

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**November 19, 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. Chief Palmore introduced Officer Clyde Bowman as our Chaplin for the Prosperity Police Department and asked him to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from October 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from October 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Meg Muir with the Newberry County Museum wanted to let Council know they would be getting an invitation to the dedication of the Museum on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 and the ribbon cutting would be open to the public on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Muir introduced Sheridan Murray, the Director of the Newberry County Museum to Council. Mrs. Murray stated they were still looking for more Prosperity items.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Swearing in of Officer George Simmons:**

Chief Palmore asked Officer Simmons to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Officer Simmons recited the Oath as his wife Nicole held the Bible.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance to Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code:**

Mrs. Livingston stated we already have the International Property Maintenance Code in place we just need a text amendment change and asked to move to the next meeting.

**Discussion of 2019 Changes to the Model Business License Ordinance:**

Mrs. Livingston stated the Model Ordinance has been updated for the 2019 year and she highlighted the areas that had been changed and sent to Council for review. She stated we would have first reading for next month.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

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

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he had talked with the Fire and Rescue Chief and they had nothing to report. He stated he has received some calls on the safety of the crosswalk on Main Street again and would be looking into that. Mrs. Livingston stated Chief Vaughn invited us to come to the Fire Department Christmas dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 at the Fire Department. Mayor Underwood congratulated Councilman Chad Hawkins and Councilman Robert Martin on their re-election.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated the Shopper's Walk would be coming up December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8 and the Christmas parade on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3. He stated Mr. Edd Wicker has accepted to be our Grand Marshal for our 2019 Christmas Parade.

**Police Department:** Corporal Jones stated Chief Palmore is speaking at the Rotary Club meeting tonight. Corporal Jones reported the cases for the month. He stated he attended training this month at SLED and he would be point of contact for SLED. He stated they have an operations plan for the Christmas parade; barricades at every intersection this year and after the parade waiting ten minutes to open back up these intersections to give time for people to clear out of areas. He stated the Chief had attended the Chief's conference last week and went well. Corporal Jones stated he would be graduating from College on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated he attended the water conference the last week in October and they talked a lot about federal mandates. He stated there have been a lot of positive comments on the soccer season. He stated they are putting up Christmas decorations. He stated January will start the new term with reporting for DHEC with sanitation.

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

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston stated Town offices would be closed November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. She stated we would be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and asked Council if we could work a half day on December 24<sup>th</sup> and close for half day paid holiday.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to close a half day paid holiday on December 24<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin and so approved unanimously.

Mrs. Livingston stated we are changing our hours starting December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30-4:30 Monday through Friday until the time change in March. Mayor Underwood stated this would put us more in line with our Utility Department hours. She stated Coastal Strokes would be opening soon and Mike Bedenbaugh is opening an Antique Dealer in the old Bowers and Floyd building. She stated Prosperity Drug is having a new and gently used shoe drive. She stated the We Care mobile food bank would be back at the shelter on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2. Mrs. Livingston stated Mrs. Robbiette Hazel expressed her gratitude for serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission but that she would be bringing her letter of resignation effective immediately due to health reasons. Mayor Underwood asked the Council to come up with a list to look at for the next meeting for these committees.

**Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee:** There was no report.

**Vision 2020 Committee:** Mayor Underwood talked with Glenn Hamm and Carter Lake and they are engaging in the planning and have talked with the Architect on this project.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on Washington Street and Williamswood Drive Water System Improvements Project:** Mrs. Livingston stated we are wanting to start this project tomorrow but have not heard back from the paving Contractor. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood asked about the parking lot behind the Blend. Mr. West stated we are waiting to get more dirt hauled in. Mayor Underwood asked Mr. West to check with Glenn Hamm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 201908 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of The**

**Town of Prosperity, South Carolina, Amending Title XV (“Land Usage”), Chapter 153(“Zoning”), To Add Section 153.082-Corridor Overlay District:**

A **MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 201908 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Prosperity, South Carolina, Amending Title XV (“Land Usage”), Chapter 153 (“Zoning”), to Add Section 153.082-Corridor Overlay District; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman and so approved unanimously.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Underwood stated our Holiday Dinner would be November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Depot.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:44p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer