

**MINUTES**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**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 Administrator;  
Fred Sexton, Utility Director, Hank Bufkin, Town  
Attorney, Craig Nelson, Police Captain

Mayor Spotts called the regular meeting to order and recognized Dana Nelson, who job shadowed in the police department earlier today. Mayor Spotts thanked her for her service and invited her to shadow again in the future. After the introduction, Councilman Gallman opened the meeting with prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Spotts stated that there are two sets of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the January 15, 2008 regular meeting and a special called meeting on January 28, 2008, for approval. Councilman Hawkins noted that the name on page two of the January 15, 2008 minutes is misstated and should be corrected to Jana White with DHEC instead of Shanna White with the DOT.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008, with correction and the January 28, 2008 minutes; seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**Electrical, Fire Dept., Parade Comm. & Rescue Squad:** Councilman Hawkins stated that Fred had changed light bulbs, transformers and a few normal things. The Forest Hills project has been started and should be finished within the week. Fred has been tasked to recommend infrastructure repairs for the 08/09 budget. The fire department is getting a report together of all calls made in 2007. The rescue squad is happy in their new building, the floors have been painted and new tile has been installed in the meeting room. The parade committee checking account has been balanced with a balance of \$402.23 to begin the 2008 parade season.

**Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings Departments:** Mr. Dawkins reported that the sidewalks in town are being cleaned and cleared of debris. The rails are in place on the

sidewalk steps entering Main Street. The trash truck needs repairs and will be sent to the shop later this week. Fred has replaced a trash receptacle at Stables Steak House for a new one with a lid. Councilman Underwood asked about the sidewalk cleaning on McNeary and Main and was told that it they are included in the cleaning that is currently being done.

**Water and Sewer:** Councilman Underwood stated that the budget is in line except for the previously discussed overage concerning the lift station repairs. There has been some water pipe breakage throughout Town due to the cold weather, however, these are repaired immediately and cause no major problems.

**Police Department:** Officer Nelson reported 8 arrests with 14 counts. Thirty-seven tickets have been written since January 26, 2008. As of January we have arrested 13 people with 22 counts.

**Recreation and Parks Department:** Councilman Gallman stated that recreation was pretty quiet. Prosperity Dixie Youth Baseball meeting was held and we are on track for 5 teams in the league. Councilman Gallman asked Fred to check on the field drainage at the railroad track fields.

**Utility Department:** Mr. Sexton had no report.

**Town Attorney:** Mr. Bufkin stated that the Town is still in negotiations with the Newberry Electric Co Op. Mr. Bufkin received a notice from Margaret Pope, our bond attorney, that she is no longer with Haynesworth, Sinkler, and Boyd and is now on her own with the Pope, Ziegler Firm. Mr. Bufkin recommended that we continue our business relationship with Ms. Pope should we need a bond attorney.

**Town Administrator:** Ms. Livingston stated that Fred needs a pickup truck. We have put the camouflaged truck into service and now the truck that Fred drives is down for repairs. Ms. Livingston presented three bids to council and asked for a motion to go with the lowest bid and purchase the utility department a truck.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gallman to approve the purchase of a pickup truck for the utility department not to exceed \$12,269; seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Property Ordinance Action Plans:** Action Plans were put in each councilman's box. Mr. Bufkin stated that the Boozier House on McNeary Street has been sold and should be taken off of the list. Ms. Livingston will update Council each month on the action plans and update on compliance with citations.

Mayor Spotts asked that Council notify Ms. Livingston of any additional properties that need to be monitored. Citations will be written for violations of property ordinance beginning March 1, 2008.

**Prices for Float Shed:** Ms. Livingston stated that the bids for the shed are very high. The lowest bid is Ten Thousand dollars plus. Discussion followed. Mr. Bufkin suggested buying a tarp to put over the float. Fred added that a tarp had previously been used but did more damage to the float than good. Discussion was taken for information and will be added to the agenda next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Police Department Promotions:** Mayor Spotts promoted Jonathan Silcox to Corporal and presented him with a certificate and collar pins. Mayor Spotts promoted Craig Nelson to Captain and presented him with a certificate and collar pins.

**Anna Kaye Singley – Frog Level Art Center Update:** Ms. Singley did not present at the meeting.

**Newberry County Literacy Council:** Barbara Chapman and Amy Perkins with the Newberry County Literacy Council presented Council with a proposal to begin holding training at the Prosperity Town Hall. Ms. Chapman first recognized Cindy Pitts who is a board member with the Literacy Council. Ms. Chapman presented her program and asked the Town Council to house the program and see what good things we can do together to help the citizens of Prosperity.

**All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution:** Mayor Spotts presented the All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution for adoption. (See Attached).

**A MOTION** by Councilman Underwood to approve adoption of the All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

**Bufkin Law Firm Agreement:** Mr. Bufkin presented to Council a proposal for services rendered over and above his monthly retainer fee. Council listened to his proposal and after some discussion it was agreed to keep the same working agreement that we have now and should an incident occur like October and November then we will come back together and agree on a reasonable fee and hours.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Prosperity is the fourth cheapest city in the SCAMPS system for electricity.

The Municipal Association is hosting the Legislative Update Winter Meeting in Columbia tomorrow and the Mayor, Administrator, and Councilman Gallman will be attending.

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Last Saturday the Civic Center Committee hosted a real good talent show with nine entries that was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The crowd was small, Ms. Karen and her family and Mr. Gallman and his wife were there however, Mayor Spotts commented that he was disappointed the rest of the council did not come out and support the civic center committee.

Remember this is your Town and please do your part to **KEEP PROSPERITY CLEAN**.

Councilman Underwood stated that he had planned to come to the talent show but his family had the flu. Councilman Hawkins reiterated Mr. Underwood's comment.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

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Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator