

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 15, 2019

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

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

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 December 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and January 8, 2019 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and January 8, 2019 Special Called 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:

True to Brew-Dawn Catalano: Mary Rowe introduced herself to Council as the Program Development Director of Palmetto Conservation. She talked about the Palmetto Trail and the run coming up on March 30, 2019. She stated she would love the Town to promote and support and they needed sponsorships and volunteers for March 30th.

2019 Goals: Mayor Underwood stated the 2019 Goals as the following:

- 1) Square project completion December 2019
 - a. Meeting Place

- b. Festival location
 - c. Small Town gathering spot
 - d. ADA Compliant
 - e. Relaxing swings and benches
 - f. Compliment downtown residences (apartments)
 - g. Beautification with fragrant plants and blooming trees
- 2) Main Street Paving (CTC)
 - 3) Final policy and action for property violators, poor planning and failure to fulfill commitments to TOP
 - 4) Rezoning of areas in need
 - 5) Accountability and timelines for projects set and adhered to by staff
 - 6) Electrical Provider plan
 - 7) Parks: enhance Wheeler Street, add reading park (town hall), repair fencing
 - 8) Signage into town
 - 9) Police presence and enforcement: Prosperity is NOT a welcoming place for criminals, drug dealers and abusers.
 - 10) 2020 Vision Plan

Appointment of Standing Council Committees: Mayor Underwood stated the Appointment of Standing Committees are as follows:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation	Councilman Mike Hawkins
Public Safety and Streets	Councilman Chad Hawkins
Economic Development, Buildings and Properties	Councilman Robert Martin
Parks, Recreation and Events	Councilman Allen Gallman

Capital Project Campaign: Mayor Underwood stated he covered in 2019 Goals and would like to get permission from Council to get a trifold pamphlet to give out for this Capital Campaign.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Chief is updating the mutual aid agreements between the City of Newberry, County of Newberry and the Town of Whitmire and asking Chapin since they are so close to us. He stated he is going through the rules and regulations on no through truck signs. He contacted AT&T to see about fiber optics and the engineers are working on but they did not have a date on completion. He stated the Fire Department is in need of volunteers. He invited everyone out for the Mark Bowers run on March 30th the Prosperity Fire Department is sponsoring. Mrs. Livingston stated she had went to the CTC meeting this afternoon and the Main Street paving has been let with a start date in the spring.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated we needed to look at the sidewalk that is cracked in front of the Muriel and see about making more space to drive through.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated registration forms are available for Dixie baseball, softball and all spring sports.

Police Department: Chief Evans stated the mutual aid agreements should be back to him by the end of February and voted on by March 1st. He stated we would be able to maintain 24 hour coverage as long as there is proper staffing. He stated they have updated the way they process evidence. He stated they may change the court date to eliminate overtime. He stated there would be no more rewriting tickets to help with flaws in paperwork. He stated they are giving call numbers for each call for service so they can track what they are doing.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated they had completed the work with the sidewalk Contractor. Discussion followed. He stated they have had a lot of erosion to deal with from all the rain. He stated he is waiting on a fence quote for the retention pond at the ballfield. He stated the weather is holding us up on some projects in the parks. He stated we are having a lot of electrical issues on Dominick Street and we are going to change out in phases so that it will be a minimum on power outages. He stated it is time to do maintenance with our substation in the spring or fall to check fuses and re-closures with Duke. He stated he is waiting on parts for the clock.

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

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated we have mailed the Business License with the new codes and rates. She stated we have added parking signs in downtown and the rest of her report would be covered in Executive Session.

Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee: Keli Fowler stated she had not gone to the last meeting but asked about the Hoppin' festival since the Business Association is in partnership with the Town. Mrs. Livingston stated she would get together with the Business Association on Hoppin'.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Square Revitalization Update: Mayor Underwood stated the Capital Campaign project was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mrs. Livingston stated we still do not have a written estimate on the project. Discussion followed.

Main Street Paving: Mayor Underwood stated we discussed this earlier in the meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked the Scouts for coming to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, 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 and there was nothing to be brought up at this time for a vote.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer