

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
July 16, 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; Cpl. Corey Jones, Police Department and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Administrative Absence: Ed West, Utility Director.

Mayor Underwood 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 Underwood presented the Minutes from June 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and June 25, 2019 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the minutes from June 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and June 25, 2019 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to add under Old Business an update on Williamswood water system; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Tiffany Gibson owner of Frog Level South thanked Council for supporting their business and stated she would be closing due to the owner selling the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newberry Museum –Peggie West and Meg Muir:

Mrs. Peggy West and Mrs. Meg Muir gave Council an update on the Museum and hoped they would be open by Mid October.

Club 180 Children’s Feeding Center-Xavier Baez:

Xavier Baez introduced himself to Council and explained his after school feeding program for children ages 5-18. He stated he would love to partner with Prosperity and he needed a place Monday through Friday from 3-5pm. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood asked if he would call Mrs. Livingston to give more details of the program the first of next week.

Teen Task Force Center-McKeva Kinard-Shelton:

McKeva Kinard-Shelton introduced herself to Council and stated her mission is to help at risk kids ages 13-17 which would be referred to the organization through the schools. This would be an 8-12 week program for kids to go through before sending them to DJJ and holding them accountable for their actions. She stated she would need a place between the hours of 4-6pm daily. Discussion followed. Mrs. Senn suggested to have both organizations bring their bylaws and proof of liability insurance to the office.

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 Mayor Underwood to accept the Annexation Ordinance Tax Map Number 517-44 to include 150, 152 and 156 Forest Hills Blvd; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the pole on McNeary Street was hit on July 4th and the power was out for twelve hours. He stated if they would have pulled the guy wire first, the pole would not have been leaning so bad but the guys did a great job to get the power back on.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins had nothing to report.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated there have been lots of people in town. He stated for us to keep moving forward and grow Prosperity.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman expressed his concern of the use of the Civic Center making sure the park and buildings will be able to be used by other people. Discussion followed.

Police Department: Corporal Jones stated the National Night Out would be August 6th from 5-8pm in the softball field. He stated the Police Department was having an auction fundraiser on August 9th at 5:30 at Roma's. Councilman Gallman thanked Corporal Jones for coming back on duty for a funeral.

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

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated her report would be covered in Executive Session.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated we met with the Prosperity Business Association and Councilman Mike Hawkins suggested we host a meeting to address vacant and dilapidated buildings with outside input on what town is doing. Councilman Mike Hawkins suggested to meet with Jeff Shacker in a workshop meeting with Council. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated she had a meeting with Wee Care in Chapin on July 10th about a mobile food pantry they are wanting to provide once or twice a month at our shelter in the park. She stated it was a very productive meeting and there were other agencies there too. She stated DSS is wanting a mutual aid agreement to use our Civic Center in the event of a disaster if something happens to their building.

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 we are planning a kickoff fundraiser event, Vision 2020 Gala at the Depot on October 5th. Discussion followed.

Update on Washington Street and Williamswood Drive Water System Improvements Project: Mrs. Livingston stated she received an email this morning that Washington Street and Williamswood Drive permits have been received and we just need to get with Mr. West on a good start date to complete these projects.

Review Tax Map Parcels to include in Rezone from R-7 to R-10: Mrs. Livingston stated we need to look at the list and the maps to make sure what properties to include. She stated our next step we have to go before the County board to give our intent and we will have to have a public hearing and two readings after their recommendation. She stated the Planning Commission meets the same day as our Council meeting. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to proceed with the highlighted properties on the sheet to send to the Planning Commission for recommendation; seconded by Councilman Mike Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no General Comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman 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 Underwood stated they discussed a Contractual matter in the Electrical Department.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins that we received from Newberry Electric Cooperative the agreement and MOU in the final form and will take a vote and action in the next Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer