

MINUTES
July 18, 2006
Town Council Meeting
7:00 PM
Prosperity, SC 29127

Council Attendance: Mayor Larry Spotts, Councilmen: G.W. Dawkins
Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, & Derek Underwood

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Clerk Treasurer; Sgt. Scott
Wilson, Acting Police Chief; Fred Sexton, Utility
Director; Hank Bufkin, Attorney.

Mayor Spotts called the regular meeting to order. He then recognized Chief Sease who is on leave following surgery. Mayor Spotts welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Councilman Gallman opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Spotts made note that item a. 04-05 Audit Results on the Agenda would be deleted however a special called meeting may be in order for later in the month.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Spotts recognized Daniel Hare to speak. Mr. Hare made a proposal for recreation football (attached). Mr. Hare asked Council if he could host a football camp for the Prosperity Youth. Council took all items as information and will review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there is one set of minutes that need to be approved. He presented the minutes from the June 20, 2006 meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting as written; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Spotts announced the need for an early executive session to discuss a legal, matter and police personnel matter.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to go into Executive Session; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Spotts stated that no decisions were made during Executive Session on either subject.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Electrical, Fire Dept., Parade Comm. & Rescue Squad: Councilman Underwood informed the council that several line items in the electrical budget were in the red, however, Most line items balance for the year. Mr. Underwood called on Mr. Sexton to talk about the power outages needed for Duke Power. Mr. Sexton stated that there would be two power outages early on Sunday mornings for an upgrade to be done on the substation located on McNeary Street. Mr. Underwood asked for an update on the infrared scanning. Mr. Sexton said that it would be complete hopefully by the next meeting.

No report from the fire department or parade committee. The rescue squad was inadvertently charged for their utilities in July and will be reimbursed. The Town was to start paying utilities for the rescue squad beginning in July 06.

Ms. Spence thanked that council for providing a place to store and decorate the float from year to year.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings Departments: Councilman Dawkins stated that 30 new dumpsters had been purchased for trash pickup. Mr. Hawkins is checking on a different adhesive product to attach the tiles on the sidewalks. Mr. Hawkins also stated that a stop sign on the Grace Street split is covered by a crepe myrtle branch. Mr. Hawkins has requested that the sign be moved to the island or that the limb(s) be trimmed. Mr. Hawkins also asked that a stoplight be put at the drive(s) at the new Piggly Wiggly. He has been asked by several citizens to bring this up to Council and he has talked with Matthew Shealy with the DOT to conduct a study of the traffic and make recommendations as to what should be done. Councilman Underwood asked that the DOT take a look at extending the sensor pad at Bowers BP or putting the light on a timer where it will blink after a certain hour. Councilman Hawkins will ask his contact at the DOT to take a look at this light also. Councilman Underwood also mentioned the crooked pole on top of the building. Mayor Spotts asked that if Sease Tree Service is working in town that they are asked to straighten the pole.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Gallman stated that there was an issue with air in the water at the Langford Street well. Mr. Sexton has had the water turned off for a few days for the well to catch up and it should be turned back on before weeks end. Hank Bufkin stated that as a result of Councilman Gallman's tour of homes in needed repair, he has drafted letters and will distribute after the council meeting. We have had 18 new service applications for the month of June.

Police Department: Officer Wilson stated that there were 109 calls for the month of June. Fifty-nine (59) were reportable calls with tickets issued. Hank Bufkin complimented the police department on the excellent job they do in our Town.

Recreation & Parks: Councilman Hawkins stated that all three M-C All Star teams have advanced to tournament play and thanked Paul Gable for the articles on each team. The soccer camp was successful with 8 participants. Councilman Hawkins noted that there might be some AAU ball teams using our fields for practice. Mr. Bufkin asked if we have a field policy for other leagues using our fields. Ms. Livingston stated that we do have a policy in place.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton asked that the Town consider purchasing a transformer to have a spare on hand in case of an emergency. Mayor Spotts asked that council take this as information and add to the agenda for next month. Mr. Sexton has requested a pickup truck be purchased for the utility department. Councilman Hawkins has researched the state contract providers and we can purchase a 2006 for \$14,000 which is just a few thousand dollars more than the used one from state surplus. Mayor Spotts asked that the purchase of a utility vehicle be put on the agenda for August.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin distributed a legal opinion in reference to Spotts Tractor Company doing business with the Town (attached).

Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Livingston stated that all Prosperity's Hoppin' information was loaded on the website using new software that was purchased to convert documents from word to PDF. The Consumer Confidence Water Report was printed and distributed to all customers with the June Billing and Posted in-house and at the Library. Ms. Livingston also stated that the Prosperity's Hoppin' Pageant would be held in the completed Civic Center on August 12. The 2005-2006 audit will be started in early September.

Councilman Hawkins thanked Ms. Livingston and Ms. Manning for their hard work on the Hoppin' Festival. Mayor Spotts stated that next Treasurer Report would reflect all new, correct account information adding the new accounts from the approved budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Dead Trees: After discussion it was decided to table any decision at this time and to remove this item from the agenda until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Livingston read the ordinance to amend chapter 52 Electrical System - Section 07 Security Lights. (Attached)

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to accept first reading of an ordinance to amend chapter 52 Electrical System – Section 07 Security Lights; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

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Karen Livingston read the ordinance to amend Chapter 33 Elections - Section 03 Election Results. This ordinance is being updated to remove excess language as it relates to run-off elections.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to accept first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 33 – Elections – Section 03 Election Results; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Council reviewed landscape bids presented by Karen Livingston. After discussion;

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood to accept Tidy Turf Landscaping bid; Seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

New Business item (e.) was tabled until August Agenda.

Councilman Hawkins introduced an idea for a Community Parks Committee to have input on care and upgrade of our park and recreation facilities. This committee will also look at raising money for projects and bringing ideas before Council as a group. Councilman Hawkins has contacted some of the people to sit on the committee however, he would like until next council meeting to contact the remaining members and bring the entire project to Council at that time.

Mayor Spotts took this as information and will have this item added to the Agenda for August.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Mayor and Town Council will be attending the Municipal Association Annual Meeting at Hilton Head on July 26 – 30.

Mayor Spotts, Fred Sexton, and Karen Livingston will be attending the SCAMPS meeting in Clemson on July 19 and 20, hosted by Duke Power.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:57; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston/Clerk Treasurer