

MINUTES
August 15, 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, Sabrina Manning.

Mayor Spotts called the regular meeting to order. Mayor Spotts welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Councilman Gallman opened the meeting with prayer.

OPEN SESSION

There was no one signed up to speak in open session, therefore, Mayor Spotts asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

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

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

Mayor Spotts announced that two legal matters were discussed during executive session and no decisions were made on either issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there is one set of minutes that need to be approved. He presented the minutes from the July 18, 2006 meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2006 meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Electrical, Fire Dept., Parade Comm. & Rescue Squad: Councilman Underwood stated that the Old Town Hall had been demolished and construction on the new fire station should start soon. Mayor Spotts added that he had talked to Jack Grimes, Project Manager with Carter, Globel and Lee, and if all goes well the fire station should be complete by March or April of 2007. Councilman Underwood had nothing to report on

the parade committee or the electrical committee. Mr. Bufkin asked about power surges in Town this past week. Mr. Fred Sexton stated that Duke Power would cause some power surges to occur while they are working on their substation. Mr. Sexton stated that there would be two power outages early on Saturday, August 26 and again on Sunday, August 27 to complete an upgrade to the substation located on McNearly Street.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings Departments: Councilman Dawkins stated that he had asked Mr. Hawkins to research an adhesive that would work on our tile on Main Street. Mr. Hawkins has found an adhesive and has passed on the information to Karen Livingston for review and possible purchase. Mr. Hawkins stated that a traffic study is in progress at Bowers BP and the new Piggly Wiggly to determine the need for new traffic light installation and/or timed blinking lights. Mr. Dawkins recommended that the curbs be painted downtown. Karen is to get with the SCDOT to get the paint and notify Fred when the paint is here. Mr. Dawkins noted that the new ant killer is working good and thanked Fred for the job he and his crew do. Mr. Dawkins asked when Tidy Turf was going to start landscaping the Town. Karen Livingston stated that they would start in August. Mr. Dawkins asked about the trash pickup at Piggly Wiggly. Fred reported that we pick up trash as well as a private service. Mr. Sexton asked Council if the Piggly Wiggly shopping center was a garbage customer the Town wanted to pursue. The Council agreed the Town Utility Department should pursue the garbage business at Piggly Wiggly and other businesses in the shopping center.

Councilman Gallman reported that a citizen complained today about damage to his car by the concrete stop in the parking spaces across from Dian's Stable Steakhouse. Mr. Sexton was asked to determine if these stops are the standard height or higher. Councilman Underwood stated that business signs are being put up high on the poles throughout Town. After discussion it was decided that a list would be generated and the Utility Department would use the necessary means to remove the signage as it is not in compliance with the Town Ordinance. Officer Wilson will look into possibly sending a police letter if these companies persist.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Gallman stated that there were two leaks, a six inch line leak on Forest Hill and a two inch line leak on McFall Drive, on record for the month of July. Councilman Gallman noted a complaint from a citizen concerning trash and abandoned cars on Shealy Drive as well as a large pile of trash left behind by a contractor who cleared the lot. Karen and Hank will draft a letter to send to owners who are in violation of Town Ordinance regarding health and safety. The letter will become a standard letter that could be sent to anyone in violation.

Mr. Gallman asked to be excused from the meeting due to a prior engagement. There being no further questions for Councilman Gallman, Mayor Spotts granted him permission to leave.

Police Department: Officer Wilson shared some comments from visiting officers who attended interview and interrogation training at the Town Center facilities. Officer Wilson stated that for the month of July there were 10 warrants served, 34 moving and

nonmoving violations, 1 domestic violence case went before Grand Jury and went to General Sessions Court, 92 calls for service and 2 commercial burglary calls solved with warrants being issued for four-three of the four have been served. Officer Wilson presented to Council an ordinance from Chapin, SC prohibiting DRIVING ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY TO MAKE TURNS. This ordinance was taken for information and will be discussed for possible adoption into our ordinances.

Mayor Spotts updated Council on Chief Sease's prognosis. Chief Sease will be out of work for at least two more months.

Recreation & Parks: Councilman Hawkins stated that he had reviewed the information provided by Mr. Hare and compiled a spreadsheet to inform Council of cost of activation a football league. (Attached).

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins not to pursue a contact football league; seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved by quorum. NOTE: Councilman Gallman was excused.

The Town's indoor basketball court is not available for public use at this time.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton has no report at this time.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin distributed a draft of the letter to run down building owners.

Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Livingston has no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A special called meeting will be held Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 6:30 pm to discuss the 04-05 Audit Results with the representative of McGregor and Company, LLP.

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood to accept second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 52 Electrical System – Section 07 Security Lights; Seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved by quorum.

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

Establishing outdoor park hours was discussed, however at this time it was decided to add to agenda for next month

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to table setting park hours until next month; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved by quorum.

Councilman Hawkins recommended six people to appoint to the Community Parks Committee: Wayne Bannister, Kathy Kearse, John Pugh, Mason Taylor, Nancy Vaughn, and Jackie Wise.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to appoint: Wayne Bannister, Kathy Kearse, John Pugh, Mason Taylor, Nancy Vaughn, and Jackie Wise on the Community Parks Committee; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved by quorum.

Mrs. Livingston will notify the six members in writing of their appointment.

Mayor Spotts asked that the Utility Vehicle be taken for information.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Spotts brought up the trash on the side of the road and asked that we come up with a plan to help keep Prosperity roadside clean. Officer Wilson suggested using the 1-877-77LITTER. After discussion, Councilman Underwood asked Council to work with Officer Wilson to gather information and present a recommendation to Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Spotts asked that a date be set for the third quarter Town Talk. After discussion, September 12, 2006 at 6pm was set.

Mayor Spotts stated that additional streetlights were needed around town. Fred is going to get some prices. Councilman Hawkins is going to research the number needed in Williamswood and work with Fred to see how many are really needed throughout the town. Additional streetlights was taken for information and is to be added to agenda for September.

After discussion of the proper procedure to institute the Debt Set-off, Mayor Spotts called for a motion to update our ordinance to make our policies compliant with the program.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to accept the first reading of Debt Set-Off Ordinance Chapter 50 Section 15; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved by quorum.

Mayor Spotts thanked John David Dawkins and the Newberry County Council for helping Prosperity Fire Department get the funding they needed to build the station that they wanted.

Mayor Spotts invited everyone to the Hoppin' Festival and voiced his thanks to Ms. Livingston for her work.

Prosperity has the fourth cheapest electric rates in the SCAMPS group.

The Family Dollar Store will open Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 9am.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:08; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved by quorum.

Karen L. Livingston/Clerk Treasurer