

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
November 20, 2018

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; Lt. Harry Bodiford, 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 October 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and November 8, 2018 Special Called Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes from October 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and November 8, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

There was no one signed up to speak in open session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of Taylor Family for donation of Property: Councilman Mike Hawkins introduced Tommy and Timothy Taylor as the owners of the property at the corner of Brown Street and Shiloh Street and thanked them for their donation of the property to The Town of Prosperity. He stated his opinion is higher than the Tax Assessor's Office and one day this property will be used for something. Councilman Mike Hawkins thanked the both of them a stated their parents would be pleased. Councilman Hawkins shared some interesting history on this location. Mayor Underwood stated their donation was very much appreciated and whenever we decide on any movement of the soil we will recognize and honor their family.

Newberry County Museum-Peggie West: Peggie West President of the Newberry County Museum introduced herself to Council. She stated the building would be completed by the end of February and opened in the early summer. She introduced Meg who is working on the Museum Committee and also works for WKDK and stated they are wanting us to provide some names and numbers of individuals that they could contact for the history of Prosperity.

Introduction of Police Chief Donald Evans: Mayor Underwood introduced Don Evans to Council. He stated the Town, Administration and the Officers will be pleased with Chief Evans. He stated we have a good group of officers and Lieutenant Bodiford did an outstanding job as Interim Chief and hopes everyone will grow together to make the Police Department even better. Chief Evans appreciated Council and Mrs. Livingston giving him this opportunity and he stated it is a very good community to raise kids in. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked the Chief if he would be moving to Prosperity. Chief Evans stated eventually he would definitely try to get down here. He stated he lived about thirty miles from here. Mayor Underwood stated he was looking forward to good things from Chief Evans.

Tracy Bouknight-Zoning in Reference to Animals Kept: Mayor Underwood introduced Tracy Bouknight to Council. Tracy Bouknight explained her current situation with her dogs and what she is doing to rehome and asked what we could do to help her with her situation. Mayor Underwood stated a neighbor had filed a formal complaint with our Police Department so we have to address the issue and this is the reason we have ordinances in place. Discussion followed. Councilman Mike Hawkins suggested asking the complainant if he would withdraw the complaint from the Police Department. Mayor Underwood stated he would check with the person to see if that could be an option and that Mrs. Bouknight would be meeting with Lieutenant Bodiford on December 3.

1st Reading of Parking Ordinance Text Amendment: Mayor Underwood stated they had discussed this Parking Ordinance Text Amendment at length with the Prosperity Business Association.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if we are going to enforce this Ordinance before the vote. Mayor Underwood stated it would be enforced. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept 1st Reading of the Parking Ordinance Text Amendment; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Set Date for Special Called Meeting for Swearing in of Police Chief: Mayor Underwood discussed with Council and decided to have the swearing in of the Police Chief on December 3, 2018 at 8AM in Council Chambers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he, the Mayor, and Chief Vaughn had a meeting to ask if they could cut the time down that the siren sounded. Chief Vaughn stated he would get back in touch with us once he took the information to the County.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated the store fronts are being filled.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman thanked everyone for a successful Spooktacular in the square. He stated the Shopper's Walk and the Christmas parade were coming up in a couple of weeks. Mrs. Livingston stated the deadline for the Christmas parade entries would be November 27th. She stated Mrs. Drucie Counts is our Grand Marshal in honor of her 100th Birthday. She stated the Santa coupons for the Depot would be honored at Dixie Heartpine on Shopper's Walk night. Mayor Underwood stated we would recognize the 2018 Mid-Carolina Varsity Cheerleaders who won the State Championship in our parade.

Police Department: Lieutenant Bodiford briefed Council on the calls for the month.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated a pole had been hit on South Main Street. He stated he had attended the Water Operator's conference a few weeks ago. He stated there is pipe behind the substation for a project on redirecting a water line and an electrical box burned up in the square and some Christmas lights and the clock were on this circuit.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated we have completed the purchase of the Davey Smith property. She stated she would file the Taylor deed tomorrow and would be attending the annual MASC education class on December 7th.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated her report would be discussed in old business and executive session.

Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee: Mayor Underwood stated there is no representation from the Prosperity Business Association Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Square Revitalization Update: Mayor Underwood stated we would have numbers for naming rights to present at the next meeting.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mr. West stated he had met with the Contractor on phase II of this project. He stated the DOT had

approved the encroachment permit but we are waiting on preliminary ok from DHEC on the water side.

Main Street Paving: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we are waiting on the Hwy Commission to approve project to be added to another project.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if the sidewalk could be cut off and not put it all back together where the truck hit the sidewalk. Mr. West stated there is a four feet square on the monitoring well at this location. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, 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 8:48p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer