

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**November 17, 2020**

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins (remote) and Robert Martin (remote).

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Utility Director; Corey Jones, Corporal and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney (remote).

Administrative Absence: Wesley Palmore, Police Chief.

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order. He asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from October 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to approve the minutes as presented from October 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

There was no one signed up to speak in open session. Mayor Underwood stated Mr. Glenn Hamm is in the audience to represent the Business Association.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Williamswood Water System Improvements Projects:**

Mr. West stated we have a resident that has issues with drainage at his driveway in the location where we need to fix our water main line. He stated they are going to coordinate with County Maintenance to fix this area at the same time.

**Prosperity Business Association:**

Mrs. Livingston stated the Prosperity Business Association has cancelled the Shopper's Walk but will have an Open Town Event December 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>. She stated most of the merchants would be open until 8pm December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> would be open from 1pm until 5pm. She stated the tree lighting and prayer service would be at 5:30pm December 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated Santa would not be at Dixie Heartpine this year. She stated we would like to ask the Grand Marshal and his family to light the Christmas tree.

**Vision 2020 Committee:**

Mayor Underwood stated the downtown square project has been on hold since Covid but we will make it happen once we can get out in person to ask for donations for this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity adopted April 10, 1999, So as to amend the Zoning Map acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established, codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone a real estate parcel totaling point six hundredths (0.06) acres designated as TMS parcel No. 462-1-6-41 from Core Commercial (CC) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC):**

Mayor Underwood stated this property is part of historic zone for Prosperity which is Core Commercial and asked if we needed to rezone this property for what he wants. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood suggested a meeting with the property owner to discuss. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he applied for this back in April but due to Covid it was delayed. Mayor Underwood stated we would postpone until next month to gather more information from the property owner. Mrs. Senn suggested to bring the Planning and Zoning staff into the discussion too.

**Tree Lighting Event:**

Mayor Underwood stated he had been contacted by the Connelly family to reconsider having the parade. He stated the Parade Committee had cancelled the parade and asked Council if anything had changed since the last meeting to keep the parade cancelled. Council agreed to leave the vote to cancel the parade because it is in the best interest of our town citizens not to have the parade. Mayor Underwood stated we would recognize the Prosperity Christmas Grand Marshal and recognize him as the Open Town Ambassador for the month of December.

**Drainage on Main Street:**

Mayor Underwood stated we met with Jeremy Knight with the DOT on the drainage issue at the State Farm building. He stated we have three different videos to show the DOT that the drain is not working. He stated we have to get a property owners hold harmless clause to the DOT and it brought back up to proper repairs before the Town would claim it, to be able to receive CTC funds to correct this sidewalk. Discussion followed.

Mayor Underwood stated he drafted a memo to Mr. West concerning the issues with drainage on Main Street and asked that the Utility Department check the drains and clean out if needed every Friday so we would be prepared for heavy rains.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

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

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated all good on Public Safety and streets were discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked Councilman Martin about the business going into the old Antique building. Councilman Martin stated it is under new ownership and hopefully he will be open at Christmas. Mrs. Livingston stated we have a new business Two Chicks Picking and Prosperity Antiques in the same building next to State Farm. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated The Blend has been closed and remodeling their building too.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated we had a great season and looking forward to 2021. He stated the Christmas parade has been cancelled.

**Police Department:** Corporal Jones reported the cases for the month. He stated we have four new designs for patrol cars and would be making a decision by next week. He stated the Police Department has assisted Chapin We Care with the distribution of their food. He stated the department has assisted with the blood mobile and the Covid mobile testing. He stated the Chief has completed Chief class at SCCJA this week and the department has been through some radar training this month. He stated we are addressing some issues with loud noise coming from vehicles on Main Street and problems with four wheelers speeding on Langford Street.

Mayor Underwood announced that Chief Palmore has been elected to the SC Police Chief's Association Executive Board as the Midland Region Representative.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated we are having problems with 18 wheelers hitting poles on Langford, McNeary and South Main Street. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood suggested sending Google Maps complaints on these issues. He stated the substation is scheduled for maintenance the end of the week. He stated the trees at Town Hall have been removed. He stated there have been water leaks at Forest Hills Boulevard and Shealy Drive due to the temperature changes. He stated our mapping project is going well. He stated the tree and decorations would be going up next week.

Mayor Underwood stated we had a sewer leak under a business this week that caused some issues with other buildings. Mr. West checked our main sewer line and it was clear. It was a plumbing issue with the building.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn stated Abraham Surveying is receiving direction from the County Attorney where the lines will be drawn and will be delivering plat to zoning next week and then they will deliver to me so I can get the property description on the deed for the County to sign.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston stated we have been in negotiations with Comcast for the past several months about our agreement for pole rental. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated she would like to meet with Councilman Mike Hawkins and Councilman Chad Hawkins to go over what Greg Fender has sent, to bring before Council in Executive Session for next month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Park Maintenance:**

Mayor Underwood stated we have done a lot of work to get our parks looking good but we have to have a maintenance level to keep them nice and inviting to the Citizens.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Underwood stated we are hoping for good changes in 2021 to help us as a town, state and nation. He stated we are all Americans and we need to come together and pray for the betterment of our people. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:12p.m.

**Michelle Bundrick** Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer