

MINUTES
January 15, 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

Mayor Spotts called the regular meeting to order. Councilman Gallman opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there is one set of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the December 18, 2007 meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED COUNCILMEN

Mayor Spotts stated that there are two councilmen to be sworn in for four-year terms beginning 1-1-08 until 12-31-2011. He first asked Mr. G.W. "Billy" Dawkins to step forward. Mr. Dawkins along with his granddaughters Cole and Casey, who held the bible, came forward. Mr. Dawkins read his oath of office.

Next, Mr. Chad Hawkins came forward and read his oath of office. Both were congratulated by Mayor Spotts and applauded by the audience.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Spotts introduced Megan Madison, Miss Lake Murray 2008. Ms. Madison introduced herself and stated her platform Multiple Myeloma Awareness and stated her wish to be involved with any public speaking engagements or programs that involve the Lake Murray, Prosperity area.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Electrical, Fire Dept., Parade Comm. & Rescue Squad: Councilman Hawkins stated that Fred was meeting with the Forest Hills contractor next week and hopefully the project will be well underway by the next council meeting. Mr. Hawkins stated that Bellsouth/AT&T are still working on replacing their poles throughout Town. The fire department blood drive went well and collected 41 pints of blood. Councilman Hawkins stated that he was the proud recipient of the "Frogman's" horseshoe airplane. The parade

Committee will have a meeting next week to go over the parade and discuss items to be addressed for next year. The Rescue Squad is very happy in their new home.

Mayor Spotts asked about the lean-to construction for the float. Ms. Livingston responded that Ed West was gathering prices and hopefully we would have the shelter constructed within the next couple of weeks.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings Departments: Mr. Dawkins reported that the railings on Main Street could be re installed. Councilman Hawkins has contacted the DOT and there is no reason that they cannot be set. Mayor Spotts has not completed the railings for the steps, however, they should be done by next month. Fred has brought to the attention of Council that we need to purchase some trash containers. The trash containers cost approximately \$70.00 and cost is to come out of reserves for 30 containers. Fred is to get bids to repair the steps on Main Street. Mayor Spotts wants to work with Ed to repair the steps and no contractor should be hired to form and pour the steps.

Councilman Underwood asked about the loading ramp going up to Grace Street Shops off Main is unacceptable as a handicap ramp. Fred is to get in touch with the Highway Department and see if they will install a ramp or if we have to look elsewhere.

Councilman Hawkins reported that he has researched the recycling project and has talked with Shanna White, with the DOT, and Catherine Eldridge to research the grant and work up a presentation for the Town perhaps in conjunction with the County.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Underwood stated that there was a main line located for Ms. Anna Kaye Singley for the art center, as well as jet work behind the liquor store and replaced chemical barriers that feed injector pumps for Langford Street and Park Street. The budget is over in some areas due to motor repairs and such but overall looks good and no major overages.

Police Department: Officer Nelson reported 122 arrests for the 2007 years with 160 charges against the 122 arrest. For the month of January, we have arrested 5 people with 8 counts and 32 counts for service. Mr. Bufkin asked what types of crimes were predominating in Town. Officer Nelson stated he would get the statistics.

Recreation and Parks Department: Councilman Gallman stated that recreation was pretty quiet. Dixie Boys Baseball meeting will be held Thursday. Councilman Gallman asked if we could use old poles to circle the basketball court on Langford Street. Fred said this could be done when the poles are available from the Forest Hills project. Mr. Gallman asked that the potholes at the Dixie Youth and Dixie Boys Fields be repaired before baseball season gets started.

Mayor Spotts asked the police department to add patrols to include watching the Langford Street basketball court.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton reported that two trucks of litter have been collected in the last two weeks. He also reported that the transformers are in for the Forest Hills Project and we are ready to start whenever the contractor is.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin stated that the Town is still in negotiations with the Newberry Electric Co Op. Mr. Bufkin presented council with a contract from his Firm to be reviewed and discussed at the next Town Council Meeting.

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston thanked the Newberry County Sheriff's Office, Officer Abrams for hosting a Neighborhood Watch program on January 8. Ms. Livingston stated that the next meeting would be held February 11 and would include child identification fingerprinting.

Ms. Livingston reported that the Civic Center Committee is putting on a Talent Show on February 16, 2008. Also, the phone system was down from January 14 – 15 and the board had to be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

Update of Main Street Rails: Councilman Dawkins updated this item in the Streets report.

Update on Property Ordinance Action Plans: Action Plans were put in each councilman's box. There is one property to be deleted from the list as well as one property that needs a citation for failing to comply. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator