

Pageland

Newsletter and

2022 Review

1/9/2023

Greetings from the Town of Pageland,

We hope you had a great holiday season and are off to a good start in the New Year. We have many wonderful things to share that were accomplished in 2022.

The Christmas Lights looked great this year, and we appreciate the work that Public Works put into making it happen. Also, Downtown was fun and festive as many people enjoyed the Christmas Spectacular and Parade that was put on by the Pageland Chamber of Commerce and the Christmas Elves of Pageland. The Town appreciates the efforts of everyone who helped make Christmas in Pageland a special time for all to enjoy.

We have listed some items that the Town has been able to accomplish in 2022.

- Sandhills Medical leased the old Town Hall and have been making renovations since that lease.
- Received \$25,000 for the airport from the American Rescue Plan.
- Recreation Department received 1 vehicle in January 2022.
- The Police Department received 4 vehicles in 2022.
- Credit/Debit Card Readers were installed at Town Hall.
- We received an accommodations grant for \$12,500 based on the 2021 cost of the Watermelon Festival.
- We received an accommodations grant for \$7,125 for the 2022 cost of the Watermelon Festival.
- Lights were installed at Moore's Park and the alley connecting to McGregor St.
- The Football Field at Conbraco Park was repaired and extended with a total cost of \$23,820.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant construction project was completed.
- A grant was awarded for a generator for the Community Center. The federal grant was for 75% of the cost and equaled \$95,858.25.
- In 2022, we hired a new Clerk/Treasurer and a Public Works Director.
- New flag poles were installed at Town Hall.
- The Beautification Committee became active again and have met several times in 2022.
- The Police Department received a \$20,000 grant to purchase a drone and safety equipment.
- The Town received a \$1,000,000 grant in which CCRWC is a sub-recipient. This is for the purchase of a water tower.
- The Town received an \$18,000 grant from PARD for Moore's Park.

- The Pageland Airport received a federal grant of \$322,216 and a state grant of \$17,901 for the terminal apron constructed beside the FBO.
- The Town received funds to construct the lift station at KA Manufacturing. The RIA awarded a \$201,000 grant. Chesterfield County awarded a \$25,000 grant from Economic Development for this lift station.
- Hydrants were installed in Amberly II for a total of 5 hydrants located in Amberly II.
- Thanks to volunteers, the Chamber of Commerce, and industries, work was done to revamp the picnic shelter at Conbraco Park.
- Council approved working with Tischler Bise to create an impact study for Pageland. The draft study was presented at the January 3 council meeting.
- The Town annexed approximately 200 acres on the north end of town that is slated to be homes and retail locations.
- Additional homes have been annexed in Amberly II. There are currently only 2 Amberly II homes that are not in town limits.
- Town was awarded an \$891,201 grant for the SRF project for repairing sewer lines downtown.
- Town commissioned Studio Main to create a Parks and Rec Master Plan for the Town, which was presented to Council in the December 2022 regular Council Meeting.
- Town replaced HVAC systems at the following locations in 2022: Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce Office, Old Town Hall, and Airport FBO.
- The Police Department received a \$5,000 grant for body cameras.
- Town employees have begun cleaning out the future Farmer's Market location.
- Datamax has helped recover \$37,451 in Business License Fees not previously collected before joining with them.
- Council annexed KA Manufacturing.
- Pageland Fire received a \$29,987.98 V-Safe Grant, a \$10,000 ARP grant from Chesterfield County, a \$5,000 grant from State Recovery funds, and \$2,097.51 from the SC Forestry Commission.
- Town adopted the Baily Bill. This allows for property owners within the 100 block East and West McGregor Street, and 100 block of North and South Pearl to renovate their building and the taxable base to remain the same for up to 10 years post renovation.
- Town was able to make approximately \$5,000 on the sale of surplus equipment.
- Council approved additional ordinances regarding subdivisions regarding roads, sidewalks, and lighting.
- Council approved purchasing approximately \$12,000 in Christmas Decorations.
- Through a combination of private donors, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Pageland, the clock on W. McGregor St. was repaired.
- The Town received a \$4,500 grant through Walmart, of which the Chamber of Commerce was a sub-recipient. It was used for the purchase of a projector for Movies on McGregor events.

The sum of all 2022 grants totaled \$2,692,384.

We hope you have a Happy New Year, and look forward to bringing more good things to the Town of Pageland.