TOWN OF HEMINGWAY

MINUTES OF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019

HEMINGWAY TOWN HALL AT 9:30 A.M.

**Present:**  George Sutton-Mayor Pro-Tem, Keith Baxley, Jimmy Chinnes, John Coker, Charlie Carter, Joseph Lee-Town Administrator, Samantha Lewis-Town Clerk, Ken Laster-Public Works Director, Dianne Owens-The News ABSENT: Mayor Grady Richardson and Doug Joy

The Kingstree News and the Florence Morning News were notified about the meeting.

**Called Council Meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m.**

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**IT and Furniture Bids:** Mr. Lee told council that there were a lot of things that we didn’t foresee. A couple of things are the lines for the computers, setting up the IT room next door. Our IT guy gave an outline to move and run the new lines. We took that outline and send it out to others. We got one bid and the others were not interested. Our IT bided $12524 and Rusco bided $25947. Mr. Lee stated that we need to go ahead with what we have. We went through the bidding process and couldn’t obtain three bids. Mr. Sutton stated asked if we are going to have to cover this or do is this covered through the contract. Mr. Baxley stated that it is an add-on. Mr. Carter stated that we can’t make people bid. Mr. Laster stated that it is good to go with our IT person because he is familiar with it. Mr. Lee stated that there are things that we can do later such as the cameras can be cut back, etc. Mr. Carter stated that we need to do it as a package deal. Mr. Lee stated that we have a price for the furniture. It is on state contract so we don’t have to have bids. The bid is for $16083. The construction cost started at $450,000 minus 5% contractor cost from county. This leaves around $427,500. Right now we have the cost of the project at $571,000. This includes all the change orders for the rerunning of the pipe, architect fees, etc. We are about $150,000 over budget before these two items are approved. We are trying to get other sources of funding but haven’t secured them yet. Mr. Lee stated that he thinks we will still be alright and there will be other stuff later. The sign and lettering for the Town Hall is not added and will need to be done. Mr. Lee is asking council for two bids to be accepted today for $28-29,000. The furniture will take from 3 to 4 weeks to get it here. The construction next door is going pretty fast now. The studs are up and the receptacles are in place. Mr. Baxley stated that we can stop spending money now an stay like we are or spend more money and have it done right the first time. Mr. Sutton said that if we wait 5 years to do the other things that the cost will be higher. Mr. Baxley stated that we need to go ahead an do it. Mr. Sutton asked if there were any more discussions or questions on the matter. Mr. Chinnes made the motion to accept the two bids for the IT of $12500 and furniture for $16083 and it was seconded by Mr. Baxley and it carried unanimously.

No other business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Sincerely

Samantha Lewis

Town Clerk