

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - Apr 13th 2026, at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION: Nicole Perkins - Mayor, Herschel Browne Jr -Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Members: Margarett Parrish, Jay Gorley, Rebecca Rees, George Ward – Asst. Fire Chief, Dawn Helms, Town Administrator

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

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: Please sign in to speak. When speaking, please come to the front of council table. State your name and address before speaking. Any comments made during the meeting, please request opportunity to speak. Stand, state your name, and comment to the council to be recorded in our meeting minutes.

MINUTES: Minutes of Mar 9th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting recorded.

Nicole: The meeting minutes if everybody's approved, let's get those signed.

Dawn: I do want to note that what was sent out indicated that today's meeting was at 7 p.m. and I've updated it to 6 p.m. That's the only change that I saw.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal Grant Opportunities-ARPA EOY 2026

Nicole: Old business, just the ARP grants, that ends year 2026. I don't think, do we, we don't, we still have some funds in the ARP, right?

Dawn: That's the ones that we're holding for the water project.

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss - Town Upgrades state grants 02/15/2023.

- a. **New Well \$66K** Hold Use funds for Shannon Street line replacement.
- b. **Brownies lot Well Faulkner spec sheet** (2023-2024) Hold
- c. **Burri Building HVAC & upgrades \$71k-Hold** Use for Shannon Street.

Nicole: State grants. We have reached out to Dennis Moss. He wanted us to e-mail him everything we have. I didn't did not get a response from him today, so I'm not sure if they're in session or out of session, but hopefully he'll call me back sometime this week.

3.Margarette Update- Grant Replacement Water lines on Shannon Street-Margarette Parrish.

Requested matching funds for help from Dennis Moss. Representatives are back in session. Emailed the grant information to Federal and State representatives.

Nicole: Special Thank you to Margarete for all her hard work. Elizabeth Morgan from COG picked up final grant documents and IGA.

Margarete: It wasn't just me. It was a team effort. Let's just hope we get it.

Dawn: I did check in with Elizabeth, because of all the back and forth, I couldn't remember the timeline. But she says the answer about the RIA watering grant will come in May.

4. Harmon Park New Bathrooms-Event use only. Shane Benfield completed work.

Nicole: Shane fixed the bathrooms at the park for us. Brownie, did you let Scott in the bathrooms?

Brownie: I've been out of town the most of this week.

Brownie: We talked about it, but we have been going in different directions.

Nicole: All right, well that's still on his list of agenda stuff to do then.

Brownie: Yeah, I'll get up with him.

5. Town Maint-

a. Sidewalk Woodlawn Complete-partial. Restart Spring-Marion status?

Nicole: Marion's supposed to restart finishing the rest of the sidewalk stuff in the spring, so we're waiting on him.

b. Pump Station Maintenance- McCall Brothers-open?

Nicole: McCall Brothers were supposed to come out and look at the pump station. Have we heard anything back from them on that? Completed

c. Harmon Park Restroom-Water line reconnected?

Dawn: I did want to mention that Hillcrest is using the park.

Brownie: It'd be good to get it done by then. Yeah, keep them out of the fire department.

Nicole: We usually get an extra porta john here for that. I think they might do that.

We need to check with Tina on that. But I think last year they got their own porta john. The biggest thing about us opening those restrooms full time is maintaining it and keeping it clean and making sure that somebody's not tearing it up. So, we're not going to be in the park watching it and keeping up with it. We just don't want to have them open full time unless we're all out there.

6. Town Retaining wall area-behind buildings protects Septic line for Town businesses.

Nicole: The town retaining wall behind here. Scott was supposed to finish this week.

Dawn: He has been working on it.

Margarete: I've seen him all day working on it.

Nicole: All right. Well, we did talk about it. For now, he's just going to take the railroad ties out and take up the steel post just so it's safer and then go ahead and put some grass seed and everything down until we decide what we're going to do. If we're going to build a wall back or going to let the hill be there like it is off the backside.

Jay: Before we do anything major back there, don't we need to get a survey done? Because isn't it kind of a dispute about exactly where the line is between the town and Randall?

Nicole: That's why we were probably just going to leave it the way it is. Just put the hill in the grass. and that's the town not worried about putting the retaining wall back up. We know where the retaining wall was.

Brownie: We do have a survey.

Nicole: I'm sure we have one for ours.

Jay: Well, if you can just match that survey with the pins if you can the find pins.

Brownie: I know where the pin is in the front, it's on the sidewalk. It's about that far from the corner of the building.

Dawn: Those lines seem to be off, though, because the lines go through the buildings. I mean, they're not specific to each building.

Nicole: For what we're doing, we're not going to divide a line and say this is town property and this is Randall's. We're going to make it safe and then just have it be a hill so people can still park there. We will get a survey if we decide to do anything further at a later date.

Brownie: That's a good idea.

7.Alysen Woodruff from York County. Completed. Spring litter Cleanup-picked up over 40 bags of trash. We divided into groups and picked up trash on every major roadway in Sharon. Thankful to our volunteers, Council, Town staff, and residents. Doug Cunningham, Martha Barnette, Margarete Parrish, Bobbi Murray, Lara Persing, Jennifer Ramsey, Dawn Helms, Scott Stone, and Mayor Nicole Perkins. Thankful to our volunteers. We appreciate your help, dedication, and commitment to our community.

Nicole: We did our community cleanup this week which was a lot of hardwork. We had over 42 bags of trash that we picked up. It was a very long day, but we really appreciate everybody that came out. Dave even posted about it on Facebook. We want to thank Doug, Martha, and Margarete, Bobbie, Lara Persing, Jennifer Ramsey, Dawn, Scott, and me. We're thankful to everybody that came out and we appreciate your help and dedication and commitment to our community and keeping it clean. We noticed a lot of it is just where people are not covering up their trash when they're going to the trash dumps. We found a couple of trash bags in one certain spot, but it is mainly just when things flow out of the back of vehicles and stuff like that.

8.Community Center Meeting-Cleanup work to be done. Status on list of tasks.

Nicole: Scott's still working on those items. We do have our new tenant in there. She is called Clean as a Whistle. We already approved her to start doing the cleaning at the community center. So that's all she's doing? You're still cleaning the bathrooms at the park or she's going to take that over?

Dawn: She's going to do what I call the auditorium, the kitchen and the bathrooms. And then she'll also clean the annex bathroom and kitchen monthly. I did the bathrooms today at the ball field.

Nicole: So, is that still staying on us? And then cleaning town hall is still staying on us. I know we didn't get her to give us a quote for that. If you want to change that, let us know and we'll talk about it. For now, she's just doing everything down at the community center in Annex. We approved that last month.

9. Pratt Street-Sale Purchase of Hefner lot by Brice Cox. Regarding lot for multiple homes.

Dawn: We talked to Brice; he knows that we are only fine with one structure and he we haven't heard back from him.

Nicole: So that's old business so that's done. I can take that off next time I just move it up from the new business to the old business.

10. Community Center-New tenant. Clean as a Whistle-Cleaning service and caterer. Council approved as vendor to clean Community Ctr events, kitchen & restrooms.

11. Quotes for painting interior Town Hall-See quote.

Nicole: Do we still have quotes?

Dawn: We still have three quotes. I've also been seeing signs around town for Green Dragon Painting. I called him last week; he did not return my call. So, I called him just before you guys arrived and he quoted me a price of \$5 a square foot. I indicated to him that it's paneling. He said, yeah, it would require an oil-based binding primer. He said it would still be the same price. His name was Aaron, and I think he said Benningfield, I'm under the impression he's local. Does anybody know who Green Dragon Painting is?

Margarette: I know somebody that's related to him, but I can't think of the name right now. But yes, he is local.

Nicole: All right, so let's hold on until we get all the quotes.

Jay: Before we start any painting on the town hall, I think it would be prudent if we had a work session on the scope of work we're going to do at the town hall rather than start off piecemeal. I think we need to look at a broader picture of getting it all done. I think a work session might go a long way.

Nicole: We need to have a work session to talk about the fire department's request, and we also need to start looking at Christmas decorations. We need to schedule a work session because we've got like four or five different items to discuss.

Dawn: What items do you want to discuss?

Nicole: Fire department, Christmas decorations, town hall, town events. George, when is the deadline for us to have all that done for the fire department?

George: For the radios ASAP, because one thing that's going to happen there is if they have any updates, those radios will not be updated. At that point, we're going to lose communication with others in the area. I mean, you know, it's been talked about for a month a month and a half.

Nicole: Basically, you want us to authorize doing it.

George: Yes, authorize doing it.

Jay: We really don't have much choice, do we? We might as well go ahead and do it.

Margarette: I was going to say, I think so, and those radios are expensive, and it is part of it.

George: They are upgrading now across the air. We might wake up from being an upgrade on our radios or something other. I don't know if they're going to tell us or not.

Nicole: Is there something else the Fire Department needs us to add to our budget, which we're not in the budget season yet, for additional radio purchases in the future.

George: Yes, that's something y'all need to start putting money back for because of the new radios when it comes time for purchase.

Nicole: What is the timeline going to be the 2026 2027 budget?

George: I can't tell you that. I'm not familiar with the budget process timeline.

Nicole: We haven't started the 2026/2027 budget. For clarification, what are we needing to budget?

Margarette: We need to update the current radios, and then we'll get new ones in the next three years is what I thought he said.

Nicole: So, we need to pay like \$3,200 to \$4,000 now for the upgrade and then we need to put money in our budget line for future new radios, correct? Okay, so someone needs to make a motion for us to go ahead and approve the Motorola upgrades to the radios.

Brownie: I move that we will go ahead and approve the money to upgrade the Motorola Communications for the fire department.

Margarette: I second.

Nicole: All in favor.

All: Aye.

Nicole: So right now, we just know that's approximately \$3200.

Dawn: The quote is \$3247.00

George: I will go ahead and let Oliver know, that way he can go ahead and get on the schedule.

Brownie: Yes. We just approved it.

Nicole: So that part's done. It's just when we start looking at budget, where y'all want something in the future, we will need to talk about that then.

Dawn: I feel like number 12 is a duplication of what we already talked about.

Margarette: It is.

Jay: Did we talk about number nine, Pratt Street?

Margarette: Not to keep going back, but are we scheduling a work session today or are we doing that at some point over e-mail?

Dawn: Does everybody have a preferred date and time?

Margarette: During the day works for me.

Rebecca: I can't do it on Mondays or Fridays. I can work my schedule around it.

Nicole: Okay, so this week is the 13th. Are y'all wanting to do anything this week or are we wanting to do it on the 20th?

Jay: How about the 23rd?

Rebecca: Can we do it at like 2 p.m.? I can probably skip out early.

Dawn: I'll do an e-mail tomorrow and then everyone check your calendars and if you have a discrepancy, just let me know that. April 23rd, 2 p.m.

George: Are y'all going to talk about some fire department stuff also?

Brownie: I'm sure there's fire department stuff for us to talk about.

Jay: And that's a public meeting?

Nicole: A work session? Yes, if somebody wants to come.

Jay: But we don't make motions. Is that correct?

Nicole: We must make a motion for the public; we talk about it and figure out what our plans are usually in a work session.

Jay: I just couldn't remember that's why I was asking.

Margarette: Its just a work session, we discuss it because we must make motions when in council.

Dawn: The fire department does have other business that they need us to consider.

12. Grant Replacement Water lines on Shannon Street-Margarette Parrish. Requested matching funds for help from Dennis Moss. Representatives are back in session. Emailed the grant information to Federal and State representatives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Intergovernmental agreement with County-Ordinance Enforcement

Nicole: I called the county regarding ordinance enforcement, and I talked to the new manager, and they want us to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the county for them to help us with enforcing our ordinances for houses that need to be torn down, people having stacks of metal and junk everywhere. He did not get back to me today, but we've already signed an intergovernmental agreement with them for parks. So, this is something that the county has started doing to help small municipalities. You must sign this agreement to work with them. Now, the other one was different. They were giving us funds, so he hasn't sent me that yet. So, once we get that, hopefully he can get it to us before we have a work session, and we can talk about it.

Margarette: Did we ever get any information back on the ordinances on the trailer and the Bradley property and house?

Nicole: Mac has not got back to us, so that's why I'm reaching out to the county. But Darren said he's waiting to sell the trailer.

Dawn: He's waiting to get the title so that he can sell the trailer.

Brownie: I thought he had the title and he put a price of \$80,000 on it.

Nicole: Yeah, he's asking for \$80,000 for it.

Brownie: That's a lot for a little single-wide trailer.

Jay: Well, the title should be available after probate is finished, right? It's got a title just like a car.

Margarette: Well, the problem from what I understood when it happened was it was a brand-new trailer, of course. They were still paying for it. So, I'm not sure how the sale worked, but the sale should have been that Darren bought the property knowing that that money that he had to buy the property for, he had to pay off the trailer with that money. I don't know if that happened or not. I don't know if he used the money from that sale to pay off the trailer. If he hasn't done that, then he may not have a clear title to it.

Brownie: That means you can't sell it.

Margarette: Correct.

Jay: Well, I have run into situations, and I don't know if this is one of these situations or not, but sometimes you've got a finance company across the United States. I think they've got like 60 days to satisfy us like at the courthouse, even though they've got their money in hand. So it can be weird sometimes getting them to go forward and complete paperwork that needs to be filed at the courthouse.

Dawn: Would be odd for us to follow up or reach out or dig a little deeper to find out if that's happened, or do we feel like Mac is doing that for us?

Nicole: I will reach out to Mac again. His last response was for his staff to pull the file, but the only person that's communicated is Darren. He said that he's waiting to sell the trailer.

Dawn: The bottom line is that they've exceeded the timeline. There has got to be something we can do.

Jay: Back to that mortgage, we can look, research ourselves to see. Right up on the mortgage, it should be a satisfied mortgage if it's satisfied.

Dawn: You can tell me how to do that?

Brownie: Would it say that for a trailer? Because the trailer itself is just like a motor vehicle.

Jennifer Ramsey: Most of the time when you get a mobile home and have land, they can buy them together, that way you only pay one tax.

Jay: That's called de-titling. That's normally what the mortgage company requires when you put a mobile home on a piece of land. They'll de-title it and it becomes part of that property just like a stick-built house.

Nicole: From my conversations with Rebecca and with Nancy, who talks with Rebecca, the loan was paid off. Because Rebecca was making payments on the trailer until they got the funds to pay that loan off. So, the last I heard, the trailer was paid off. But you don't know 100%, we don't have any proof of that. This is just hearsay.

Jay: If you go to yorkcounty.gov, make sure you go to that website, cause there's a bunch of them there that'll try to lead you to somewhere you're going to pay if you know. Okay, and then under departments, go to the clerk of court. And then after you go to the clerk of court, go to deeds. And then there'll be some blanks in the middle of the page that say grantor or grantee. And it's a check over there beside that where it'll search for grantor or grantee. So put in whoever you want to search, and their stuff will come up. It may be a bunch of stuff you're going to have to look through.

2. **Resident calls concerning water taken from hydrants.** Per Matt only should be Let's talk Communications. Matt allowed them to take water instead of him flushing the hydrants

Nicole: We still have people calling about people taking water from the hydrants.

Brownie: I have information on that from Matt. There should be nobody taking water from the hydrants anymore, at all. Even that company Let's Talk Communications. They were the only authorized contractor to take water and do the flushes for Matt. Now they're done in the town and according to Matt they're done. There should be no more water from anybody taken starting now.

Dawn: We got a lot of calls and people just felt like they were complying with our request to inform us of the hydrants being tapped into.

Brownie: Matt did find out that some of that was true. Some of Comporium's contractors were taking the water.

Margarette: The one I talked to said he was Comporium.

Brownie: Matt called the Comporium guy and said that if he caught him taking the water, that we would send the police after him. He said that's stopped it. Comporium didn't realize that they weren't supposed to take the water. But the only company that was authorized to do it, was the contractor, was Let's Talk Communications.

Dawn: It's just that it's sent a mixed message to residents to allow someone to come in to get water when we are asking them to be frugal with it. That's what one of our citizens said, for us to be giving water away and Matthew said we're not giving it away because we do flush and usually when you flush it just goes on the ground. That makes perfect sense to me. But seeing it repeatedly was troubling to some of these citizens, and they did bring up the fact that York County is in a moderate drought. I mean, do we have to be giving water away to contractors?

Brownie: No, we don't. Well, we shouldn't at this time. Those people have moved on and they're out of our town. They're working down the road somewhere.

Nicole: I guess the biggest point like what she's saying is Matt needs to communicate this with us and then as a council we need to talk about this. Not Matt just making decisions on his own. We are telling citizens that we are to not let people have water. If we're going to allow people to get water then as a council we need to know this. We're fielding these calls from residents.. If we all know that in advance, then we can attack it.

Brownie: I think he just determined this just a week or two ago.

Margarette: I approached the ones on Old Depot, and he told me he was Comporium, but he had permission from Matt Glenn. And it made me look like a fool because I literally said, "why are you taking our water?" Well, I have permission from Matt Glenn. I said, Oh, my bad.

Brownie: I don't think Matt Glenn ever gave those guys permission.

Nicole: Going forward, it needs to be discussed with us as council, so we all are aware of it. Then we can make the decision together because Matt gets paid to flush those hydrants, that's part of his job. If he's not going to flush the hydrants this month, are we still paying him to do that at the end of the month or is all this going to be done for him?

3. **Adkins Heating & Air**-follow-up pricing for HVAC Maintenance all town buildings

Nicole: Adkins Heating and Air, the HVAC system maintenance. We're trying to get a quote from them to come.

Dawn: Atkins sends out a little card asking if you're ready for service. So, I pulled up the records from when we've had service done and found that the community center probably needs the filter replaced. The Lawson Building was just put in in 2023. Town hall, we probably could stand to have the filters replaced. The lady said that I need to talk to who was out for spring break, but it would be cheaper for them to come to town one time and take care of everything. And she was going to get back with me with what it was going to cost.

Brownie: Yes, the filters can be replaced by our maintenance people, but air conditioners units need to be cleaned and serviced every year in the spring. And you need to change the filter several times a year. So, our maintenance guy can change the filters, but to do air conditioner service, which is very important for them to keep up the air conditioner, they're going to check the freon levels, they're going to clean the unit outside the coils in the unit, which makes it much more efficient to have clean coils. So, it's important to do that yearly.

Dawn: Adkins should be back in touch with me this week.

Nicole: While they're here, we just need to know exactly what filters are used for each unit. So, then we, like Brownie said, can get those and have them and they can show Scott how to change them. I know mini splits are a little bit different.

Jay: I agree we need to do that, because if you let it get low on Freon it's just like you letting your car get low in oil.

Nicole: It's easier just to have a contract with them where they do it because they're the ones who put them in so. We will find out what they say when Sherry gets back.

4. **Fire Department-Motorola Solution Upgrade Town radios-cost \$5k?**

Nicole: Alright we already talked about fire department but that was just about the Motorola stuff.

George: I do have some other fire department stuff. We did get the 50/50 forester grant. That's where we have, say, \$50,000 and they give us \$50,000, but it's all got to be spent on equipment and stuff like that. But we did receive it, or we did get it. The radiological exercise is April 30th at 6 pm. That's where the feds will be in town and we'll be setting up the decon tent and all that good stuff.

Dawn: It's a Catawba Nuclear Station exercise. It's quite impressive to watch.

George: Now, I will say, back when the water tank was sand blasted, we had this exercise. Right after that there was some of that black stuff on the driveway. Our truck drove across it, and they were scanning it, and it went off and they couldn't figure out why it was going off because they didn't plant anything on it. Come to find out it was the stuff they used to blast the water tank that made it go off. The feds were like, what's going on?

Radio upgrades, we already spoke about, talking about the stimulus funds, and then the radio replacement plan.

Dawn: Was that all?

George: Yes.

5. **Athena Club of Sharon- Club Information**

- a. **Purpose**
- b. **How to join**
- c. **Recognition proposal**

Nicole: Athena Club, Jennifer, I didn't get in touch with you about this but we have your proposal. I'm good with it, but we need to vote on it as a council.

Jennifer Ramsey: I need to make a change though. I spoke with Nancy's daughter, and she won't have her kids during the week that we want to do it. So, could we do it at an earlier date? Does it come up with a different time and get back to you?

Nicole: We don't have anything set on our calendar yet for this. Our concern was about the funds for it and then our other question was who's going to maintain it because we don't have any water over there.

Jennifer Ramsey: We're really leaning towards just a little marker. Flowers would be nice but if we can do all that then we're fine with that. As far as who's going to pay for it it's going to be the club members.

Nicole: I thought y'all were asking for town to pay for it, so you're not?

Jennifer Ramsey: We just need approval to do it.

Nicole: Okay, our concern was about the price and then who was responsible for watering the plants. Are you only doing the memorial and not actually planting flowers?

Jennifer: We want to plant flowers, but when they die, they die.

Nicole: Previously, somebody planted knockout roses over there in honor of a family member. They only maintained them for a little while. But, knockout roses are self-sufficient.

Jennifer Ramsey: Once we decide on the little monument, I can send it to y'all.

Margarette: Just let us know what date works for Tonya and her kids, because like you said, we don't have anything right now.

Nicole: We'd like to schedule a day when everybody can be there. The main concern is if y'all still wanted to do flowers, find something that is low maintenance because there's no water source out there.

Brownie: What kind of marker are you going to have?

Jennifer Ramsey: Have you ever seen wood markers that were like on a stake? Something like that is what I was leaning towards. Midge said there's a rock that Scott told her about in the park. She liked that idea, Scott said that because it's white and gray wouldn't show up on it. So, something in between like a rock and the little sign.

Brownie: A stone would probably be the best thing because it's less likely that someone might just try to break it.

Jennifer Ramsey: That's what Midge said that it needs to be something on the ground and we don't want gaudy. But we want it right across from Nancy's house so she can see it. I heard that she got wind that it's happening, and she's ticked off about it, but I'll ask her for forgiveness later.

Margarette: I was just going to say, I spoke to her and I kind of got mixed messages from her. She wasn't happy at first that it was happening and then she kind of went back and forth, so I'll let you handle that.

Brownie: I think she's warming up to it.

Nicole: Nancy is a very private person. She is now saying maybe I should. She is also not the person that wants recognition. I told her we can't do every mayor that has ever been here. But she is the one with the longest tenure. Something very tasteful and small. But we need to get a price on what this is going to cost so we can figure out if we can help.

Dawn: She said that they were going to accrue the cost and not us.

Jennifer: Unless the town wants to be a part of it, but it's just something that we wanted to do.

Nicole: Do you want to talk about the Athena club so if you people want to join or be a part of it.

Jennifer Ramsey: Midge said that a family on Pratt Street lost somebody.

Dawn: I touched base with Tina today and they thank you very much for the thought, but they are very private and would like to keep it that way.

Jennifer: If you wanted to send a card, then do you want us to put your name on too?

Nicole: You can just send a card. We have a special relationship with them already, so that's being taken care of.

Jennifer Ramsey: If there's anybody in town that you know that needs anything, then just let us know.

Jay: Do we need a motion on the Athena Club's recognition of Nancy or not?

Brownie: We would approve the placement of the monument in the park. But you guys are going to keep it up then, right, too?

Jennifer Ramsey: Once the flowers die then they're going to be dead.

Dawn: I agree, maybe they do need to say that it's okay for the club to have a spot in the park.

Jay: I'll make a motion that we accept the proposal of the Athena Club to do a recognition of Nancy Scronce in Rainey Park.

Brownie: I second the motion.

Nicole: All in favor.

All: Aye.

Events: Save the Date

a. **Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market**– has resumed. Sat early am.

Nicole: Sharon Farmers Market has already started back up. We saw that early Saturday morning when we were working out there picking up trash at 8 a.m. in the morning.

Margarette: It looked like a lot more vendors this time, but I didn't see a lot of traffic either.

Dawn: I feel like people coming around from this way are missing it, they get by it before they see it. Perhaps people coming from York may be better.

Nicole: We've brought that up to them before. I mean, we could talk to them again. There's nowhere else.

Brownie: It is really a good place for it, I think.

Nicole: It is a good spot. But, if people are not aware of it in advance they may not stop. Normally, when people are coming through town, they're on their way somewhere else. They're not heading to the farmer's market.

Dawn: They did have a bigger variety of things, like there was somebody out there doing pet nails trimming, there was a dirty soda truck. Knife sharpening. There is a nice little variety of vendors.

Margarette: I thought at the end of last year, they said they wouldn't do it every Saturday when they started back up.

Nicole: We need to find out the schedule so we can help advertise it. Dave might know the answer to that because he's in contact with all them. We just need more advertisement. We could put it on the sign, but I mean, I'd hate to have to put it on our sign and change it all the time.

Dawn: I put it on our webpage. I have their flyer up. I have put flyers in the post office.

Jay: Unfortunately, I think Brownie is right. You know, people must get in their pocket to buy fuel.

b. **Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist** -Fri-Apr 17th 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment.

Margarette: Then there is the Senior luncheon that is free.

Keep Sharon Beautiful- (#KSB!)- Start yard of the month in Spring. Residents email addresses for top 3 YOM suggestions. Tie-breakers Council vote.

Nicole: We're starting the Keep Sharon Beautiful, Yard of the Month. We've already had one submission for Spring Yard of the Month, if you have any other suggestions just send them to us. We just like for somebody to take a picture and send us a picture of the yard of the month that they recommend. And then if we don't use them for one month, we might use them another month.

Dawn: Margarette, I did like the yard you submitted.

Margarette: If you see it in person too, it's just cute and they keep it up. I don't know who owns it, but it's just very cute.

d. **May 16th Hillcrest Baptist** Harmon Park

Nicole: May 16th Hillcrest Baptist will be at Harmon Park. That's open to everyone, so we will be advertising that when that comes up.

e. Discussion of Town Events-continue?

i. **4th of July celebration**-Date? June 27th or July 4th-falls on Saturday this year

ii. **Christmas in Olde Sharon-discuss plans to continue**

Nicole: The 4th of July this year we've got June 27th or July 4th. We also need to talk about whether we want to continue to keep having these two town events, which are the 4th of July and the Christmas event. It's a lot of work, it's a lot of effort, and it's a lot of time. The cost is getting higher. We know that the cost of fireworks is going up. That's \$4,000 a year that we normally pay for that.

Dawn: We usually pay that out of our hospitality tax.

Nicole: So, we use the hospitality tax funds that we get from the local businesses.

Dawn: We typically don't spend a lot of money for Christmas, but there was a decrease in attendance last year, a significant decrease. 4th of July does generate some money with vendors, but because of the heat and stuff, I didn't see the attendance that I've seen in the past there.

Nicole: June 27th would be the date that we would have it.

Dawn: Do we talk about that at the workshop as well?

Nicole: Yes, and Christmas and old Sharon, we can talk about that.

Doris Thomas: Are we going to do anything for the 250th year?

Dawn: Yes, if we celebrate it, we'll certainly recognize it.

Nicole: Well, that's the other reason why we haven't really decided about stopping it, because this is the 250th year celebration. This would be the year that we need to continue to have it, and then maybe after this, stop, because this is a big anniversary. We need to figure out what day we want to have it, and we'll talk about that in discussion.

Dawn: I think we could change it up a little bit, maybe start something earlier in the day, like a picnic in the park and golf cart parade and do a couple other things, and then decide whether we want to do fireworks. We can talk about it.

Margarette: I would vote for fireworks and not the other stuff. Everybody looks forward to the fireworks, and the fireworks are so pretty. I think people would prefer, if you ask everybody, this is just me, people will prefer fireworks to nothing else. It is so hot, but then by the time it cools down at night and the fireworks are pretty. Well, we can talk about it.

Dawn: Do you want food vendors?

Margarette: They didn't do very well last year.

Nicole: I think that's basically it. We should just celebrate the 4th of July.

Margarette: Just have the fireworks and be done with that.

Nicole: If people want to come out in their golf carts, then they drive around in their own golf cart.

Dawn: We need to include the fire department in this. I have reached out to Danny Dickerson. We need to check his availability as the licensed person. We would also need to check the cost. So hopefully I can have some of that by our meeting date.

George Ward: Well, y'all said y'all was doing fireworks so the fire department won't be doing fireworks this year.

Nicole: We as meaning we, the town.

7. After hours Emergency contacts

a. Water related Matthew Glenn 803-242-3061

b. After hours other emergency issues:

i. Mayor Nicole Perkins 803-517-2568

ii. Mayor Pro Tem Herschel Brown Jr 803-627-0052

Nicole: Emergency hours, after hours, contact. We've already got that on display.

Dawn: I've changed the town hall message. I have no idea how long it's been, what it's been, but Matthew Glenn's phone number is on the answering machine and Nicole's number are on the machine. On our webpage is Matthew, Nicole, and Brownie. Just because people have made comments that they have no idea how to reach anybody for town hall after hours.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: Council to discuss any issues concerning the following:.

1. **Ballfield:** New season starts.

2. **Community Center and Annex:** St. Johns at Community Center April 26th. Advertise Key Shop & Treasures, Local Shops & vendor sales in newsletter.

Nicole: St Johns will be at the Community Center on April 26th.

Dawn: They are doing a Chinese auction, stop on by. They're excited about it, it's their new pastor's idea. It's something that he's initiating. Also on May 16th, there's a one-year-old birthday party. Also, I will tell you that Kurt, I don't know his last name, Kellman, has given us a price of \$950 that includes the adhesive and his labor to put the carpet tiles back on the floor in the community center. I have Brownie's full support on this. Can I get the rest of you to say, yes please?

I mean, it's really a huge liability for us to continue to let people walk on the floor with those loose parts.

Nicole: Can you get it done before the next event?

Dawn: I hope so.

Margarette: I make a motion that we approve the tiles.

Rebecca: I second it. That is not safe.

Nicole: All in favor.

All: Aye.

Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle) update

3. Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown)

Dawn: I will tell you that everybody's paid their rent so far. Cedar Ridge, Good Eats, Key Shop, Tank Sense, Thrifted Thread have all paid their rent for April.

5. **Parks: (Jay Gourley)-** Shelter rentals. Residents need to post sign showing paid on day of event. Town hall will print receipt on bright pink paper for display.

Nicole: Shelters and parks. The only other issue with the parks is we're having people using the park for big parties that they have not paid for. Now I understand if people's kids are out there and they bring food and stuff, that's fine. They're going to be under the shelters.

But when there's a big knockdown, drag out party and there's decorations everywhere with 200 people they need to reserve the park and pay the fee. There have been two big parties out there with over 100 people that were not requested through town hall.

We've got to try a different way to put signage up to let people know that a party has been approved. When the park fee is paid, they should get a sheet to show they have paid and to display.

Dawn: They do get a sheet. It serves as their receipt as well as the rules at the park and the contact numbers are you, Scott and Jay's. In Mecklenburg County, they go out and post something, you know, staple, whatever shelter reserved or something like that

Nicole: That's what I told Scott. We need to get one of those clear picture frame kinds of things where you could put it in and take it out and just. hook it, nail it up there on each one on each side so when somebody rides by, they can see.

Margarette: Just make sure it's like a bright color.

Nicole: I think we should do it. I mean if we're here that day but or just tell them to insert that pink piece of paper showing that you've rented it. That way, when council people or town members ride by, they can see that, hey, somebody's supposed to be there.

Brownie: Well, what if you ride by there and there's a big old party out there and they're not off? They haven't paid. How do we deal with that?

Nicole: Then we will call Scott and Scott can go over there and handle it.

Brownie: Well, who is going to be the police to make sure?

Dawn: Do you see Scott being diplomatic about that? I think it is relatively rude to bust up in the middle of whatever. There's got to be a better way.

Nicole: There's not a better way. I mean, that's what I've had to do in the past.

Jay: If somebody was nice about it, surely, they would understand.

Nicole: I never had anybody be rude about it. I would tell them there is a fee to rent the shelter. Sometimes they would pay me, and I would bring the money to town hall.

Doris Thomas: Do you not have those rules?

Nicole: Yes, they do. That's what we're saying. We need to make it more prominent for people. And then if you ride by and they do not have a display out there, then at least have a conversation. I mean, that's what I would normally do.

Brownie: Whoever's got it should have a orange paper that should be displayed

Dawn: I can assure you that if it's not handled properly, that it will be a Facebook blast.

Nicole: I don't think it is people from Sharon and there are signs everywhere, and granted, it's only \$40, but that does help the town out in different ways. It's not fair for people to use it illegally when other people pay.

6. **Scout Hut, Concession Stand (see Parks):** check schedule with vendors

7. **Streets: (Margarette Parrish):** Pratt Street-Speed pumps-painted

Nicole: Streets. Scott's, he said he's already painted two of the speed bumps.

8. **Sidewalks: repairs on Woodlawn**

Nicole: I don't know when Marion's going to start that back up but he said in the spring so we're getting in that area so I'll check with Marion and see when he's going to get back.

Brownie: We have got to get some pricing done on that work before we start.

Nicole: He has already done the worst part.

Brownie: We are going to nail the prices down before we do it this time. Ok. Brownie you are the contact person for Marion and the concrete project for the sidewalks.

9. **Town Hall:** Revamp Office for safety. Move desk and equipment away from front windows. Update-paint inside walls, storm door.

10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)**

Brownie: Matt sent me this: All the Comporium contractors are done in the town. They're just splicing the wires now, so they don't need any water. Nobody's supposed to be getting water. He's been keeping an eye on the Grant and the Burri wells. They are still running lower gallons than they used to. And he's not sure just yet if it's the water table that's down because of the drought, or it's the pumps are getting worn out. But he's keeping an eye on it. And if they get any worse, we'll have to figure out how to fix it. The fire hydrant on Shannon Street, you might be getting this call. The fire hydrant on Shannon Street is leaking. So, he's just waiting to see how the grant plays out because he's worried that replacing the fire hydrant will cost a lot of money and they don't make parts for a 1963 M&H fire hydrant anymore.

Dawn: Do feel like one hydrant was included in the grant?

Margarette: It was.

Brownie: That hydrant is bolted to the old line, and if we start messing with it, then the breaks when you try to take it apart or whatever, it's going to be bad news. So right now, until we find out about the grant, it's better just to let it leak a little bit.

Matt says, if y'all any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thanks, is what he says.

Margarette: Please contact him or you?

Brownie: Contact him

Nicole: Does anyone have any questions, concerns, comments?

Jay: I had one of the town residents ask me about the sign that's been put up in the parking lot. And I'm like, I don't know anything about it. And they're coming back to me, aren't you on the council? And I said, yes, I'm on the council, but I don't know anything about what brought that up. And they say, well, why'd you spend money on doing that? I said, I didn't know that about it. So yeah, bring me up to speed please.

Rebecca: I had no idea either, and I had a bunch of people coming in and saying something about a sign. I was like, I have no idea what you're talking about.

Nicole: This is a sign that we have had since we got all the other signs for town hall parking over three years ago that's been sitting in the back storage area. We've been having a lot of complaints from residents and local shoppers about all the stuff that has been put in our end parking lot. Complaints have been made that items are falling in the street and they are not able to park in the parking lot because of all the stuff that's in the parking lot. Scott made a stand for the Town Parking sign and we put it up. We put it up like, what was it, two weeks ago?

Brownie: Well, the town, the sign originally said Town Hall Park. I think the hall being on it was the offending part.

Nicole: And the "hall" part was taken off that day.

Jay: But I'm sitting there looking at the sign, you know, thinking, well, where'd that come from? And the money it was spent putting that sign up and buying those 4x4s, we could buy a trash can. We got two missing. You know, the wreck killed one of them, didn't it, George?

Nicole: Yes, they were supposed to give us insurance money but, we've never got that either.

Jay: We used to have one on my side of the road. It's gone. And we talked about a lot of trash in town.

Dawn: We've got new trash cans and we're waiting for them to have the clear coat protection added so they can be put out.

Nicole: Mrs. Betty painted them and they are beautiful.

Brownie: They're artistic. They must have clear coat paint put on them.

Nicole: Each one of them, signifies a different theme for the town.

Brownie: And those trash cans are going to be replacing the ones that were just mentioned?

Nicole: Yes. But we will be putting the cans in better spots for walking residents and park usage. The one at the end of the building near Jays building has had large personal black trash bags thrown in there that should be going to the dump.

Jay: Before y'all put up any more signs that's going to inflame the citizens, please notify me.

Rebecca: Me too.

Nicole: Okay. Anything else?

Dawn: I'm trying to find a plumber for the lady's bathroom. South Carolina is in a moderate drought, just FYI. And I still think we need to get together with the Rural Water Association and see how we can benefit from them. The municipal association sends out a regular newsletter, and they are letting us know about \$7,500 grant dollars for cities and towns to host festivals so that sound like something to investigate.

George: We are still in a burn ban. It's not that you can't burn, but you shouldn't burn.

If you see it, just let them know that they shouldn't be burning? I try to send it out on social media every time they send it out to us, the state and everything, so I try to repost it and everything, so y'all see it, share it.

Nicole: Thank you George. Does anybody else have anything?

Margarette: I make a motion to adjourn.

Brownie: I second.

Nicole: All in favor.

All: Aye.

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 May 11th, 2026, at 6:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarett Parrish Second: Herschel Brown Jr Time: 7:15 pm