

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 18, 2020

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; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief; Ed West, Utility Director and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from January 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if we could change the Motion last month on the reappointment of the Municipal Judge to recuse Councilman Martin from the vote.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to reaffirm the reappointment of Barry Koon as the Municipal Judge; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, with a four to zero vote with Councilman Martin recusing his vote.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the minutes from January 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

There was no one to speak in open session.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Presentation of the Bennie Bennett African American Community Leadership Award:

Mayor Underwood stated to honor Mr. Bennie Bennett we have recognized an outstanding African American in our Community with the Bennie Bennett African American Community Leadership Award and this year we presented Mary Harmon Kinard with this award.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Washington Street and Williamswood Water System Improvements Projects:

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the weather has not been cooperating with this project but we need to leave on the agenda at least another month.

Prosperity's Hoppin' Schedule of Events Planning:

Mrs. Livingston stated we needed some help with our 5-K run. She stated we are bringing back the Juried Art show and will have the Elementary Art Show. Mayor Underwood brought up the flag contest and would like to unveil our Prosperity flag at Hoppin'. Mrs. Livingston stated we would have fair food vendors and there would be a band for the afternoon and a band for Hoppin' after hours. She stated the Chief had contacted the National Guard about the kid zone but had not heard back from them. She stated we are going to have a frog hunt with the metal James Sizemore frogs painted in red, white and blue using clues of the history of Prosperity to find the frogs to bring to the tent for a prize and they will be gifted to the Town from Steven Reed with SC Made It.

Prosperity Business Association:

There was no one to speak from the Business Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barry Heffner Presentation for Use of Civic Center by 4-H Sharpshooter Club:

Barry Heffner introduced himself to Council and expressed his interest in using the Civic Center for the 4-H Sharpshooter Club. Discussion followed. Council decided on moving forward as long as they get all the paperwork needed.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move line item G in Executive Session to discuss donation of property; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Underwood stated they discussed a donation of property and there was nothing that required a vote at this time.

Schedule Budget Workshop:

Council and Administration scheduled the budget workshop for March 10th at 5PM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he wanted us to look at the crosswalk again and look at some prices on LED lights to go on the sign and LED post your speed signs. He stated they have signs that collect data and are solar ran and would like to discuss during the budget process. He stated the crosswalk at Wightman had been approved by DOT. Discussion followed.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated he was invited to an Economic Development meeting this morning. He stated he would try to set up a workshop for them to talk to the Town, Prosperity Business Association and the Vision 2020 Committee.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman had nothing to report.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported on the cases for the month of January. He stated the department had some training classes. He attended a grant workshop with the Department of Public Safety. He participated in the Martin Luther King parade with Councilman Gallman. He attended the YPD, Young People Division discussion concerning youth violence and gun violence and what they were implementing in Newberry County. His department participated in career day at Prosperity Rikard. He stated Main Street, Brown Street and Pine Street would be closed on February 21st due to maintenance on the railroad. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he happened to be at a

Community meeting in Newberry that the Chief was attending concerning what the children are doing after school. Discussion followed. Chief Palmore stated they purchased a 2020 Dodge Durango with Grant money. Councilman Mike Hawkins expressed his concern with the Cayce incident and how they asked for other agencies to help so quickly and he wanted us to keep that in mind with our situations; not hesitate on asking for help from other agencies.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated they had rented a machine to do some boring for service lines and new construction. He stated with the rain we are seeing more trees falling down. He stated there are two busted fire hydrants at the end of Forest Hills Boulevard and Wessinger Drive that we reported but don't know who hit them. He stated the scoreboard at the Pony Field is up. He stated GIS mapping is slow due to the weather. He stated we had a sanitary sewer overflow at the easement area before the lift station on Forest Hills Boulevard. He stated they followed the procedures and reported to DHEC. He stated he would like to pursue some money in that area where we got the SRF funds to abandon the lagoon but we have a lot of age on these lines and we need to get some doors open to rehabilitate our lines. Discussion followed. Council stated we could look at in phases and asked Mr. West to come up with a plan.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated her report would be covered in executive session.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated her report would be covered in executive session.

Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee: There was no one to speak at the meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the MASC Model Business License Ordinance:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the second reading of an Ordinance to adopt the MASC model Business License Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin; and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no general comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Underwood stated in executive session the following will be discussed:

- A. Discussion of a contractual matter pertaining to utility meter reading.
- B. Discussion of a contractual matter related to Power Transmission-NEC
- C. Discussion of a contractual matter related to Pole Rental-Comcast & ATT&T
- D. Discussion of appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- E. Discussion of 4-H Sharpshooters Club use of Civic Center.
- F. Discussion of demolition contract for Kibler Street Café'
- G. Donation of Property.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Mike Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Underwood stated we need to contact our nominees on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to hire the Attorney Greg Fender to move forward with the pole agreement with Comcast; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:49p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer