

The Smithfield Town Council reconvened its March 23, 2023 meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Smithfield Town Hall, Mayor M. Andy Moore presided.

Councilmen Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem John Dunn  
Marlon Lee, District 1  
Sloan Stevens, District 2  
Travis Scott, District 3  
Dr. David Barbour, District 4  
Stephen Rabil, At- Large

Councilmen Absent

Roger Wood, At-Large

Administrative Staff Present

Michael Scott, Town Manager  
Michael Brown, Fire Chief  
Ted Credle, Public Utilities Director  
Lawrence Davis, Public Works Director  
James Grady, Interim Chief of Police  
Gary Johnson, Parks & Rec Director  
Tim Kerigan, Human Resources/PIO  
Eric McDowell, IT Director  
Shannan Parrish, Town Clerk  
Greg Siler, Finance Director  
Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

**Reconvene: March 23, 2023 Meeting**

Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 7:01 pm

**1. Non-Departmental / Nonprofit Requests**

**a. Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation (DSDC)**

The DSDC was requesting \$75,000. Amount budgeted was \$19,655.

Executive Director Sarah Edwards explained the DSDC has been a Main Street partner to the town for about 35 years. She explained the requested funds would support operations and what the DSDC could do in the Downtown. Ms. Edwards outlined some of the projects and events the DSDC was currently working on.

Mayor Moore questioned how the additional funds would be used. Ms. Edwards responded there were things the DSDC would like to accomplish such as repainting some of the iron work fencing in downtown. Ms. Edwards further stated that funding from the Town was less than ideal.

**b. Harbor, Inc.**

Harbor, Inc. requested \$2,500 which was status quo from last year. Executive Director Kay Johnson explained the requested funds would be used to help assist with advocates' salaries.

**c. Community and Senior Services of Johnston County**

Community and Senior Services of Johnston County requested \$3,500 which was status quo from last year. Mr. Davis explained the funds would be used for meals and meal delivery.

**d. Ava Gardner Museum**

The Ava Gardner Museum requested \$27,000. Funding in FY 2022-2023 was \$22,000. Executive Director Lynell Seabold explained the Gardner Museum was an integral part of the local economy. The funds received from the Town of Smithfield are used to pay a portion of the museum director salary. The additional requested funds were to help offset the cost of maintenance and repairs.

**e. Triangle East Economic Development Foundation**

Triangle East Chamber of Commerce requested \$1,000. No funding was provided in FY 2022-2023. Executive Director Maureen McGinnis explained the funds would be used for the JOCO Works Program.

**f. Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield**

The Library of Johnston County and Smithfield was requesting \$285,000 Funding for FY 2022-2023 was \$270,000. Library Executive Director Johnnie Pippin provided an overview of the library's operations, its services, its affiliate libraries, and the number of citizens it served. The additional funds would be used for interior and exterior building projects.

**g. Annie D. Jones Child Enrichment Fund**

Town Manager Michael Scott informed the Council that Mrs. McDuffie was not seeking funding as she would be dissolving the nonprofit in the summer.

**h. Smithfield Firefighter's Association**

This was a new request. The Smithfield Firefighter's Association was seeking \$3,600. Tim Johnson addressed the Council on the request. He explained the funds would be used to support Firefighters and allow them to give back to further give back to the community.

**i. Partnership For Children**

This was a new request. The Partnership for Children was seeking \$3,000. Heather Macchia explained funds would be used for the Early Literacy Program. The program helps children at South Smithfield Elementary and West Smithfield Elementary with reading proficiency.

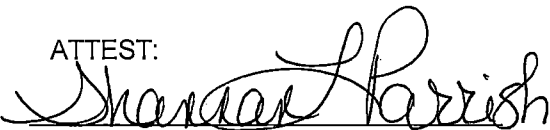
**j. Recovery Alive**

This was a new request. Recovery Alice was seeking \$5,000. Tisha Temple explained the program and further explained the funds would be used for housing items for the Sober Living Recovery Alive Home Grown in grace property.

**Adjourn**

Councilman Barbour made a motion, seconded by Councilman Scott, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Shannan L. Parrish, Town Clerk





M. Andy Moore, Mayor