EOY 2026

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss - Town Upgrades -2022 meeting with Dennis Moss state grant. Applied Grants 02/15/2023.

Grants applied and approved-Open items still to be complete

a) Park Equipment-

1. Harmon Park –New Park Equipment

- A. Park Equipment Delivered. Partial payment to vendor.
- B. Safety- Moved memorial & Playground rules to entrance. Add baby swings to existing metal pole swings.

b) New Well - \$66K location search in process.

c) Community Center Annex-HVAC/electrical-\$42k complete

d) Burri Building HVAC & upgrades-\$71k-Review quotes/Visit

e) Lawson Building HVAC & Upgrades-26k – complete Flower Shop/Clothing Store. Move in-In process. Grand Opening Monday May 12th

f) Sharon VFD Water Overflow \$60K- Outside New Restrooms in process.

g) Sharon VFD HVAC- \$30k HVAC complete

h) Bank of York Loan community Center Roof -\$111k paid off loan. Complete.

Nicole: The beginning part is just old business. We have not started getting new quotes for the Burri Building yet. The only thing left is HVAC for the Burri Building. Does anyone remember who we have used? I know we used Browns Heating and Air.

Browne: Did someone give us a scope of work of what they were going to do?

Nicole: Yes, I'm sure we need to get new quotes. We originally got quotes when we were working on getting grant money. I'll ask Dawn to look for them so we can contact the vendors for new HVAQC quotes for the Burri building.

3. Maintenance Employee- Listing posted on Town Webpage. 2 people have called for more information on the position. Both needed standard hours. **1 applicant from Sharon-Scott Stone.**

- A. Collect Town Trash-Trash to dumpster or setup acct with local trash company
- B. Building Maintenance-as needed. Building checks/repairs.
- C. Check Park equipment-monthly
- D. Maintain Ballfield-attends all games, manages lights, scoreboard, and power on fields.
- E. Basic Maintenance on Town Equipment-tractors-check fluids/oil
- F. Misc. items as needed. Town & Community Center event setups/tear downs

Nicole: The maintenance job has been posted on the webpage, we have had 2 people call for more information on the position. They both wanted standard hours. This job does not have standard hours. We have standard work paid out such as cutting the grass at the ballfield and picking up trash around town but most of the position is as needed. Scott submits hours for work on items requested by us for the town. Items such as setting up and shutting down the fields for the games and helping setup the community center for events. Scott also stays at the games while the fields are being used. We do not allow anyone to handle any electrical items like the score board or turning the field lights on or off.

Nicole: As stated earlier, Scott is also picking up trash from the cans around town and hauling it to the trash center for a flat fee, which Ricky used to do. We looked in to getting a town dumpster, but then we talked to Dave at the grill. He is going to let us use his dumpster and bill us a flat fee.

Dawn: He has not invoiced us yet, but he will.

Nicole: Dave said he will charge us \$100 a month.

Brownie: That is worth it.

Nicole: Yes, and that way we are not running to the convenience center to dump trash. There was one more person that applied for the maintenance position, Michael Allen Ramsey. His wife is Jennifer Ramsey that came in for the other job. I have not talked to him.

Margarette: You don't know if he needs standard hours?

Nicole: No, but he works full-time job. Says he needs part time. I'll pass this around if you all want to look at it (Michael Ramsey resume). We can make a copy of that for anyone that wants it.

7. Town Tractors and Town Storage building cleanup.

A. Backhoe County -Received. Joey Bolin picked up and delivered Community Ctr

B. Massey tractor with 4 in 1 bucket-Routine maint done. Quote Hydraulic Maint

Nicole: We got the backhoe; Joey Bolin picked it up for us. He said it needs a lot of work. Maintenance has not been done on it in a while. They were told not to do any more maintenance on it since it was being given away. I talked to Matt and Joey. Matt is going to get us a name for someone to look at it. Joey says it is leaking a lot of hydraulic fluid.

Dawn: This is what was provided to us regarding the maintenance that has been done. (Passed around list of service dates and description). It has been maintained up until recently. The one and only key is in the key box in this office. Matt said since it does not need to be driven the key needs to stay here.

Nicole: We need to talk to Mr Kenny to see if he can make a special kind of key.

Dawn: Do you want to hold off on getting it insured, or should we go ahead and insure?

Brownie: Wait until it is repaired.

Margarette: No need to insure it until it can get used.

Nicole: I would say wait. We need to wait and see what the cost of the repairs will be. Then, we need to decide how we will use it and if it would be beneficial for us to have. Joey said it has a flat tire. Joey said it's a big Backhoe. If he knew it was that big, he would have used a bigger trailer.

Nicole: The blue tractor, we have that back from Comers but since having it back it the cables are not connecting to the batteries. It keeps getting hot and cutting off. That is why it was sitting over at the park.

Brownie: So, Comer worked on it and did not fix the battery cable?

Margarette: That is what I was going to ask, so did this happen after we got it back? Surely they would have known, I would think.

Jay: We need to call Comers.

Nicole: I called them and asked for a list of items repairs/maintenance that was done. I want to talk to Craig himself. But that is why the tractor was at the park so long, it would crank but then shut down due to overheating.

8. Town Maint-

a. Pump Station Maintenance- Signed contract with McCall Brothers,

Nicole: We signed the contract with McCall Brothers, we need to decide if we want to replace the two motors. Matt said we are fine right now. We do have a quote from McCall if we want to replace the motors.

b. Water Tank Maint Southern Corrosion. Invoice pd Copy ? Washout not scheduled. Contact Mark.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PMC/Tenet EMT Rental- Lease renewal Corey Glasscock-sign document

Nicole: This is the people that are over the PMC side of the fire department, I pulled out the old contract and we have not had an increase with them since Ms. Midge in 2012. It was \$800 then. We have gone up one time to \$900.00. We are looking at putting on here asking for \$1400 with a 2% increase and seeing if they go for it.

Margarette: Of course, you always start high.

Dawn: The gentleman with Tenet did mention fair market value, and did not balk at the \$1400 but of course it must be approved.

Nicole: The only other thing Corey from Tenet requested was for us to replace the carpet in the EMS area. He instructed us to note on the agreement, if the rate was adjusted, we would put in new carpet.

Jay: Is the carpet already in there?

Nicole: There is a carpet in there. When I looked at it, the carpet was very thin and dirty.

Jay: That seems like a strange request.

Dawn: How would we have known they wanted new carpet there? Had we not called him we would not have known that.

Nicole: One of the EMTs complains all the time about stuff.

Dawn: We did note that we provide heat, air, water, power.

Nicole: Yes, we listed that we provide water, sewer, heat, air, taxes, garbage removal, garage door maintenance and repairs. They don't pay for anything.

Brownie: Then maybe they should pay for carpeting.

Dawn: Jay as a realtor, do we need to list wear and tear on the building? Do we include that in the contract?

Jay: Not normally if it is a rental, you don't mention it because you know it is going to happen.

Nicole: So, we will submit this and see what happens. I had Brownie look at this if anyone else wants to see it.

2. Events: Save the Date

A. Sharon Farmers Market & Cars for Coffee Combined event-Started April 5th.
Contact Dave Ladish at Sharon Grill. Produce and Craft Vendors needed.

Nicole: The event has been going well. They have had good turnout.

Dawn: Dave is now calling it Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market. To expand on the type of vendors they have there.

Margarette: Oh, I like that.

Dawn: I need to change how we have it on our stuff we use to promote. I was looking around on Visit York County it tells about events in York County. I have a call in to them to have Sharon's information added. York County also has a mural tour; it takes you to all the towns with murals. We should get a mural in Sharon.

Nicole: I talked to Oliver about that because I saw a mural on a fire department on Hwy 101 going towards Gaffney. The only thing about a mural is we don't own any of the downtown buildings that have external walls. Randall's has the most visibility and we would need Randall to approve it. A lot of towns have murals and/or their fire departments have murals.

Jay: Yeah, I have seen that.

Dawn: One town, I believe Fort Mill has a mural that says “Love where you live”. Clover just redid their train, there is another one at Boyd Tire. It attracts people, they take pictures and post them.

B. Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist -Fri-May 16th 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment.

C. Community Center-Rentals

***June – Rosie McClure (for family reunion)**

***July – Hattie Mae Williams (for family reunion)**

Nicole: We have 2 rentals coming up, Rosie McClure and Hattie Williams.

Dawn: There is an additional one, on May 18th, Greater Unity AME Zion is doing friends and family there. They were really excited that the refrigerator and stove are in the big kitchen now. So that was a good move.

Brownie: Did we get the water heater replaced? Yes,

Dawn: So Brownie, will you be able to let her in Saturday and Sunday? Are you available?

Brownie: This week? Yes just give her my phone number.

D. Keep Sharon Beautiful (#KSB!) -starts April-monthly best yard. \$25 Lowes

Nicole: We started the Yard of the Month back up, this month we recognized the Minter family.

Brownie: I rode through Woodlawn Acres the other day and saw the sign. It does look really nice.

Nicole: I was in Woodlawn Acres looking for the dirt bike kids mainly the little one all in white.

Brownie: Did we ever connect the kid with a family? Yes. We know the kid and his mom. An office went to their house to talk to the mom.

Nicole: At the basketball court, there were dirt bikes riding in there. The grass is messed up over there too. The next day there were 4 teenagers, in front of the Local Market. One of them ran out of gas and walked his bike on the sidewalk to the Local Market. I told them to stay off the sidewalks, to be safe and not to pull out in front of people. I haven't seen any of them since then.

E. 4th of July Celebration-Select date-vendors thought Sat Jun 21st or 28th

Nicole: We had talked about doing this on July 12th, but when we had it last time the vendors preferred to do it prior to the 4th because they are not so swamped. I was asked to see if we could do it earlier.

Margarette: I agree with that. June 28th, that is my opinion.

Nicole: Was it 2 weeks before? I'll just have to look at the old documentation.

Dawn: Is it really a 4th of July celebration when you don't do it on the 4th? Call it summer celebration.

Margarette: I like the 28th.

Nicole: I like the 28th also, even if people are gone the week before. It is summertime.

Jay: I agree with the 28th.

Brownie: What are the other towns doing?

Nicole: York and Rock Hill do their fireworks on the 4th. I have not talked to Hickory Grove. They usually do theirs on the 4th.

Dawn: Yall start putting your feelers out, I think Brooke had a contact for a band. We need to start doing this now.

Nicole: I liked the band we used last time, Finally Friday. George has contact information for them. We can reach out to them for their availability.

3.Christmas Decorations-see list/discuss/sign Contract with Duke

Dawn: Can we back up just a minute? In regard to Duke and the contract you were going to talk about, our street lighting bill has increased by \$134.00. It was \$734 now it is \$868.81.

Margarette: Is that just because all of their prices went up?

Dawn: Did you all ever complete the inventory of the street lights?

Nicole: When we originally did it, it was in 2023. Mr Jack Bean on Green St was asking me about a streetlight that used to work on his street. We never paid for Green St. I told him

that it must be a personal streetlight. He sent Duke a picture of the light. Duke told him if he wanted it, they would be glad to turn it back on if he would take financial responsibility. I told him it was not a town light.

4. Park Landscaping- Elysian Flower Gardens-proposal/suggestions. Rainey/Harmon

Nicole: This is a vendor that participates in the Sharon Farmers Market, she grows flowers and sells flower arrangements at the market. She came out and gave us a quote for spicing up the town. Elysian Flower is a small business, and this would be a contract request which of course there is a cost. This was one of the suggestions from the Facebook post on our Town of Sharon page asking for suggestions of things people would like to see in town. There was a lot of feedback, lots of items we cannot afford. Skyler suggested planting more flowers to support the bee population. Some people would like a water park. I talked to one of the Engineers from York's water park and he said they are very costly and require a lot of maintenance and upkeep.

Dawn: Maybe we could give her a designated corner and ask her to plant some things and say sponsored by her business. Some flowers require very little upkeep. One of these even says something about erosion.

Nicole: It is very nice; at this point we probably cannot afford it. Also, there is no water anywhere over there.

Margarette: I do not see any prices on here. It is very pretty. Her arrangements are very reasonable.

Nicole: The lady at the Flower shop made the connection with Elysian Farm to possibly purchase flowers from them. Also, Kim with the Thrifted Threads is subletting the flower shop. Kim also participates in the farmers market. She sells body lotion products.

Margarette: So, they are both going to be in there?

Nicole: Yes, and we will have Kim sign her own lease with us. She will not pay Adrian; she will pay us directly. That will help us out. We have Adrians down payment, first and last months rent and the power bill.

Brownie: Is she over there running the place herself?

Nicole: Kim is there with Thrifted Thread and Adrian is getting stuff in there. They did a soft opening; they will be doing a grand opening on Saturday.

5. Executive Session-

a. Procedures Hiring & Termination of Town Employees – Discussion

- 1. Maintenance Employee**
- 2. Town Administrator**

b. Discuss Town Purchasing Procedure/Town Ordinance.

Nicole: I put on the agenda for an executive session to talk about procedures for the hiring and firing and termination of town employees. I would like for us to discuss the maintenance employee and town administrator. We could go into executive session but there is no one here.

Margarette: This is true.

Dawn: Are there enough of you?

Nicole: Yes, we have a quorum. For maintenance employee we have had 4 people apply. One is Michael Ramsey, he is the husband of Jennifer Ramsey that applied for the administrator job. I have not talked with him. My only concern with him is he has a full time job. Scott is currently doing the job for us. We have gotten very positive results and feedback at the ballfield. Scott knows the ballfield. We need someone that has baseball experience.

Brownie: Who are the other people?

Nicole: They both backed out, one is Mr. Olson, he said he needed standardized hours. Another guy saw the posting at the post office from Hickory Grove, and he said he needed standardized hours also. Neither one of them sent in a resume after we talked about the hours. So, at this point we have Scott.

Margarette: I don't have any objections to Scott. He is right here in town and seems to be available.

Brownie: I make a motion that we hire Scott for that position.

Margarette: I second.

Nicole: Jay?

Jay: Yeah, that is fine with me. Are we ready to vote?

Margarette: Brownie made the motion, I second, all in favor.

All: Aye

Brownie: Make him an official town employee.

Jay: How much are we going to pay him?

Nicole: We pay him \$15 an hour.

Jay: Is there going to be any cap on that?

Nicole: Cap his hours?

Jay: I mean , yeah we don't want to pay him 70 hours a week. Is it at his discretion right now right?

Nicole: No, he completes items only by request. Currently, we have two games a week. Those are Mondays and Thursday. He does not let anyone on those fields unless it is approved by the town. Currently, he cuts the baseball field grass which is \$150.00 per week depending on the weather. That is separate billing from hours worked at our request.

Brownie: Since he is setting up the ballfield and turning lights on and off, he knows when the grass needs to be cut.

Nicole: Yes, Scott goes over there to check the fields for water especially with all this rain. Scott also let us know when we have any incidents in town. Such as, with the basketball court. There were people riding dirt bikes on the basketball court and now they have been riding at the ballpark in the field. We may need to start putting locks on the gates. New update (locks have been installed on all park gates) That is a lot of trouble to have the fields ready, and someone goes out there and messes them up. This is the first time that has happened.

Brownie: Is it the same group. Nicole: I am guessing it is. I know at least one individual and his parents have been contacted. Cameras would help once we get the quote and approval.

Dawn: Scott also intervened when a parent/coach problem with the umpire where law enforcement ended up being called. It was very helpful having a town employee on site.

Nicole: That happened a couple of weeks ago, the coach got a little amped up and he and the umpire got into it.

Dawn: That parent has been banned from the program and coaching now.

Nicole: The games are for kids. We have got to keep it under control.

Nicole: Okay, town administrator. Jennifer Ramsey came in, Nicole from Woodlawn St did not come in, and we have Dawn.

Margarette: I think we can all go ahead and say we can hire Dawn.

Brownie: Are you making a motion to hire Dawn?

Margarette: I make a motion to hire Dawn.

Brownie: I second.

Margarette: All in favor, aye.

All: Aye

Dawn: Thank you

Margarette: We initially were going to hire someone to help Dawn. Is that still going to happen?

Nicole: There are times during the month when we do need two people in the office. I talked to Jennifer Ramsey and told her we may be offering another part-time helper position. Most of the people that sent in resumes did not have any office experience. We would like a helper person we could teach to do different things to free up time for Dawn. Chelsea had office experience. She wanted part-time but, she needed to bring her child to work and that will not work here. I like Jennifer but she does not have much office experience. Also, Autumn Dalessandro does not have any office experience. Dawn, do you think one of these applicants is someone that can take some items from you, or we can continue to look for more applicants. Or do we want to talk to Jennifer?

Jay: I would talk to Jennifer and see if she wants something part time.

Nicole: Okay, we can talk with her. I have not talked to Dalessandro at all, I have only seen her resume. We really liked Nicole's resume (beside Ms. Doris) , her resume looked good.

Margarette: If you want me to I can do background checks. Dawn has been vetted. We need to look into applicants. Nicole looked great but how much of that was true?

Nicole: We were going to do that. Everyone must have a background check.

Margarette: So do you want to reach out to her and see if she is interested in helping Dawn. While we are talking about it, how do we terminate a town employee? How does that happen?

Jay: I believe you have to do a write up procedure where you write someone up. You have to give that person a chance to rectify what ever you are writing them up for.

Nicole: We do have a termination ordinance. We didn't pull them.

Dawn: Did we find that the latest one says that the town administrator has to approve the firing of the town administrator?

Brownie: That is the one no one ever approved.

Dawn: You do have to have processes.

Jay: You must have reasons for immediate termination. Theft and other reasons. Otherwise, you must give an employee a chance to change their ways.

Dawn: Do you want me to reach out to York or Clover to see if they would share their ordinances with us?

Nicole: We have one, but if you can ask if they will share theirs with us since we are a small town. We need to print those ordinances out and look at those. The procedure for hiring and firing and purchasing procedures. I tried looking at it the other day, one of mine says it is ordinance 4 and then a different number. I was trying to figure out which was the latest one before Brice left. We have some of the older ordinances but not all the ordinances he was trying to revamp. Most of what we have is 2010 and older. But I know we made some changes in 2018.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: 2025 Think of area below you would be best to serve. Council to discuss any issues concerning the following: Which area? List of responsibilities.

1. **Ball field:** Condition field, new poles and light Installation, Electrical wiring from lights. Tree removal/cutbacks quote.

Nicole: Vandalism on fields and basketball courts-dirt bikes probably, it was one single tire. Mizon looked at our cameras. Some of the electrical still needs to be reconnected.

Brownie: I thought Al fixed all of that.

Nicole: Right now we have one camera that is working. We need to get with Al to see what he worked on.

Brownie: Every time we talked about I have pointed out that the transmitters are upstairs. Someone tore it all out.

Dawn: The good news is that Mark said that most of the equipment in the box can be reused.

Brownie: It all worked at one time.

Nicole: Mark said there is an app we can all put on our phones and look at it at any time. Scott came home one night, and the kids were out there playing basketball at 12 o'clock at night. We do have signs that the park closes at dusk but soon as he went by, they left. They were not doing anything, but it was late. Nancy has not complained about it. She does contact us if she sees anyone in Rainey park tearing stuff up such as the Gazebo.

Brownie: As far as I know regarding those areas of the park, the person that was fixing the roof also, made a grid to put underneath to keep the balls from going up in the gazebo. Jerry Lee has a portable welder and he is supposed to go weld that monkey bar thing.

Nicole: Scott did notice that one of the pieces of equipment at the park has been welded before.

Brownie: I do not know if it has been welded but somebody may have put a few screws in it.

Nicole: Yes, he did say. So good if Jerry Lee will do that.

2. Community Center and Annex:

Nicole: The stove and refrigerator have been moved, so all of that is good. We do need to talk to Grady who did the original plumbing. I asked him to come meet with me to tell us what he did with the hot and cold water. All of what he did I think was at the annex part. That's what all that blue and red water lines are. Running to the kitchen and bathrooms. We do need to start thinking about if we want to do something different than the way the bathrooms are set up.

Brownie: You mean for the community center itself. The one bathroom doesn't even have as sink in it.

Nicole: That one bathroom people can use that sink in the room outside of the bathroom. Brownie you are the engineer. If you want to start thinking about ways to improve it.

Brownie: Anything is possible if you want to start sawing walls and floors. Financially we may or not be able to do something like that.

Dawn: Aesthetically would you ever want to cover up those water lines that are running across the walls the way they are?

Brownie: I don't understand why if the hot water heater is down at the place where he is running the water.

Nicole: That is why I need to talk to him. Even at the annex there is a beam that he could of run the water lines.

3. Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)-update.

Nicole: Since the event was over there, he said the toilets are working but they are slow to flush. In the past we have had to have the tanks emptied. He came over and asked who we had used to empty the tank. We have not had any problems in over a year. But, remember we have had a lot of rain too so don't know if that has anything to do with it.

Brownie: There is only one septic tank right?

Nicole: It is a very large septic tank with walls for overflow. Maybe there was just a lot of usage at the event.

Brownie: During the event were the new bathrooms open?

Nicole: Those are not connected yet. We need to review the quotes that we have received.

Brownie: So most of the people were in the fire department?

Nicole: It ended up being in the fire department because of the rain. The only people that were at the park were the kids before it started raining. Everyone ended up inside. Again, our other issue with that is they will not take the brown paper towels out of the

bathrooms. The last few times we had a plumber look at it the system was clogged with brown paper towels.

Margarette: We need to make that a condition.

Nicole: It was getting clogged without the event there.

Brownie: Who is putting the brown paper towels in the bathroom? The fire department people and/or the EMTs.

Jay: Realistically they are going to have some type of towel in the bathroom. Every single bathroom I go in have signs that say "do not flush paper towels".

Nicole: The plumbers have said it is best not to use brown paper towels because they are not biodegradable.

Margarette: Maybe a hand blower and forget about it.

Nicole: We can call someone to come look at the septic tank. They are going to charge a fee to come out here and to pump. It may need pumping due to all the rain.

Brownie: Let's give it a few days.

Jay: Let it dry up and see what happens.

Nicole: Let's give it until Friday and see if it clears up.

Jay: It probably just the overuse.

4. **Rental Buildings:** (Herschel Brown) Tenant Grand Opening-Flower Shop/Clothing Store

Margarette: Do we have any more grant money? What is it designated for?

Nicole: Only item left is the Burri Building. So, everything has been done except Burri.

Dawn: You just mentioned the Burri Building, they currently are not under a lease. Their lease ended on the 31st of December.

Margarette: That is the one we are supposed to visit. We need to schedule that.

Brownie: Are they moving out?

Nicole: No, just paying month to month. Currently, he is not operating the business due to staffing. He does not want to leave; he wants to start running the Jerky again. It is hard to find people that he can trust plus it gets hot in there cooking Jerky with very little air. The Burri is an old building. The heat and air is high. It needs new HVAC in there. There is \$26,000.00 HVAC quote. The price could be higher if there is new electricity that needs to be added.

Brownie: The electricity may be okay from when the medical facility was over there with x-ray machines and other medical equipment. They had to make some upgrades with the federal money that was given to them changing from a basketball gymnasium to a medical center.

Jay: I would imagine it was overkill on the electrical surely it is ok.

Dawn: Has he just been in there since 2019?

Brownie: That is about right. Mr. Dean Burri bought the building and made into his insurance office.

Nicole: Who ran the medical facility?

Brownie: Broadriver Westside Healthcare Center, it was a non-profit group. My dad was the treasurer.

Nicole: That's why Ms. Doris wants us to get a medical facility back here.

Brownie: They had a doctor and a dentist.

Nicole: Ms. Doris wanted me to talk to Dennis Moss about getting some type of medical facility on the western side of the county. She said everyone must go to Charlotte and some people don't have transportation. With the new park they are building for the horse shows, we will need a medical facility on this side of Western York County.

Side note.... Dawn just gave me this regarding Christmas lights, we reached out to Smyrna and Hickory Grove because they had just bought new Christmas lights. We need to start looking at these websites to see if there is anything we like. We will email the information to you to look around and see if there is anything you like.

Margarette: What is the budget?

Nicole: We will review the budget and see what funds we have available. Now is the time to buy them in the off season. This is when Christmas lights go on sale. Some lights are \$500 or \$600 or up to \$1200.00. Most lights are going to be high unless on sale. We need to start out small maybe do this stretch here in front of town hall and then expand down the streets.

Dawn: I suggested the banners; they are by far the cheaper way to go. They are not illuminated but you are able to put them on a pole with lights, they are durable and lightweight.

Nicole: I like banners but most of residents have requested lights.

Jay: Who uses banners?

Dawn: Clover uses banners year-round, but they do Christmas banners also.

Nicole: We have banner poles in Rainey Park but most of those are now broken. Those cost a lot of money to replace the bottom poles that hold the banners.

Brownie: How did they get broken?

Nicole: People (Kids) hanging on them. We will send out the list of Christmas light vendors for everyone to look at. Some of them are very costly. Hickory Grove has some nice lights, if you ever go through the Town of Earl they have really nice lights and they put some in their fields too.

Nicole: Jay, I checked in to QuickBooks. Currently, Smyrna and Hickory Grove use Quicken. We prefer to stay with the same system as other small local towns because if we ever have any issues we can all help each other. We have been lucky to have them help us in the past. We are doing better with our financial reporting; everything is almost up to date. These are Jan, Feb, March, and April.

Dawn: That is what Tina is helping us with reconciling the bank statements.

Nicole: I talked to Charlie and our auditors. They said we are fine with us staying with what we are using as long as it works for us.

Jay: The reason I even bring it up is that the CPA you were using said we need to move from quicken to QuickBooks. That is why I keep bringing it up. We do not want to get ahead of Hickory Grove or Smyrna.

Nicole: I don't want us or the town to ever be in another situation like when Brice left and we did not have a backup.

Jay: Is Don Rhodes on the backup crew?

Nicole: Yes, Don has always been very helpful to us. He has two people that work with him, and they have all been very helpful to us. We also use the same water billing system and they are a good source if we have any questions or issues with system upgrades. We talk to Carla in Smyrna as well regarding grants and county park fund processes.

Dawn: With that being said, we have not totally transferred to the new UBMax cloud version yet. They are having some issues. Hickory Grove had problems with their billing and had to step back and do something different. We were part of a group email from UBMax, and another town tried to do some billing and reporting, and they had to go another route.

Brownie: I talked to Don at my dad's party, and he mentioned that.

Dawn: We did get \$1200 back that they charged us for a webpage component that we told them we did not need since we already have our own. Tina clearly told them we did not need a website, so they finally sent that back to us.

Nicole: Speaking of vendors, Spectrum down at the Community Center over a year ago because we were told Comporium does not go that far. When I started calling around looking for a vendor my Comporium guy said yes we are in that area but across the street and it would cost about \$3000 to come across the street and that is why we went with Spectrum. Well Spectrum was hired and then it turns out we have been paying Spectrum, and it has never worked, they never turned on the switch. So, we called to ask them why it was not working and asked for a refund. They would only credit us for 2 days.

Brownie: Why did we even put internet in down there?

Dawn: Nikki was requesting internet.

Brownie: I am pretty sure she had internet in her area; it may have been her own internet put in.

Nicole: We have been told ours has not been working the whole time.

Brownie: Why do we need internet there?

Nicole: Initially, we got it because Nikki needed it and we had other tenants planning to move in.

Jay: If a tenant wants it they need to get their own.

Nicole: We were getting it because we were planning to have more vendors down there and we would need it for the monitoring system to track electrical usage. Brownie, will you ask Nikki if she had Comporium?

Margarette: What is the reason behind the two days?

Dawn: The Spectrum supervisor said two days because the day you called us about the issue and today. We told them we had documentation where we had called in. Al has record, Tina has a record. The supervisor said there is no notes in the file. When I called to put a service ticket in, they clearly saw that it was not activated. I argued that there were no checks and balances. He said it was our fault it was never activated.

Brownie: What we could do is just disconnect the service.

Dawn: We are going to do that.

Nicole: They said we should have called back.

Margarette: Why don't we get Mac Brice to write him a little letter?

Nicole: I remember when we had the meeting with the school board about the referendum they did their whole presentation. Maybe they had their own internet, I would have to ask them if they were able to use ours. I remember getting the internet password from Al. We had internet for the presentation.

Brownie: They could have just had the presentation on their laptop.

Nicole: I do not remember if they ever got on our internet or if they ended up using their own hotspot.

Jay: I have had success with Comporium, I have not done a lot of pricing but when I call them, they will answer them and walk me through any issues I may have.

Nicole: I use Comporium also, so I will talk to my guy and see if he can help us out.

Nicole: Does anyone have anything on parks, sidewalks, or streets?

Dawn: I would love some paint on the walls here, but it is not a deal breaker.

Jay: Brownie is the contractor here, you know when you paint paneling it still looks like painted paneling.

Dawn: I do think it would be great if we could figure out what is running underneath the duct tape and what that valve is hanging out of the wall.

Nicole: The floor is buckling too.

Brownie: This used to be the fire department, and it is just concrete underneath.

Nicole: We do need to start working on some items in town hall. I would like to display some articles highlighting the history of Sharon and more photos.

Dawn: I think we should put some things up at the community center, it would be seen more.

Nicole: Great idea. We could do both.

5. Parks: (Jay Gourley) Basketball Backboard has been installed, Baby swings added, Request for Mommy and Me swing/additional swings/poles

Nicole: We talked about the flower shop opening. The basketball backboard is up, baby swings added. We have had a request for a mommy and me swing but it would mean adding another set of poles. We did check in to the price, York has redone their park, and they have one of these swings. Rock Hill has them too. It's where the baby sits facing the parent and they swing together. I called our guy; he has one with chains on them. I like this one. It is \$1400 but that does not include the bars. We have moved some swings around adding two baby swings back. It would be nice to get another swing stand and maybe look into the Mommy and Me swing or just get two more swings.

6. Scout Hut, Concession Stand (see Parks):

7. Streets (Margarette Parrish?):

8. Sidewalks (Brooke Glenn?): Keep Sharon Beautiful KSB //KYCB Dirt Bikes on Streets

9. **Town Hall: Safety Ideas.** Update-paint inside walls, storm door

10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. **Citizen Concerns/FYI:** Anyone from the Mayor, Council, Staff or Public can bring an issue to the Council that was not on the agenda. Please limit your comment to 5 minutes or less.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday Jun 9th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: **Adjourn:** Council to vote on adjournment

Motion: Margarette Parrish

Second: Herschel Brown Jr

Time: 8:26 pm