

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 16, 2018

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; David Beddingfield, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

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

OPEN SESSION:

Laura Kneece introduced herself to Council and talked about concerns of communication from the town with the boiled water advisories. She advised Council that there is a free service with Nixle that would help to communicate with our Citizens. Mrs. Livingston stated we communicate through 911 communication, the Sheriff's Department Nixle account, WKDK, Facebook and our website. Mrs. Kneece shared her concern of speeding in the town. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from December 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and January 2, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting for approval. Councilman Mike Hawkins requested two corrections in the December 19, 2017 Council minutes. He stated in Open Session it needed to be corrected to fifty one counties and municipalities in South Carolina and on page three he wanted it stated he was the opposed vote on the first reading of the Clean Air Ordinance.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from December 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting with corrections and January 2, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Mike Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of Town Employees:

Mayor Underwood stated we would move this to next meeting due to all the water breaks this month.

Prosperity's Hoppin' Schedule:

Mayor Underwood stated the Hoppin' schedule would report with the Committee report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated Mr. West and his crew have caught it with all these water breaks. He stated we have been fortunate that it was not freezing rain. He noticed the recycling carts have been put back too close to the road.

Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he did not have a report from Fire and Rescue this month. He stated the Police Department have been extremely busy and been on the news with a few cases. He thanked the Chief for handling the situations well. He stated AOS Contractor would begin work this week. He hoped the contractor would go to the business owners and talk with them and let them know what is going on with the project and what to expect. Mrs. Livingston stated the contractor had been to the businesses last Friday to discuss the project. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the drugstore had put up a new billboard to be proactive for the sidewalk project.

Public Works, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated we are moving forward with letters to address issues on buildings that are a nuisance. Discussion followed.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated the lights and poles have been taken down and the recreation project has started. Mrs. Livingston stated we are postponing Hoppin' and looking to do a sidewalk dedication once the project is complete. She stated it could be like a Shopper's Walk in July or August with a band in the square. She stated the timeline is pushing for the sidewalks to be completed in May and it takes a lot of time to plan and a lot of money to advertise this event. She stated she would put an ad in the paper. Mr. Kyle Kneece asked about the dog park he and his wife brought up to Council a few months back. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood asked them if they would come up with a plan with a donation source and we would look at the proposal to see if it is something we could do.

Police Department: Chief Beddingfield briefed Council on the calls for the month and stated it has been extremely busy. He stated the toy drive was a great success and thanked

the Prosperity Business Association and Rescue Squad for their assistance. He stated the department had their pre-audit for the 1033 program and their body camera audit. He stated we will continue to address speeding throughout town. He stated he would like to send Mrs. Senn the proposed copy of the new policy manual for her to review to have for the training audit coming up. He stated the schedule was based on the statistical analysis on call volume and when we needed the most coverage and the best coverage. He stated he was open to suggestions with the schedule. He shared counterfeit money with the Council and his concerns on the businesses in town accepting this money. Councilman Gallman asked the Chief if they would write some tickets for vehicles not stopping at the crosswalk. Discussion followed.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated he was encouraged with input from our Citizens. He stated we had seven large water breaks during this cold weather and forty five plus homes that froze up. He stated we were quite busy, it was time consuming and very stressful on our crew. He thanked his crew for their hard work and dedication to this town and thanked the Rescue Squad for lane closure and providing lighting. He thanked the Police department on managing detours and traffic control. He stated there were strains on the system but our electrical held very well. He stated they plan on getting road repairs paved and this weather has pushed us back on yard debris because one piece of equipment has been tied up with water breaks. He thanked the staff, Council and Citizens that came out during this time. Mayor Underwood thanked Mr. West and his crew for their hard work.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated the Civic Center porch project would start on January 22nd weather permitting. She stated the deadline for Legislative Action day would be January 23rd. She stated the County is on a two hour delay tomorrow and we would be doing the same. She stated the Governmental Association meeting would be held January 29th at 6:30 in Whitmire. Mrs. Livingston thanked Mr. West and his crew for everything they do for the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Clean Air Ordinance: Mayor Underwood stated Dr. Lovelace is proud of the town and very supportive of the Clean Air Ordinance. He contributed a \$250 cash donation to help with the preliminary signs and is very excited about offering assistance to quit smoking. Mayor Underwood stated we would have a brochure to pass out to the businesses and we would pass out a sign to the businesses for their front door. Councilman Mike Hawkins expressed his opinion on grandfathering in the few people that smoked in their business and he stated if they could step out their back door of their business. He stated their best argument of this ordinance were the employees that are trapped with second hand smoke. He asked how the ordinance would be enforced. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to accept the second reading of the Clean Air Ordinance with the effective date February 1, 2018; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, with Councilman Mike Hawkins opposing the vote.

2nd Reading of Sanitation Collection Fee Ordinance: Mayor Underwood stated there were no changes on this Ordinance.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept the second reading of the Sanitation Collection Fee Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

One Way Traffic in Town Square: Mayor Underwood stated we would move forward with the sidewalk project and change to Town Square Revitalization for next month. He stated we would have someone to draw it to scale and have more parking with the end result.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated they had a pre-construction meeting last Thursday and they will start at the Dixie Youth fields with the parking. She stated the lighting has been ordered today and their timeline for this project is to be completed by May 30th. She stated the registration for baseball is January 15th through February 15th; with practice starting February 28th.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: There was nothing to report.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked Mr. West and the Utility crew for their hard work and dedication. Mayor Underwood stated Brigman Contractors offered their help during all the water breaks in town. Mr. West stated two local contractors offered their assistance during these water breaks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:16p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer