

MINUTES
February 17, 2009
Town Council Meeting
7:00 PM
Prosperity, SC 29127

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

Council Absence: Derek Underwood

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Henry
Bufkin, Town Attorney, Tim Savidge, Bufkin Law
Firm, Craig Nelson, Police Chief, Fred Sexton,
Utility Director

Mayor Spotts called the regular meeting to order and asked Councilman Gallman to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Bufkin asked for an executive session to be added to the agenda as item a under new business.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to add an executive session to the agenda; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins, and so approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there are two sets of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the January 20, 2009 regular meeting and the minutes for the special called Town Council Meeting on January 28, 2009 for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting and the January 28, 2009 meeting; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

No one signed up to speak during open session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Fire & Rescue: Councilman Hawkins stated the utility department has been very busy transferring poles. Fred stated there are three poles left to transfer and they will be finished this month. Fred is also going to replace bent poles as time permits. Councilman Hawkins reported that the fuel adjustment has been added in the total

revenue for electrical both commercial and residential. Ms. Livingston stated that Stanley is in week six of an eight-week class for lineman training.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings: Mr. Dawkins stated that 30 dumpsters had been purchased. The packer truck has been repaired and preventive maintenance has started on lawn mowers and weed eaters. The sidewalks will be repaired when the weather gets warmer. The street will also be cleaned in the coming weeks. Mayor Spotts asked about the railroad crossing at the ball field and stated that he had received several calls concerning the repairs needed to the crossings. Ms. Karen was asked to call the railroad and ask them to add our crossings to their repair list. This item will be added to the agenda for March.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Underwood was absent due to being out of town.

Police Department: Chief Nelson stated that we have won hand held radar from the LEN this month. Councilman Hawkins asked if we were looking for an officer to replace Jerome Caughman. Mrs. Livingston stated that we are looking for a certified officer.

Recreation, Parade, and Parks: Councilman Gallman stated that Dixie Baseball, T-Ball, Coaches Pitch and Girls' Softball registrations will come to an end on the 18th of February. Ms. Livingston stated that the M-C Tennis Team is using the tennis court. Mr. Gallman stated that a parade committee meeting had been held and Mr. Ed West will be getting some labor from Boys Farm to help with the Float Shed. The Float will be moved before ball season starts. Fred stated that the fence at Langford Street is in need of repair as well as the bathroom doors. Both are to be fixed before ball season. Mayor Spotts asked Fred to report the broken doors to the police department and asked that more police patrols pass through the ball field and basketball court.

Councilman Hawkins asked about the trash pile at Langford Street Ball Field and was told that that is our holding place until Friday when we take them to the County relay station.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton stated that he had no report at this time.

Town Attorney: Mr. Savidge stated that there are two items to update the Mayor and Council and both are later in the agenda.

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston stated that the windows are installed and look great.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Buildings and Citations: The Potato House property is looking much better. The property on the square is looking good. The Newberry Fire Chief was contacted and is not able to inspect for the Town since it is out of their jurisdiction. The Town Fire Chief has been contacted; however he does not want to write tickets. Add to the agenda

to update fire inspections. Mr. Bufkin stated that Jenny and Earle Bedenbaugh are working on their building next to the old rescue building, David Bedenbaugh is adding two apartments upstairs at his current complex, and the rescue squad building is under contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Windows Grant: Ms. Livingston reported on this subject in Administrators report.

Handicap Access on Elm and In Ground Chemicals at Dry Cleaners : Mr. Savidge gave a hand out to all of council concerning the in ground chemicals at the dry cleaners. Discussion followed concerning the SuperFund and this sight is not a covered site by the SuperFund.

Ms. Livingston reported that the SCDOT cautioned the Town not to paint the ramp and parking space as handicap accessible. Mr. Derrick suggested that we paint the ramp yellow to allow a pedestrian walkway. Discussion followed. Add to the Agenda for next month to discuss our options including a ramp off the back of the building.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Close a Portion of State Road S36-33: Mayor Spotts presented the first reading of an ordinance to close a portion of state road S36-33. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve first reading of an ordinance to close a portion of State Road S36-33; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Spotts asked that we add a public hearing to the agenda for March fifteen minutes before the regular council meeting on March 17, 2009.

Mayor Spotts stated a need for an executive session for a legal update.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins 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 stated that no decision was made in executive session.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Spotts stated that Prosperity is the third cheapest utility in the state. In electric comparison, The City of Newberry is 12th, Newberry Electric CoOp is 23rd and South Carolina Electric and Gas is 31st.

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

Congratulations to Mr. Hawkins for graduating from the Municipal Associations Certified Municipal Official Institute. All of the Prosperity Town Council is now certified.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm; Seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator