

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**June 18, 2019**

Council Attendance: Councilmen: Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins and Robert Martin.

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Cpl. Corey Jones, Police Department and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Council Absence: Mayor Derek Underwood.

Administrative Absence: Ed West, Utility Director.

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Councilman Allen Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins presented the Minutes from May 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from May 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Eric Lemoine addressed Council with his concern on the temporary water line in Williamswood and asked when it would be completed. Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins stated he saw the guys getting some measurements for pipe. Discussion followed.

Councilman Mike Hawkins recognized Councilman Chad Hawkins son Ben Hawkins on receiving his Eagle Scout Award.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**First Reading 2019-2020 Budget:**

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins stated the total General Fund revenues are \$602,500. He stated the total Utility Fund revenues are \$ 2,253,400; with the total Operating Budget for The Town of Prosperity at \$2,855,900. He stated the total Operating Budget Percentage change will be 2.60 percent and the total millage will be 41.0 mills. He stated there would be a three percent electric increase based on rate adjustments from utility vendors and no pole light increase. He stated it would be no increase on the sewer but it would be a fifteen percent increase on water due to the Town losing all production of water from the wells. He stated we purchased all water used from Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority and they had an increase of five percent this year. He stated the budget proposes no cost of living adjustment for employees and the Town has reviewed and adjusted pay band rates by reducing headcount allowing for merit increase up to five percent depending on evaluated job performance. He stated proposed projects to be funded during the 2019-2020 budget year as follows:

New electric line on Long and Dewalt Street- in progress funded partially from 2018-2019 budget.

McNeary /Washington water project to replace aged/worn out water line- in progress partially funded from 2018-2019 budget.

Shiloh Street water line project.

Solid Waste Management Plan (DHEC Mandate) continued from 2018-2019 budget.

Recreation project- (CPST and PARD Grant with match).

Town Square project (partially funded by Grant).

Economic Development-Downtown Property clean up.

Utility Equipment –Dump truck.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the first reading on the 2019-2020 budget; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman and so approved unanimously.

**Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2019-2020 Budget and Public Hearing:**

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins stated June 25, 2019 at 7pm would be the Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2019-2020 Budget. He stated we would have an Executive Session at 6pm for the interviews for the Police Chief candidates.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:** Councilman Mike Hawkins stated there were a few electrical outages but were not out too long.

**Public Safety and Streets:** Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins had nothing to report.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated the regular baseball season was over and they are practicing for All-Star games. Mrs. Livingston stated National Night Out would be August 6<sup>th</sup> and summer baseball registration ended June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Department:** Corporal Jones reported the numbers for the month. He stated the National Night Out would be August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. He stated Officer Selestino has coordinated a fundraiser at Roma's on August 8<sup>th</sup> and will have some guest speakers there and an auction to raise money for the Police Department.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West was absent from the meeting.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston stated we have had some electrical outages due to the wind and squirrels. She stated we have a new hire in the utility department and this will make a full staff for a couple of weeks until Mr. West goes out for surgery the first week in July. She stated Stanley Dominick is out this week at the SCAMPS Conference. Councilman Gallman asked about shooting squirrels and Corporal Jones told him he would need a permit to shoot them through the Police Department.

**Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee:** There was no one from the Business Association at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Square Revitalization Update:** Mrs. Livingston stated Mayor Underwood is working on the 501C certification. She stated we are looking at some dates to have a kickoff fundraiser for this project.

**Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project:** Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins asked if we could add Williamswood to this update on next month's agenda.

**Review Tax Map Parcels to include in Rezone:** Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins stated our zoning needs to be consistent through town and we need to all be in agreement with whatever we decide. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro-tem stated we would put on the agenda for next week's meeting.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro-tem stated National Night Out would be August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

(Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in executive session.)

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins stated they discussed a Contractual matter in the Electrical Department and there was nothing that requires a vote at this time.

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:54p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer