

MINUTES
November 21, 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;
Hank Bufkin, Attorney; Sabrina Manning;
Benji Sease, Chief of Police; Scott Wilson; Craig
Nelson; Jonathan Silcox

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There are three sets of minutes to be approved. Mayor Spotts asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2006 meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Spotts asked for a motion to approve the October 30, 2006 Special Called Meeting minutes.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2006 meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Spotts asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2006 Special Called Meeting minutes.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2006 meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

No one signed up to speak in open session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Electrical, Fire Dept., Parade Comm. & Rescue Squad: Councilman Underwood stated that the electrical department budget is as expected, Professional Services are a little high all other items are in line. Councilman Underwood asked Mr. Sexton if limb

clearing had started and was told not at this time however after the parade limb clearing would start. For the Fire Department, the Council participated in ground breaking earlier today and Councilman Underwood reflected on the renovation of the Old School to become the Town Center and open up the door for the fire department to build their new building on the property vacated. Councilman Underwood stated that it was invigorating to see something that this Council has accomplished for its citizens. The Town Council has been invited to attend the Fire Department Christmas Party the second Tuesday of December at Stable Steakhouse. The Parade Committee met Monday, November 20; so far there are 70 applications in hand and more coming in every day. The float looks great and Councilman Underwood recognized the members of the parade committee: Sabrina Manning, Catherine Eldridge, Thaddeus Davenport, Margaret Glasgow, Kimberly Boyd, Linda Spence, Glenn Hamm II, Officers Scott Wilson and Jon Silcox. Having nothing specific to report from the Rescue Squad at this time, Mr. Underwood closed his report.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings Departments: Councilman Dawkins stated that the tile replacement project would be finished by weeks end. Mayor Spotts discussed the broken light in front of the Napa Store with Mr. Sexton and Mr. Sexton is going to get the light looked at see what will be involved in fixing the light. Councilman Underwood asked for updates on the sidewalk streetscape and was told that the DOT Grant money would not be available until 2008. However, several projects that were approved for 2007 are under funded and before any new awards are granted, these projects would have to be completed and funded. Councilman Gallman thanked the Glenn Hamm for cleaning up the trash on Shealy Drive.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Gallman thanked Mr. Fred Sexton and his crew for their continued devotion to the town and thanked them especially for cleaning up trash on Byrd Street. Ms. Livingston was asked to send the Town Citizens a letter to remind them of our trash pickup policy.

Police Department: Chief Sease stated there was no report at this time.

Recreation & Parks: Councilman Hawkins congratulated the 15-18 year old soccer team who won their division championship. Prices are being obtained to resurface the tennis courts. The new nets have been put up and look good but repairs are still needed.

Utility Department: Utility Director, Fred Sexton introduced Ed West, our newest employee. Mayor Spotts and Council welcomed Ed. Mr. Sexton asked council to approve for another employee in the utility department and was told that Administration would look into adding an employee after researching the scheduling of current employees. Mr. Sexton then asked about transformers for the new fire station. Bids had been received and it was approved by council to order a new transformer from Line Equipment for \$1700.00 verses Southeastern price of \$2300.00 for a rebuilt one. Mr. Sexton then asked Council to accept bids on a new pickup truck to be driven by the Utility Director. The current truck is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Council agreed for the Town Administrator to collect bids and bring them to Council next month.

Councilman Hawkins asked about the light at the flagpole. Karen Livingston is to work with Mr. Sexton to get the flag illuminated before the next council meeting. Mr. Hawkins also asked that some light be added to the parking/playground area. Mrs. Livingston is also going to work with Fred on getting a light installed.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin stated that he had no report at this time.

Clerk/Treasurer: Mrs. Livingston stated that our 05-06 audit is underway. She went on to state the upcoming Town sponsored events for December. Toys for Tots collection have begun and will continue through December 18. A customer appreciation week is planned for December 4-8 to include Town Talk on December 5, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRST AUTOMOTIVE

Mayor Spotts stated that since he does repair work for the town, he would excuse himself from discussion due to the possibility of a conflict of interest.

Councilman Underwood opened the discussion by stating the purpose of the proposal as a preventative maintenance bid to ensure timely maintenance and service is performed on our equipment. Ms. Livingston stated the cost as \$27,941.65 per year for service to all Town equipment to include police cars, backhoes, pickups, etc. Discussion followed. At this time, we are going to follow our procurement procedure and put a scope of work out for bids locally and bring bids back to Council for a decision in the January 07 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Talk has been scheduled for December 5, 2006 at 6pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Spotts announced personnel issues and a contractual matter for discussion in executive session.

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

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

Mayor Spotts stated that no decisions were made in Executive Session.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Spotts stated that Prosperity is the third cheapest city in the SCAMPS network this quarter.

A thank you note was received from Ms. Wendy for the recognition for citizenship she received from Council. Mayor Spotts thanked everyone for their work on the Town for the Holiday season and noted the closings for Thanksgiving. He took a few minutes to invite everyone to the Shopper's Walk and Parade the first weekend in December.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston Clerk- Treasurer