



Called Meeting
Tuesday September 01, 2026
Town Hall, Great Falls, SC

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Keevi Worthy, Mayor Por Tem Jody Knight, Councilmember Monica Eagle, Councilmember Wytricia Mack, Councilmember Hope Sims, Councilmember Eric Owens, Councilmember David Dutton. A quorum was present.

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Eubanks (Mayor Assistant), Erica Dooley (Clerk Treasurer), and Chief Parker

The public and media were duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting. Mayor Worthy called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30PM, led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1 NEW BUSINESS

a. Sinkhole Behind Buildings on Dearborn Street

Mayor Worthy presented the sinkhole behind the buildings on Dearborn Street. A quote in the amount of \$14,005 was discussed. Councilmember Jody Knight asked if it was supposed to fix the problem or cover the hole. Mayor Keevi Worthy made a motion, and Councilmember David Dutton seconded the motion vote unanimously.

b. Sunset Park

Tarica Dye and Shameka Dye discussed Sunset Park. A request for \$2,500 for a community cookout on September 19 from 12:00 PM until was presented. Mayor Keevi made a motion to provide two porta-john and 2 washing sinks; second by Councilmember Owens.

Washington Street Event

Overview

Discussion centered on community support for park needs and an upcoming public event at Washington Street Park, focusing on funding requests, missing utilities (water and lighting), temporary sanitation and lighting options, grant/budget expectations, and concerns about setting precedents for town-supported events.

Park Infrastructure Needs

Water: There is currently no water service at Washington Street Park; water-dependent solutions cannot be implemented at this time. Lighting: The park lacks lighting and “something has to be done.” Options mentioned included requesting the energy provider to install a light pole and a quoted option for a “light station and a walk-in light.”

Temporary Facilities and Interim Solutions

Sanitation: Providing porta-johns and washing stations was discussed for events. Reliability: A past instance was cited where existing equipment “wasn’t working,” and organizers had to supply their own. Power: Using generators and temporary lighting was proposed; Chief Parker stated he have two generators available. Questions were raised about associated costs and whether the town could cover them.

Event Scope and Access

The event is open to the entire public, not limited to Washington Street residents.

Budget, Grants, and Renaming Discussion

A prior grant was acknowledged and appreciated. It was stated that, “with the new ... CPST tax government,” there may be “\$300,000 dedicated to the park.” Advocacy to prioritize Sunset Park continued; one participant proposed renaming it to “Worthy Park,” citing a “glass ceiling” that was broken.

Policy and Precedent Concerns

Providing town-funded utilities or equipment for a specific organization or event could set a precedent for other parks without infrastructure, prompting similar requests.

Next Steps / Action Items

Coordinate with Jessica to address immediate event needs and feasibility. Evaluate temporary lighting via generators or portable light towers; verify availability and costs. Engage the utility to explore installing a light pole and review existing quotes. Arrange for porta-johns and washing stations if practicable. Ensure event communications clearly state it is open to the entire public. Monitor the anticipated \$300,000 allocation and plan for permanent water and lighting improvements when funds become available.

Adjournment

Mayor Worthy made a motion to adjourn and second by Councilmember Dutton.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Dooley

