

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
July 28, 2020

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

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

Council Absence: Councilman Allen Gallman.

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He asked Councilman Martin to recite The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from June 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and June 30, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes as presented from June 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and June 30, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to add E under new business for Resolution regarding face mask; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Eric Lemoine thanked Council for considering him for Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals but did not feel he wanted to take on the position at this time. He also asked why the Peak to Prosperity trail was not completed. Mayor Underwood stated the railroad did not abandon the Prosperity rail line.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Williamswood Water System Improvements Projects:

Mr. West stated there is no update.

Prosperity Business Association No meeting COVID 19:

Mrs. Livingston spoke with Kimberly Kitchens about Shopper's Walk and Spooktacular. She stated it is time to start planning for the Christmas parade. We talked about a drive thru Spooktacular at the Grace Street parking lot.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated there is no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals:

Mayor Underwood stated Mrs. Ann Peters called him concerning our Census numbers and the importance of getting a commissioner to represent Prosperity on the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Discussion followed.

Mayor Underwood and Council appointed the following on the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Ms. Deborah Cook
- Mrs. Catherine Eldridge
- Mrs. Renee Joiner
- Mr. Pete Mclain
- Mr. Terry Murphy

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept these appointments on the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Air Conditioner Repair/Replacement in Civic Center:

Mrs. Livingston stated we have two large units that keep the the stage area cooled and one compressor needs a full replacement. She stated to replace the one unit it would be in the \$12,000 to \$15,000 range. Discussion followed.

Maintenance of Town Parks:

Mayor Underwood stated the maintenance of our parks expectations are keeping the grass cut, keeping the fire ants out, keeping the weeds out of the sand and play areas and keeping the basketball and tennis courts clean. He stated he wanted the parks maintained over the right of ways. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if we could at least cut the ditches and right of ways coming into town before Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. Discussion followed.

Work Order Tracking System:

Mayor Underwood expressed his concern with our work order tracking system. Mrs. Livingston stated our customers are listed by address in our billing system and would not be a problem to pull a report on work orders that have been established on a location. Discussion followed.

Resolution Regarding Face Mask:

Mayor Underwood stated he looked at the CDC website and model ordinances that are simple and to the point; encouraging people to wear a mask. Mayor Underwood read the Resolution to Council. Discussion followed.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept the Resolution as amended; seconded by Councilman Mike Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins expressed his sympathy for Councilman Gallman's family and asked Council to keep Mrs. Nancy Vaughn's family in prayer. He stated we are still having safety issues and driver's not of age with golf carts. Discussion followed. Mayor and Council asked the Chief to look at State laws and guidelines for State and County roads.

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

Parks, Recreation & Events: Mrs. Livingston stated the baseball season ended July 23rd. She stated no other events are planned at this time.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He attended an Executive Management class at the SCCJA and a FOIA officer training class with the Police Chief Association. He stated the Police Department helped with selling raffle

tickets at the July 4th Fireworks celebration. He stated they had assisted with delivering meals for Chapin We Care. He stated we have had several complaints with people hanging around places of business asking for money. He stated he would check on the guidelines with the golf carts on the roads.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated we have replaced two poles that were hit at Church Street and the Trailer Park. He stated our electrical is holding well but have had some issues with the lift stations due to the heat. He stated there was a water leak on Brown Street and we have been doing some flushing over the weekend to help with the water sampling. He stated DHEC would be here in the next week for the sanitary survey and we would be doing some routine samples. He stated we had to shift some of our workload to work on some sewer repairs on lines that are deep in the Langford Street, Lang Wise and Williamswood areas while the weather is dry. He stated it is time for end of fiscal year reporting and we will be meeting with DHEC in the next few weeks to be more proactive.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated she went out to GIS and Assessor's office to pull the plat and the sidewalk is not owned by the Bedenbaugh's. Mrs. Livingston stated the paved road is above the sidewalk and the storm drain is working perfectly according to Jeremy Knight with the DOT. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood would like us to look back in historical information and have Mrs. Senn to look through some documents on ownership of property before making any decisions.

Mrs. Senn spoke with Mr. Bufkin about the Bedenbaugh building to check back with Mrs. Bedenbaugh about donating the building to the town because it looks like the County will be donating the property to us when they meet again in September.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated they had picked up the flat files from Mrs. Dial. She stated she would send a thank you letter from the Council and we appreciated this generous donation.

Mrs. Livingston stated we may need to look at our sign ordinance with this sign on Main Street. She stated we could do a text amendment to our ordinance under prohibited signs. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated whatever we decide to do it needs to apply for flags and signs. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gate Way Signage:

Mrs. Livingston stated the sign is going to look fabulous and she is sending the picture to Council.

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no general comments.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 6:58p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer