

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

1. Special Call: 5:30 pm Public Notice Hearing

2nd Reading of the budget-5:30 pm Public Notice Hearing

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CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION: Nicole Perkins - Mayor, Herschel Brown Jr -Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Members: Margarette Parrish, Jay Gorley, Oliver Dowdle, Fire Chief

- 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 June 8th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting recorded.

Nicole indicated to persons in attendance that meeting minutes are available at request from town hall and that they are available online.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Nicole advised it is that time of year we receive funds from York County of \$25k. \$10K is for park expenses and \$15K for capital improvement projects.

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

Nicole reported that we may be eligible next session for funds.

3.Margarette Update- Grant Replacement Water lines on Shannon Street- Requested matching funds help from Dennis Moss and Ralph Norman. Meeting with Rural Water Association for grants to help with Shannon Street water line replacement and possibly Rainey Avenue in future.

Nicole reported that we are the recipient of a grant for water line replacements on Shannon St. We have received the Notice to Proceed, and we have a start-up meeting coming up.

Brownie asked if the white stakes on Shannon St are related to the water line replacement project. He said the markers are close to the existing meters. Margarette believes the stakes are for our project based on the quote turned in from Adam Childers.

4.Town Maint- Sidewalk Woodlawn Complete-partial. Restart Spring-Marion status?

No updates, work to be scheduled

5.Community Center -Cleanup work to be done. Status on list of tasks. (Scott?)

Nicole cannot advise on the status of work to be done at the community center. Brownie does not believe work completed. Nicole is aware that Scott has some work in his business that needs to be completed but we still need to be in the loop on times he is available.

6. Quotes for painting interior Town Hall- REMOVE

7. Heating & Air- HVAC Maintenance all town buildings additional quotes in process.

Nicole reported that we are working on getting quotes from other vendors for the heat/air units throughout town. Browns did do a walk-thru, but nothing received yet. Per Brownie we do have a quote from Palmetto Comfort/Thomas Bratton. He is the one that bailed us out recently at the daycare. Brownie voiced his displeasure with Adkins' recent service call to the daycare and that they did not remedy the problem. Brownie makes the motion for Palmetto Comfort; he is a local company. The quote is for each system, twice a year. Nicole agrees that we should go with Palmetto since he is a local vendor. Adkins has lots of other work all over and the daycare had to wait a few days for them to get to them. Brownie advised Adkins only cleaned half of the coils. Thomas completed the job. Nicole shared a quote of \$2256.00 for twice a year service on all the towns' units. Jay asked if the quote from Palmetto is just to come out or does that include filters and freon if needed? Brownie feels confident it does include filters. Nicole noted that annual maintenance has never been done as a town that we always just fixed something when it was broken. This is where we are attempting to get ahead of the game. The town has at least 12 units that the maintenance would take care of. Jay gave the second motion. All were in favor.

8. Intergovernmental agreement with County-Ordinance Enforcement-County to send us the agreement to sign. *No updates yet from County re: ordinance assistance/process & cost.

Nicole is waiting to hear from Jonathan Buono to let us know what the agreement will consist of and the cost of assisting us. He is talking to County Attorney and is supposed to get back to

us. The local magistrate used to help us with these things, but they are no longer willing to assist us. York County is more skilled at this, and we look forward to hearing back from them. Our ordinances give fees. Brownie advised we have no enforcement mechanism. There may be a conflict of interest that is affecting Mac responding to us. We have questions we have sent to Mac Brice since he is our attorney and to York County. Nicole will follow up.

9. Water Bills-Memo added to water bills. Water bills are due by the 20th each month. We will no longer be sending out past due notices.

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

Jay contacted Jennifer Jonas, and she informed him that the property was sold for late taxes last fall. With that you get a grace period to catch up on those taxes. She is attempting to raise the funds to pay the back taxes. It will be November that it will go to the new owner if she does not satisfy her taxes. Jay offered Ms. Jonas some avenues of resolution and did inform her that the town council will be notifying the county as an eyesore. Jay felt like Ms. Jonas was going to think over the conversation. Nicole advised that she knew of someone going into one of the buildings and stealing some things, but that person had been arrested and the items were returned. Nicole is not aware of any other issues on the property. Brownie had heard rumors of homeless people going into the house. Nicole indicated we need to notify law enforcement should we know that is occurring.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2nd Reading of the budget-5:30 pm Public Notice Hearing**
 - a. 6:00 pm budget-2nd reading of the budget**
 - b. Discuss finances and employee hourly rate increase**

Nicole shared that Scott Stone and Dawn would like a raise. Jay expressed interest in what the situation is with Scott's helper, Johnny. Does he work for the town or Scott, Jay asked for clarification on who pays him. Nicole advised that Scott pays him from what he gets paid. Scott Johnny helps him with certain projects. Brownie is concerned about the possibility of injury and the town's liability. Question raised do we hire Johnny as a town employee. Brownie advised that is the only way he can continue to do work with Scott.

An individual did come by town hall and drop off a resume for the position of town maintenance. Nicole has not seen the resume, nor did she know what kind of pay the person is looking for. We can have Dawn investigate it further.

Nicole shared that she likes Scott, when he works, he stays on task, but he is a business owner and when he has vehicles to work on, they are priority and the towns' tasks get put on the back burner. She is not sure of the status of the list from the community center and as far as she knows the tv's have not been put up that we bought 2 months ago.

Brownie feels like we should interview the person that expressed interest in the maintenance position giving us some options. Nicole advised the current rate of pay is \$15 per hour, same as Hickory Grove.

Jay indicated we need to get workers comp for Johnny or tell him that he cannot work for the town. If he gets hurt, it is not going to be good.

Brownie advised should the applicant not work out that he will be glad to speak with Scott about priorities. Nicole feels we need more procedures regarding what is being done. We currently do not receive any feedback on tasks to be completed. Nicole and Brownie to meet with Scott.

About Dawn, Nicole feels like she makes \$17 an hour and Scott was at \$15. Tina makes \$20 an hour and works two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jay is curious if we know of any comparable pays in similar positions. Nicole advised that Hickory Grove is in that range. She said Hickory Grove has 3 maintenance people that make \$15 an hour. Smyrna pays their person \$25 an hour but she is not there more than 2 days a week. Margarette said Dawn here typically 10 – 5 Monday through Thursday. Per Nicole, if she is not here at 10, she may be taking the deposit before coming in or running other town errands. Margarette thinks Dawn should be at least equal to what Tina is making. Nicole asked, "do we want to make a motion on Dawn and wait on Scott or do you want me to get more information. Margarette feels it is only fair that Dawn should be making what Tina is making, she is the administrator.

Motion made by Margarette that Dawns salary be comparable to Tinas of \$20 per hour. Brownie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jay, I believe if we are going to hire anyone else in town we need to have a discussion with the council. Margarette agreed.

a. Capital funding of 15K from County-ideas

i.Repair /Replace asphalt Rainey Park walking trail

No updates from the county. Nicole, unsure, will clarify with Dawn.

ii. Request for Skateboard area-emailed from resident

A website request was sent into town hall requesting a skate park. Nicole feels as if we do not currently have space for a skateboard park or insurance.

- 2. State Ethics-updated Entity list with ethics 07/02/2026** -reminder-make sure you are aware of your ethics responsibilities/filling requirements.

Reminder to be sure you have completed all requirements with the State Ethics Committee. Jay asked if you would get a reminder if you have not completed all requirements. If you miss deadlines they will fine, you. Nicole stated that anyone that works for the town needs to comply as well.

- 3. SC Rural Water Association Meeting-Next meeting July 21st-** will provide aid with Asset Management, GIS Mapping of our water system, rate fees, Ordinance and Enforcement, Surface water Violations.

Meeting next week with SCRWA on July 21st. A team of folks are coming, GIS, Asset Management, etc. It is a federal organization, so their services are free.

- 4. Bright Beginning Daycare (Betty Chason Small World Daycare retired)**-Hudson would like to make changes/updates to the building. Per lease normal maintenance Town Responsibility. How do we want to proceed? Quotes needed.
 - a. **Change urinal in boy's bathroom to toilet area.** Quote – provided by Helms Plumbing for \$4700, previously we got a quote from Grady for appx \$8000.00
 - b. **Change previous storage area to baby care area**-would include adding a door and ramp to exterior wall. This is an old classroom, and they now want to add an outside door for it to be a baby room. It must have direct exits and a ramp. **(NOTE: Browie shared quote is for \$20k – quote is for \$10,958.)** Some structural changes would need to be made to accommodate the door. A ramp is included in the quote for the easy exit of cribs from classroom. Per Brownie, the owners are facing the issue of families of differing ages and not being able to accommodate them.
 - c. **Outside water hose request-** Helms Plumbing did provide a quote for \$620.00. There is no outside hose access. Currently they run a hose from what used to be a water fountain down the hall to the outside area. Brownie agrees that we pay for the water hose.
 - d. **Fire Alarms**-electrical work Albert Bell
 - e. **Air conditioning repair-** Palmetto has completed the work at the daycare. Brownie has not heard of any further issues.

Nicole advised with the new daycare up and running they have made us aware of some items that need to be addressed. According to the contract we are responsible for maintenance which to me is repair, not making changes to the facility. Maintenance is our priority. Nicole said that DHEC has lots of rules when it comes to daycares.

Jay asked for status of the Leviton. From Brownie we have not heard a thing but he knows the tenants at the annex would appreciate being taken care of. Nicole will speak with Al.

5. **Well status**-Ramsey well pump was replaced by Faulkner Well. Next item is the Grant well. Data on the Grant well has been sent to Faulkner for quote. – Quote received 07/10/26

Ramsey well is complete, the Grant well we have a quote, and the scheduling will be worked out between Faulkner's and Matthew. Brownie believes the date to start the work is August 3rd. The bid from Faulkner to replace the pump, cables and piping is \$10,795.00 on the Grant well. Brownie stated that is about \$7,000.00 cheaper than the Ramsey well. A 5hp motor was used instead of a 3hp motor at the Ramsey well. The pump is now 150 feet deeper also. The bad part is that it is running constantly and should not. There are timers on each well and based on their capacities they have a certain amount of time per day that they should run. Jay made the motion that we accept the quote from Faulkner for the Grant well. Margarette second the motion. All were in favor. Water conservation should still be encouraged.

Water conservation efforts should remain in effect in order not to put unnecessary loads on the current wells running. The status of the tank is approaching full level. Nicole asked Oliver if there were other sources of water, such as Ramsey Pond? Oliver advised only in extreme emergency would they do that, and it takes extra manpower and time. Only time we may consider that is if there was no water in the tank period. We would go to Hickory Grove or York depending on where the fire was located for water. Oliver said that they had taken water from the pond but only for practice scenarios in the event they had to. In the event of a structure fire, we have 3 other departments heading our way, so if each of them brings a tanker that is 9,000 gallons of water. Due to a recent fire off Hord Rd, we just ran up Pinkney Rd to the school and got water there. Oliver reminded everyone that there is a tank at the community center that has two loads of water that is for fire purposes only.

6. **Basketball Court**-fence damage. Replace or take down.
 - a. Volleyball request to use Basketball court or Ballfield

Fence damaged between basketball court and tennis court, the easiest thing to do is take the fence down. Do we want to repair or replace it? Nicole would prefer that the people that request to do volleyball here use the basketball court, they are not going to cause any

problems. Oliver advised that the fence has already been taken down, but the posts are still there. The fence has been down since the fireworks display. Oliver suggested if fence is to be replaced it be a taller fence that cannot be jumped over.

7. Events: Save the Date

- a. **Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market**– 2nd Saturday of each month 9am -12pm.
- b. **Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist** -Fri-August 21st @ 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment.
- c. **Keep Sharon Beautiful- (#KSB!)**- Yard of the month – Margarete has suggested two yards.
- d. **Events in Park**
 - i. **Rainey Park**-Monthly prayer gathering 3rd Saturday of each month
- e. **Discussion of Town Events-**
 - i. **4th of July Celebration**-Fire Department and Danny did a great job. Thank you. Also, special Thanks to Dave Ladish at the Sharon Grill for his support and event in his parking area. Great turnout.
 - ii. **Christmas in Olde Sharon-discuss plans to continue for 2026?**

Nicole indicated that we need to still discuss this. (In previous council meetings it was decided that the town will no longer do this). Jennifer Ramsey (Athena Club) asked if she should provide a list of things they would like to help the town with for Christmas? Like luminaries? Nicole advised that was not something the town did, she feels like Ms. Midge took on that project with the scouts. Jennifer asked if the town would be opposed to the Athena Club doing luminaries. Nicole said no, but if you put them out you must clean them up.

8. 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

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

- 1. **Ballfield:** Date for practice and games to start
- 2. **Community Center and Annex:**
 - a. Annex-New renter Mike Baker photography, painting, book binding
- 3. **Advertise** Key Shop & Treasures, Local Shops & vendor sales in newsletter.
- 4. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle) update**

Oliver advised that they have received several grants. Waiting to hear what is going to happen with the state budget. One of the grants would be for a new fire truck, if the funds come

through. Nicole asked if we would be selling one of the current trucks. Oliver advised yes. Oliver shared that Mr. Seabrooks paid for most of the truck that would be replaced, it is 33 years old.

Oliver did ask for clarification of a fire alarm at the daycare and is it for the whole building or just the daycare. Brownie advised theoretically there is a working fire alarm at the daycare only. Oliver said that with that, the town needs to put up a Knox box at the daycare so that they could gain entry instead of knocking the door off the hinges, in case the alarm goes off at night or on weekends. Oliver advised that there are two other Knox boxes in town, Sharon Baptist Church and the AT&T building. Oliver explained what a Knox box is, a box on the wall where you punch in a code and it grants access to the key for the door so that you can gain entry to the building. Margarette asked if this was something anyone with an alarm would have. Nicole advised that Al has worked on that so she will check and see the status. Brownie said that DHEC does require the daycare to do fire drills once a month and to have it fixed. Brownie will find out if it is a monitored alarm.

5. Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown)

6. 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.

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

8. Streets: (Margarette Parrish):

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) Ken Smart forwarded latest Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Will be distributed to residents and posted on webpage.

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:** Town Council Meeting Monday August 10th, 2026, at 6:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarette Parrish Second: Herschel Brown, Jr Time: 7:18pm