

**MINUTES**  
**May 19, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Spotts stated that there are two sets of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the April 21, 2009 Regular Meeting and May 4, 2009 Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Dawkins to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting and the May 4, 2009 Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

No one signed up to speak.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Fire & Rescue:** Everything is going good some limbs were cut and pole transfers are ongoing. The budget is still running behind on budgeted amount for Duke Energy. Nothing to report on Fire and Rescue.

**Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings:** Mr. Dawkins stated that mosquito season is around the corner and Fred will contact the company and see when we can get the spraying done. The pothole on Main Street has been fixed and the railroad banks have been sprayed for weeds. Mr. Dawkins stated that the packer truck was not bought from the City due to the needed equipment to lift our cans and bins was not compatible with the City truck, however, Fred and Ed have gained approval to purchase a newer packer truck from

Amick's Equipment that is already equipped to handle our cans and bins. The truck cost is 20,000 plus \$300.00 sales tax. Mr. Dawkins thanked Ms. Livingston, Fred and Ed for finding a truck and keeping the cost within budget. The truck will be ready for pickup after painting, replacing seals and packing the cylinders probably in the middle of June.

**Water and Sewer:** Councilman Underwood was absent due to out of town Department of Agriculture Business.

**Police Department:** Chief Nelson stated that everything was going smoothly. He updated the Council on the trailer won from LEN. Chief Nelson stated that more check points would be held in Prosperity due to the increase in manpower. Chief Nelson closed his report with comments on the parking for recreation events at Town Center. Mr. Gallman asked if the night officers could check on the downtown businesses around closing every hour during the night until they close. Chief Nelson stated that they would do their best to check with all of them.

**Recreation, Parks and Parade:** Councilman Gallman stated that the Dixie Youth Sub District Tournament will be held in Prosperity, however the field needs a lot of work. He stated that the batting cage should be repaired and asked Fred to work on it. Councilman Hawkins stated that the utility department should not do the work, that the coaches should since they are the ones that use the batting cage. Mr. Gallman suggested that we get some summer help to complete the projects we have pending. Gleems has offered to pay summer help for six weeks beginning June 1. Ms. Livingston was asked to check on getting information and people thorough Gleems.

**Utility Department:** No report

**Town Attorney:** Mr. Bufkin stated that he had inspected the new fence at Mr. Jerald Drafts place beside the fire department. Mr. Savidge stated that the fire department had been a yearlong project and is now complete and recorded. Mayor Spotts congratulated Ms. Livingston for her accomplishment of having all three of her children graduate from college.

**Town Administrator:** Ms. Livingston stated that art camp and tennis camp would be held this summer. Ms. Livingston stated that she would be on vacation Thursday and Friday.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Buildings and Citations:** Ms. Livingston reported that there are two properties left on the original list. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Bufkin's office send a letter to the McNeary Street property owner and see if we can get the property owner moving to clean up.

**Fire Inspection Report:** Ms. Livingston stated that she and Mr. Bufkin's office would continue to work on the ordinance; we will look at this again next month.

**Decision on request for Stable Steak House to serve beer at Prosperity's Hoppin':**  
Mayor Spotts asked for any discussion on this matter.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Hawkins to approve the allowance of Diane's Stable Steak House to serve beer at Prosperity's Hoppin' provided that if the Prosperity Police Department sees that things are getting out of hand, they can shut the beer area down; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Special called Meeting June 8 for First reading on 09/10 budget:** Mayor Spotts stated that a special called Town Council Meeting would be held on June 8, 2009 at 6:30 for the first reading on the 2009/2010 budget.

**Set a Date for second Budget Workshop:** The budget workshop was set for May 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

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 Gallman 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 as a result of the executive session a special called meeting will be held May 27, 2009 to discuss the franchise fee to be applied to NEC customers located in the town limits.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Mayor Spotts stated that Town offices would be closed for Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 25, 2009.

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

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gallman to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

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Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator