

The Smithfield Town Council reconvened its April 22, 2021 meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Smithfield Town Hall, Mayor M. Andy Moore presided.

Councilmen Present:

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

Councilmen Absent

Administrative Staff Present

Michael Scott, Town Manager  
Ted Credle, Public Utilities Director  
Shannan Parrish, Town Clerk  
Greg Siler, Finance Director  
Mark Helmer, Senior Planner

**Reconvene: April 26, 2021 Meeting**

Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 6:30 pm

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

**a. Innovation Academy**

The Innovation Academy requested \$2,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$1,000. Principal Kelly Johnson explained the funding would be used for picnic tables.

Councilman Lee expressed his appreciation to Ms. Johnson and the Innovation Academy for all they provide for the East Smithfield Community.

Councilman Barbour questioned the number of students. MS. Johnson responded there were 286 students in grades 6 through 8. He further questioned the number of students that were Smithfield residents. Ms. Johnson responded there were 68 students with Smithfield addresses. She explained that students are heavily recruited from the I-95 corridor.

**b. Neuse Charter School**

Neuse Charter School requested \$1,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$1,000. A representative from Neuse Charter School was not present at the meeting.

**c. Smithfield Middle School**

Smithfield Middle School requested \$1,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$1,000. Councilman Lee stated he was contact by Principal LaShunda Faison explained that she was unable to be present at the meeting.

**d. Smithfield Selma High School**

Smithfield Selma High School requested \$1,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$1,000. Principal David Allen explained the support from the Town will be used to show appreciation to its teachers and staff.

Councilman Wood stated he would like to see the funding amount increased to \$2,000.

Councilman Barbour questioned if the budgeted funds for the Fire Program have been used. Fire Chief John Blanton stated those funds had not been requested. Mr. Allen stated he would follow-up with the director of that program.

**e. South Smithfield Elementary**

South Smithfield Elementary School requested \$2,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$1,000. A representative from South Smithfield Elementary School was not present at the meeting.

**f. Career and Technical Leadership Academy**

The Career and Technical Leadership Academy requested \$1,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$1,000. Principal Sheila Singleton explained the Career and Technical Leadership Academy is the early college on the campus of Johnston Community College. The requested funds were going to be used for diploma covers and a social for graduates.

**g. West Smithfield Elementary**

West Smithfield Elementary School requested \$2,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$2,000. Principal Derrick McNeil explained the requested funds would be used to purchase recess equipment and a teacher luncheon.

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

Town Manager Michael Scott explained the Town has tried to keep the DSDC's funding to \$150,000 which is a total of motor vehicle taxes and the Town's donation. The DSDC was requesting \$63,223.50 while the Town Manager was proposing \$14,251. The Town Manager explained that the Town does not use those funds for approximately five years, after that period, the funds are given to the DSDC.

Executive Director Sarah Edwards explained the DSDC has been an economic development partner to the town for about 35 years. Since 1985, the DSDC has contributed to more than \$50

million in private investments in the downtown area. Ms. Edwards explained the DSDC would like to begin a marketing campaign and provide welcome bags to new homeowners.

Councilman Barbour requested that Ms. Edwards provide a list of events/plans the requested funding would be used.

**i. Harbor, Inc.**

Harbor, Inc. requested \$2,500. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$2,500. Executive Director Kay Johnson explained the requested funds would be used to provide non congregate sheltering.

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

Community and Senior Services of Johnston County requested \$3,500. Funding in FY 2020-2021 was \$3,500. Executive Director Neal Davis expressed his appreciation for the continued support. Mr. Davis explained Community and Senior Services of Johnston County provided services for the aging population.

**k. Ava Gardner Museum**

The Ava Gardner Museum requested \$22,000. Funding in FY 2020-2021 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.

**l. Triangle East Economic Development Foundation**

Triangle East Chamber of Commerce requested \$4,000. No funding was provided in FY 2020-2021 Executive Director Mike Mancuso explained the requested funding would be used for a perpetual care fund for the Lee House (Chamber of Commerce Office) and its grounds.

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

The Library of Johnston County and Smithfield was requesting \$270,000 Funding for FY 2020-2021 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. S

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

Town Manager Michael Scott informed the Council that funding was not requested this year for the Annie D. Jones Child Enrichment Fund.

**o. Smithfield Rescue Mission**

Town Manager Michael Scott informed the Council that staff had not receive an application for funding from the Smithfield Rescue Mission. He included \$3,500 in the budget for this organization, but those funds could be used elsewhere.


**Recess**

Councilman Barbour made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wood, to recess the meeting to Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The meeting recessed at approximately 8:07 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Shannan L. Parrish, Town Clerk



  
M. Andy Moore, Mayor