

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
November 21, 2017

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:

Mr. Donald Eaves shared with Council his opinion to not support the no smoking ordinance within the Town of Prosperity. He stated he did not mind the Town supporting the no smoking ordinance for all the Town's properties but he thinks government should stay out of personal businesses within the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from October 3, 2017 Special Called Meeting and October 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes from October 3, 2017 Special Called Meeting and October 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of 2017 Dixie Angels District 4 Champions and Ballfield Sign Dedication:

Mayor Underwood asked Coach Millstead and CJ Edwards to come forward. Coach Millstead thanked the girls for working so hard, achieving their goals this season and congratulated them on their first District Championship. CJ Edward thanked the girls for their dedication to softball and congratulated them on their first District Championship. Mayor Underwood and Council presented each player on the Dixie Angels Softball team with a certificate and presented the team with a banner on their District Championship.

Review of MASC Model Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated this ordinance would be to protect our Citizens as a whole. Mayor Underwood read through some examples from second hand smoke. He stated this ordinance is to implement no smoking in public places within the Town and to protect our Citizens. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated we would get our current ordinance cleaned up and have a Public Hearing in December with first reading and second reading to follow in January.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical & Economic Development: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he attended the Duke Energy Wholesale Forum last week. He stated they are open more to solar panels now and they are working on a battery to charge electric cars.

Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the downtown sidewalk project bid has been let and everyone should have a letter in their packet. He stated the pre-construction meeting with the Contractor would be the first part of December. He stated there is a contractual matter in sanitation to be discussed in Executive session.

Public Works, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Allen Gallman congratulated the Dixie Angels Softball team on their District Championship. He stated our Shopper's Walk and tree lighting would be December 2 at 5:30 and the parade would be December 3rd at 3.

Police Department: Chief Beddingfield briefed Council on the calls for the month and he stated Spooktacular was a huge success with no accidents to report.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated Christmas decorations are going up slowly. He stated his department is shorthanded due to the water operator leaving. He stated they are working on end of year reporting for water and sewer. He stated he had attended the water conference the end of October and it was great networking.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn encouraged the Boy Scouts to work towards their Eagle Scout Award because it looks good on your College Application or a resume for a new job. She stated there was a delay on the confidentiality agreement but that has been worked out.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated her report would be covered in Executive Session. She invited everyone to the Christmas parade. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he would like the Boy Scouts to help put out the luminaries the night of Shopper's Walk.

OLD BUSINESS:

One Way Traffic in Town Square: Mayor Underwood stated we had a meeting on October 3rd to discuss. He stated he would email a picture of the sign design to Council.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated the bids would be open on November 29th.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mr. West stated we have approvals on phase I of the project. He stated all taps have been transferred on the new main water line except for the two homes on McNeary Street. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about the leak on Shiloh. Mr. West stated he had been in contact with the DOT and still working on this project.

2nd Reading of Ordinance Providing for the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections to Newberry County:

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept 2nd reading of Ordinance providing for the transfer of authority for conducting Municipal Elections to Newberry County; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood wished everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. He stated November 7th was the election and Councilman Mike Hawkins, Councilman Allen Gallman and himself were unopposed and would be starting their term in January 2018. He stated the Shopper's Walk and tree lighting would be December 2nd at 5:30pm. Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked the Boy Scouts for coming out to the meeting.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- a. Contractual-Sanitation
Electrical**
 - b. Personnel Issue- Employee Benefits**
 - c. Business License Enforcement Issue**

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins 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 Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Underwood stated there was nothing to be brought before Council for a vote.

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Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 9:15p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer