

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
November 17, 2009
7:00 PM.

Council Attendance: Mayor Larry Spotts, Councilmen: G.W. Dawkins, Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Derek Underwood
Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; and Fred Sexton, Utility Director, Craig Nelson, Police Chief, Henry Bufkin, Town Attorney, and Timothy Savidge, Bufkin Law Firm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there are two sets of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the October 20, 2009 Regular Council Meeting and November 5, 2009 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2009 Regular Council Meeting and November 5, Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Fire & Rescue: Councilman Hawkins reported everything in electrical is steady and stable. He further stated that looking at the budget we are holding steady at receipts and expenses. Chief Mark Bowers has invited all of council to the annual Fire Department Christmas Supper to be held on December eighth at seven o'clock at Diane's Stable Steak House.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings: Mr. Dawkins stated that the garbage collection revenue is running in line with the budget. Sidewalk work will continue as needed.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Underwood stated that budgeted line items seem to be in line with the annual projection, except for repair to the lift stations. McFall Lift Station is having some problems however; right now we do not have to pump using an outside service.

Police Department: Chief Nelson stated that there would be a candlelight vigil at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Newberry. He further stated that this year we won a camera system through the LEN.

Chief Nelson stated that several months ago he was charged to find a new hire for the police department and tonight he was proud to announce he had found that person. Mayor Spotts stated that Council would take this for information and let everyone study it. Councilman Hawkins stated that he had looked at the budgeted numbers at this time we are able to hire someone now. Ms. Livingston stated that the budget is good for salary only, however, there is no budgeted funds for equipment and we need to take a longer look at the budget goes and the salary is ok for the last six months of this year, however as far as equipment and a car may or may not be there to fund the new hire.

Hawkins continued that he felt we needed to give the ok to hire another officer. Mayor Spotts asked if he was making a motion and he said yes.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to approve the hire of a new police officer to attend the academy; seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Recreation, Parks and Parade: Councilman Gallman stated that the soccer season is coming to a close. Parade float and Grand Marshal rides are ready for the parade. The Council will ride in Mr. Billy Dawkins car. Mr. Gallman stated that the parade is scheduled for December 6 at 3:00 pm. The Grand Marshal is Sheriff Lee Foster.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton stated that we are out of roll carts and need to purchase some. He read a quote from Amick's Equipment for \$2192.00 and from NuLife \$2327.00. The price is based on 30 roll carts and us picking them up.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to purchase 30 roll carts from Amick's equipment; seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Councilman Gallman stated that anything Mr. Sexton needs we need to purchase

Town Attorney: Nothing to report at this time

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Update on Buildings and Citations: Ms. Livingston stated that all violators of the abandoned/unlicensed vehicles were turned over to Newberry County to enforce under our zoning ordinance since they have the manpower and authority to enforce. Mr. Gallman asked about the building next to Leon Kibler's Barber Shop. Ms. Livingston will look into the building and enforce our ordinance code.

Tree Donation for Town Square: A quote is being obtained from Sunset Nursery in Silverstreet to remove the current tree in the square and plant us a new tree in its place. This item is to be taken off the agenda and added back early next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Second Reading fo Ordinance to Authorize Settlement of Litigation: Mayor Spotts asked for the second reading of Ordinance 154.04 authorizing the settlement of litigation.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to authorize the second reading of ORDINANCE 154.04 AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION; seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously

Pay for Poll Workers: Mayor Spotts stated that it was approved in 1999 to pay the poll workers \$40.00 and the Poll Manager \$50.00 and the County Average is \$50.00 for poll workers and \$100.00 for the Poll Manager. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to pay poll workers \$50.00 per election and the poll manager \$100 per election retroactive to include this year election cycle; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Mayor Spotts reminded everyone of the Shopper's Walk and Candle Lighting Service that will begin at 5:30 pm on December 5, 2009 and the Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator