

**CHAPIN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

February 17, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, Chapin Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor Bill Mitchell, Council Member Warren Burritt, Mayor Pro Tem Ainslee Bost, Council Member Mike Clonts

Members Absent: Council Member Vicky Shealy

Call to Order: Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mayor Mitchell then determined that there was a quorum and acknowledged the appropriate notifications in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Public Hearings

Presentation: Ordinance amending Chapter 2: Administration and Chapter 13; Police of the Chapin Town Code, through adoption of amendments to §§2.408, 2.701, 2.801, and 13.101 giving the Town Mayor Authority to Appoint and Terminate the Director of Finance, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Chief of Police.

Speakers:

Liesha Huffstetler: A former reporter and town politics participant, she expressed support for restoring strong mayor-council governance based on her observations from past town meetings.

John Campbell: Emphasized the importance of decisive leadership, arguing against a committee-based decision-making process.

Erin Wessinger: Expressed her concerns regarding the proposed ordinance giving the mayor extensive authority over town governance.

Lill Mood: Expressed concern that the ordinance does not spell out basic standards for human resource management or include requirements for a council-approved personnel procedure.

With no other speakers, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12.

COUNCIL APPROVED: _____ 3/17/2026 _____

ATTEST:

Susan Mills

Susan Mills, Municipal Town Clerk