

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**August 20, 2019**

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

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Utility Director and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Underwood called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Reverend Rosette Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from July 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes from July 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

There was no one signed up to speak in open session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recognition of the 2019 Division 1 State Champions of Academics:**

Mayor Underwood asked Councilman Chad Hawkins to assist with distributing the certificates and recognizing each student and teacher on the Academic team for their accomplishment. Mayor Underwood stated this Academic team had placed third in the Nationals and this is a great accomplishment. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated this is

the second year in a row they have placed in the State Competition and also recognized Sam Hawkins, Nicole Curtis and Ellis Chafer too on this Academic team.

**Tap Grant Resolution:**

Mrs. Livingston asked if we could table until next meeting. She stated they needed to make changes to the budget and did not get the support letter from the DOT.

**Safety Issues Regarding Eureka, Colony and Dallas Streets:**

Mrs. Linda Spotts thanked Chief Palmore and Corporal Jones for checking on her after her accident at Dallas and Eureka Street. She addressed Council about the issue with Eureka, Colony and Dallas Streets having no road markings and wanted to see what could be done about it. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he would check with Newberry County on this and report back next month. He suggested talking with the property owners on cutting some trees to help the situation too.

**Memo of Understanding/NEC Power Purchase Agreement:**

Mayor Underwood stated the NEC Power Purchase Agreement is to allow NEC to purchase the power through Duke. He stated we will still get our power through Duke and the transmission billing will be through Duke. He stated we have had good discussions in executive session and it is a very good purchase agreement. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he is hoping the response time on power outages will be improved. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we are still buying our power through Duke but if the main substation from Duke goes down like it did with the last storm it will still take that long to come back up. He stated if it is an isolated case like last month they will be able to provide that mutual aid to improve the response time on the outage. He stated this agreement is adding to the buying power and we have spent a lot of hours in the past year and a half and did not take this decision lightly.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the Memo of Understanding; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman; and so approved unanimously.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the NEC Power Purchase Agreement; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman; and so approved unanimously.

**Hometown Economic Development Grant Resolution:** Mrs. Livingston stated this Grant is offered through the Municipal Association with a maximum of \$25,000 and a five percent match up to \$1250.00.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept a Resolution committing to a \$1250.00 match for a Hometown Economic Development Grant if approved; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman; and so approved unanimously.

**Mayor Appointment of Vision 2020 Board Members:** Mayor Underwood stated the following board members will be appointed for the Vision 2020 Committee:

Andy Hawkins – for her passion and heart of this town.

Carter Lake- new business in town and raw energy.

Glenn Hamm III- over Rescue and Fire Department and his interest always in Prosperity.

Terrance Gallman- he has written a book and is involved with four different communities.

Mike Bedenbaugh- his ability to look at grants and his historical knowledge.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:** Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he would report back on Eureka Street next month.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin asked Mrs. Senn for an update with dilapidated buildings. She stated she was passed along to someone else last week but they forwarded her the name and email of that person so that helps with a direct contact. Discussion followed. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked about meeting with Jeff Shacker first and get ideas and suggestions on moving forward.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated it was a good baseball season and soccer registration deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated football teams are practicing this week. Mrs. Livingston stated the fence installer would be coming the first week in September to replace all the fences that were damaged during the storm from July.

**Police Department:** Chief Palmore was excused from the meeting due to his drop in after his swearing in for the Chief position.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated they installed a new fire hydrant at the Police Department. He stated they were doing more flushing now with us purchasing all of our water through Newberry County. He stated they were looking for a water operator. He stated we were faced with a lot of debris from the storms and Mrs. Livingston called in a contractor to pick up debris for us. He stated we average 35-40 stops with 6-10 tons of debris and the contractor had 250 stops with 41 tons of debris. He stated they lost their seasonal help and the grass is still growing a lot. Mayor Underwood thanked Mr. West

for his hard work but sometimes the small things get shoved to the side and we just need to communicate better.

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

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston stated the mobile food pantry is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 at the picnic shelter.

**Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee:** Mrs. Kimberly Kitchens stated the PBA filed their tax accommodation with Newberry County. She stated they talked about using the tent for vendors at the Shopper's Walk in case of bad weather. She stated they are sponsoring the Casino table for the Gala on October 5<sup>th</sup> and they give \$100 donation for candy for Spooktacular.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Annexation Ordinance-Crystal Lynn Howard and Frances C. Howard Tax Map Number 517-44 to include 150, 152, and 156 Forest Hills Blvd.:**

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Annexation Ordinance Tax Map Number 517-44 to include 150, 152 and 156 Forest Hills Blvd.; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**Town Square Revitalization Update:** Mrs. Livingston stated we are planning a kickoff fundraiser event, Vision 2020 Gala at the Depot on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Update on Washington Street and Williamswood Drive Water System Improvements Project:** Mr. West stated there is no update at this time.

**Club 180 Children's Feeding Center-Request for Accommodations:** Mayor Underwood stated he researched Club 180 and they make an impact in the Community. Discussion followed.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to give Club 180 permission to use the room behind the stage for a eight week trial period to be revisited in four weeks; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**Teen Task Force Center-Request for Accommodations:** Mrs. Livingston suggested a request for more information. Discussion followed.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

There were no General Comments. Mr. West stated he was asked to be a speaker at the National AWWA Water Quality Conference in Florida for June 2020.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:19p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer