

MAYOR
Mike Patterson

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S.L. Ford

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Shane Childers, MBA



BLACKSBURG
SOUTH CAROLINA

TOWN COUNCIL

Scott Byars
Darren Janesky
Brian White

TOWN CLERK

Debby Mullinax

Blacksburg Town Council Meeting
October 14, 2025
Minutes 1327

PRESENT: Councilman SL Ford, Councilman Scott Byars, Councilman Brian White and presiding over the meeting Mayor Mike Patterson. Councilman Darren Janesky was absent.

STAFF: Administrator Shane Childers, Clerk Debby Mullinax, Chief Brian Mullinax, and Zoning and Planning Chairwoman Nina Cobb.

MEDIA: Scott Powell representing the Gaffney Ledger.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION:

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order. He asked Councilman Ford to give the invocation.

II. MINUTES:

Councilman Ford made a motion to accept Minutes 1326 as written without any deletions or corrections; Councilman Byars seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. BILLS:

The bills totaling \$146,174.91 were for information only, no action was taken.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Administrator Childers asked Council to give each employee a one Christmas bonus of \$1000.00. He said that the bonus would be paid out of the money received from the FEMA payment. Mayor Patterson made a motion to give the bonus to the employees. Councilman Ford seconded the motion; all were in favor.
2. Councilman Ford made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 25003 Amending the Business License of the Town of Blacksburg to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. Councilman Byars seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. Administrator Childers gave an update on the request for proposal to grade and construct a Meeting Reference 1328

town parking lot. Administrator told Council that the site meeting would be Wednesday, October 22, 2025, and the bids would be due the next week. This was for information only. No action was taken.

4. Administrator Childers told Council that the sales on GovDeals property/Equipment sales brought in \$56322.99, which was more than was expected. This was for information only. No action was taken.

5. Administrator Childers asked Council to name the Annual Christmas Parade Grand Marshal. No action was taken; this was tabled until the November Council Meeting.

6. Administrator Childers told Council everything was ready for the Food Truck and Treat Event held on October 31, 2025.

7. Administrator Childers informed Council that the November Council meeting will fall on Veterans Day, and said we would move the meeting to Monday, November 10. For information only. No action was taken.

V. ADMINISRTATOR'S UPDATE:

1. The Town Administrator continues working with DHEC and the State Revolving Fund, along with the Town Engineering on the initial phase of the \$1,500,000 Principal Forgiveness Grant that was awarded to address upgrades to the Cherokee St water line and the installation of separate booster pumps. Surveying has been completed at this time. The schedule of construction has been submitted, and construction bids were opened on August 28th and awarded.
2. The Town of Blacksburg has been awarded funding through the SCDOT TAP Grants to begin a portion of the Town's Streetscape Project on the south side of W. Cherokee Street between Shelby Street and Rutherford Street in the amount of \$700,510 which also includes 15% of the required 20% in matching funds.
3. The Town Administration is working with the Appalachian Council of Governments to submit (2) additional grants (CDBG and ARC) in the coming months for a separate phase of the Town's Streetscape project. The Community Development Block Grant application was submitted by September 15th requesting approximately \$940,000 in funding for a portion of the N. Shelby Street phase of the Streetscape Masterplan.
4. The Town has begun working with the approved engineer on the awarded \$250,000 grant with no required matching funds by the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority to complete a comprehensive System Assessment Plan for the Town's water system.
5. The Town worked in conjunction with Summit Engineering Group to submit a Rural Infrastructure Authority grant application requesting funding for a 10-inch water line to be installed on Quarry Rd to assist with economic development opportunities and pressure issues in the Northeast section of the Town's water system.
6. Administrator Childers is a member of Duke Energy's Regional Advisory Board and attended the September 16th meeting to discuss possible rate increases, vegetation management, and other topics.
7. Administrator Childers attended the Municipal Association of South Carolina's legislative update on September 24th dealing with municipal related legislative that is ongoing or possibly upcoming in the next legislative session.
8. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
9. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 381 calls for service in September of 2025.
10. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 66 calls for service in September of 2025.
11. The Town has completed the sixth Period of FY26. The Town has spent approximately 47.76% of the FY26 budget of \$3,457,165.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman White made a motion to enter executive session for Administration-SC Code 30-4-7(a)(1) Personnel (Police Department); Administration SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2) Legal Advice. Councilman Ford seconded the motion; all were in favor.

VII. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Councilman White made a motion to enter regular session. Councilman Byars seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Police Personnel was for information only. No action was taken.

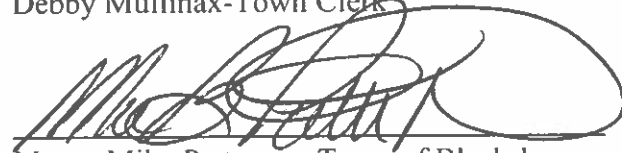
Legal Advice was for information only. No action was taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Councilman Ford made a motion to adjourn. Councilman White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Time of Adjournment 7:55pm.

Debby Mullinax-Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Patterson', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Mike Patterson, Town of Blacksburg