

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - June 8th 2026, at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION: Nicole Perkins - Mayor, Herschel Browne Jr -Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Members: Margarette Parrish, Jay Gorley, Rebecca Rees, 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, come to the front of council table, state your name and address and subject you wish to discuss. All council meetings are recorded.

MINUTES: Minutes of June 8th 2026, Regular Council Meeting recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal Grant Opportunities-ARPA EOY 2026**
2. **State Grants - Dennis Moss - Town Upgrades** state grants 02/15/2023.
 - a) **New Well \$66K** - Hold Use funds for Shannon Street line replacement, if needed. Brownies lot Well Faulkner spec sheet (2023-2024) Hold on project.
 - b) **Burri Building HVAC & upgrades \$71k-Hold** Use for Shannon Street, if needed.

Note: October 30, 2025 - check #4105, paid \$35,000.00 to Sandifer Well & Septic LLC – Shannon St repair – 2” main water line from church to town limit line.

Nicole advised that there was an issue with Dennis Moss, she had sent in a letter asking for assistance and feels like there was an email issue. Dennis did not get email and will try to help in the next session. Margarette emailed him as well and was told that she was that he was corresponding with the mayor. We do still have money in savings, and we are meeting with the RIA on June 23rd.

3. **RIA Grant Replacement Water lines on Shannon Street** – Kick-off meeting scheduled June 23rd at 10am. Matching funds for grant will come from ARPA funds.

Dawn made everyone aware in attendance about the town being awarded a grant to replace water lines on Shannon St. The town will need to match some funds. Completion

date for the project is May 2028. Dawn has a question about who pays the engineer. Margarette advised that we are responsible for admin fees and engineering fees.

4. Town Maint-

- a. Sidewalk Woodlawn Complete-partial. Restart Spring-Marion status** – Brownie is working with Marion to schedule project completion.

Nicole asked for update on Woodlawn St. Brownie advised that the Brown and Chambers driveway are not complete but that it was not pressing.

5. Adkins Heating & Air-price for HVAC Maintenance all town buildings. Adkins has not responded for additional buildings, Brownie got quotes from Palmetto Heating & Air, June 10th Browns Heating & Air coming to walk-thru town buildings.

We have not heard back from Adkins about pricing for all the towns hvac maintenance. Brownie got prices from Palmetto Heating and Air and Browns Heating and Air will be coming on the 10th to look at our facilities.

6. Community Center Meeting-Cleanup work to be done, still ongoing.

Brownie did not have an update on the community center clean-up; they worked in the park today. A piece of playground equipment needed repair, so that has been dug up and Scott will repair it. Nicole was at the playground with her grandchild and noticed the issue. Dawn advised that she and Tina found a playground equipment checklist that was used in the past to check the parks for any issues. Nicole agreed that needs to be done. Brownie advised that there is also a problem with the tennis court net is broken and needs to be replaced. Scott needs to look at the cameras and see if he can tell when/who it was damaged. Also, the fence between the basketball court and tennis court has been destroyed again. Brownie asked Scott to take the chain-link fence down. Nicole advised that she knows that the basketball courts are being used, and at times there is some rough-housing going on. Brownie fixed the fence approximately 6 years ago and thought that it needed to be replaced then. This time beyond repair.

7. Intergovernmental Agreement with County-Ordinance Enforcement- Waiting to hear from the County, they asked for clarification and it was provided. An email has been sent to Jonathan Bouno with York Co. Planning & Development for an update.

Nicole has sent in all the information requested by the county. We are asking for help with a few ordinances and enforcement. Jonathan Bouno is the person Nicole is corresponding with and he will be sharing with the county manager and county attorney.

Margarette asked if we could prepare an ordinance of non-compliance since we do not have one. Nicole advised that each ordinance does have a fine indicated. We just have no enforcement measures. If we want to charge fines, how do we get them to pay? We need to find out if people don't pay their fines, what happens next? Can we add it to their water bill?

Dawn wanted to add that she failed to add an item to the agenda. The other intergovernmental agreement with York County regarding parks and capitol projects. Thomas Couch said they were fine with doing the paving at the park and for us to let them know and he would work out the details with finance. The project that was proposed to the county was the repaving of the walking trail at Rainey Park and maybe the parking lot. We have one quote from Neelands Paving for \$17K. The walking trail would be the most expensive to repair because there is now landscaping there to work around. Dawn walked the trail and found that the portion closest to the road is in rough shape and the inner park seemed ok. Couch advised whether it was an advance or a reimbursement he would work out the details. Mr. Couch did say since it was a three-year agreement that an advance was possible. Dawn does not think that is a good idea, considering we may have a particular need in the future. Margarette has had people complain about the trail and does feel as if we need to make repairs. Nicole agrees that the parking lot is not that bad but unfortunately it is mainly used by SCDOT, Comporium, Duke and other bigger trucks working in and around town.

Dawn commented that Rainey Park is very lovely but the gazebo, park sign and benches in the park could use some attention. Scott did trim the rose bushes at the gazebo. He also hung some patriotic banners in Rainey Park for the 4th holiday. Nicole said the poles that the banners hang on were broken by youth hanging on the poles, so we have to rig the banners going on the poles.

8. Jennifer Jonas property 3124 Warmoth-sent emails and left voicemail. No response. Add property to list property issues to be discussed with York County as part of intergovernmental agreements.

No response from Jennifer Jonas. Jay said he will try to give her a call. Dawn said that she saw that Jennifer tried to call the office but did not leave a message. Nicole advised Dawn to try calling her again and leave a message for her to call Nicole or Brownie.

Jay advised that there had been some activity at the home, but it has been some time now. A new storage pod has been placed at the home. Jay offered Ms. Jonas to try to sell the home for her but never got any where with that. Dawn asked Jay if he felt like he had a semi-personal relationship with Ms. Jonas, that maybe he could reach out to her and let her know that people had been seen going in and out of her home. Nicole thought that the property may still be in probate but was not sure.

9. Bradley/Chambers property - An email was sent to Mac Brice's office – an update was provided by Laurie LaFrance (paralegal).

On June 4th Dawn reached out to the paralegal that works with Mac Brice, she indicated that Darren was sent an update on the 28th regarding the mortgage but that there is now some more time-consuming work that needs to be done. The title has been held in the sellers name as well as the deceased person. So, I asked her what is the timeline now and she responded with "what our interest in the property is"? Nicole would like to make a telephone call to Ms. LaFrance to explain our stance.

10. First Citizen CD – Nicole met with bank representative on June 4th; there are some options for us to consider.

Nicole went to First Citizens; she will email it to everyone. There are some different options for us to choose from, but she failed to bring it with her to the meeting. First Citizens has an investment person that works there that can help us.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget 2026/2027 Ordinance 0002-1-9: review millage rates and vote, first reading.

Tina worked with Nicole on the budget and provided the following information. Only slight changes to upcoming budgets. Some expenses were decreased like advertising and training. Question asked about cell phone reimbursement, all cell phone reimbursements come out of general fund, including Oliver and George. Matthews comes out of operations and maintenance.

The fire department has asked us to increase their budget. The fire department is looking at a new piece of equipment, and they have agreed a grant but per Oliver do not consider that a done deal until check and hand. They will sell one of their existing trucks so they are not sure how all of that will wash.

Question posed about Operations and Maintenance budget, why yearly budget was decreased. Dawn will get clarification from Tina. Question asked what is Metered Water? Again, Dawn will get clarification from Tina.

We are currently at 47 mils, we can increase up to 48.4 for FY 2026/2027. Amounts shared for rental properties, shelter and community center rentals, hospitality tax, franchise fees and taxes collected versus taxes not paid.

Brownie made the motion to increase the budget to 48.4 mil. Jay, second the motion, all were in favor. First Reading approved and signed.

- 2. Betty Chason Small World Daycare retired. Heather Hudson/Bright Beginnings CDC new tenant.** Nicole, Brownie and Dawn presented Ms. Betty with a lovely clock for her 35 years in Sharon. Did a walk-thru with Jennifer to assess possible needs. Deposits, rent and lease all taken care of. Council was given lease to sign – Jay declined to do so.

Nicole advised that as everyone knows, Betty Chason has retired and Heather Hudson and her husband have purchased the daycare. We, as the town, presented Betty Chason with a clock commemorating her 35 years of service here in Sharon. We did a walk-through of the facility to see what type of work needs to be done to get her up to code for DHEC. Her lease has been signed, deposits for rent and water have been paid as well. There is a back room that Ms. Betty used for storage, Heather would like to turn it into an additional classroom, but it needs an outside door added, so we need to look at that.

Brownie reminded Nicole that the urinal in the boy's room, the height of the urinal does not accommodate the youth that use it. DHEC would prefer it to be a toilet. We have had quotes on removing that urinal in the past from Grady, and we will need to get other quotes. Nicole advised that they are renting it and we will have to look at what we pay for and what we may help them with.

- 3. Meeting with Duke Energy to discuss lighting agreement – Thursday, June 11th at 2pm**

Dawn advised that she and Oliver are meeting with Duke Energy about the holiday light situation. If anyone else is interested in attending, please join us.

- 4. Meeting with Rural Water Association** to discuss their role/help with small towns – meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 9:30am.

Dawn advised that she would share this date and time with everyone that may be interested in attending.

- 5. Keep Sharon Beautiful- (#KSB!)** – Tara Roberts – 3370 Woodlawn Acres winner for May
No nominations received to date.

6. Events: Save the Date

- a. Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market** – has resumed, next market is Saturday June 13th from 9am to noon.

Nicole asked if anyone had had a chance to go to the market. Jay has attended.

- b. Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist** - is being paused for the summer

- c. Events in Park – Rainey Park, June 20th Muffins with Mayors**

The Athena Club is holding an event in the park, honoring our past and present mayors. They are inviting the community. They are doing a special recognition for Nancy Scronce for her years of service. Jennifer Ramsey did bring to my attention that there is a scheduling conflict with the community prayer vigil that takes place at the gazebo also on the same date and time. Dawn left a message with Ms. Moss and thought she would accommodate them. Dawn did not realize the prayer vigil was an ongoing event. She knew that they had reached out to other churches to participate as well. Margarete confirmed that there were people that attended the prayer vigil and that last month there was a significant number of people there. Dawn is going to ask if they would work together to make it work. Lastly, the Athena Club was going to place the plaque on the ground near the gazebo and now they want to put on one of the four benches near the gazebo. Dawn asked if Brownie would work with Jennifer to pick a location for the plaque.

7. Discussion of Town Events -

- a. 4th of July celebration-** Saturday, June 27th. The application for permit has been submitted, waiting for approval.

Dawn submitted the application; it was sent back for more information. She if information to the state and is now waiting to hear back. Dawn will follow-up this week.

8. CCR 2025/Annual Drinking Water Quality Report – has been turned in by Ken Smart, it will be distributed via mail with the June water bills. It is on town webpage, posted at town hall and at the post office.

9. Franchise Fees from SC Office of Regulatory Staff – Ride Share companies such as Uber and Lyft that do business in town make us eligible for funds. For the 1st quarter we are due \$11.40

Dawn received a call from the SC Office of Regulatory Staff letting us know that we would be receiving funds from the state for funds received from rideshare companies such Uber and Lyft. We can look for these funds quarterly if funds are due.

10.Duke Energy – Cost increase (our electricity budget is \$39,500.00 General Fund/Operations & Maintenance

Costs continue to rise; you may have received in your own power bills the leaflets about these costs. With the town facilities, streetlights, wells, etc. we are seeing increased costs for our electricity.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES:

1. Ball field: Season is over, will resume in August.

Scott asked Dawn to provide the following information to the council, he is interested in receiving a raise. Scott also said that Williams Electric is finally coming back to work on the lights at the ball field. Dawn inquired about the cost, and he indicated there would be no cost unless the fault was found to be ours. Scott also wanted us to know that today he was walking to town hall when two teenagers blew by him on the sidewalk here in front of town hall. Scott was able to get one of their attentions and asked that he get his friend to come back. Scott spoke to the teenagers about the dangers of riding on the sidewalks in front of town hall, he told them there are lots of elderly people that come out of the doctor's office all the time and they could have very easily run someone over.

Nicole thinks that we should post some signs saying, “No bikes or skateboards”. Jay shared that he has experienced this same issue in front of his home.

2. Community Center/Annex: Carpet needs to be cleaned, get estimates.

Brownie wanted clarification on which carpet needs to be cleaned. Dawn told them the auditorium area, stage and foyer. Glinda McClain will provide us with a quote for doing the work.

3. Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle) update

The fire department did receive a grant from Duke Energy; they will be presenting that to them soon. The funds will be used to update the sirens at both stations. Nicole thinks the time needs to be changed based on the number of people in the park at the time it is tested. Brownie said the fire department is not in control of this, it is done by Emergency Operations.

4. Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown)

There is a new tenant at the Community Center Annex, Mike Baker. Mike told Dawn that he thought he met the electrician at the annex, he was working on the Leviton system. Dawn expressed that it would be good if that system could go online soon given that there are multiple tenants at the annex now. Brownie said with Wi-Fi in the building now, they should be able to get the system up and running. Nicole does not think the Wi-Fi that is at the community center is enough to go down the hallway at the annex. May need to get an extender.

5. Parks: (Jay Gourley)

6. Scout Hut, Concession Stand:

7. Streets: (Margarette Parrish): Pratt Street-Speed bumps one more needs to be painted

8. Sidewalks: repairs on Woodlawn

9. Town Hall: Revamp office for safety. Move desk and equipment away from front windows.

10. Water Update: drought status has changed due to recent rain

York County has indicated they are having a meeting on June 11th to discuss their drought status. The SCDNR webpage shows that York County is still in severe drought status.

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 July 13th, 2026, at 6:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarette Parrish Second: Rebecca Rees Time: 7:30pm