

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
September 15, 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, Henry Bufkin, Town Attorney, and Timothy Savidge, Bufkin Law Firm
Administrative Absence: Chief Craig Nelson

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there is one set of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the August 18, 2009 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2009 Regular Council Meeting for approval; seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Fire & Rescue: Councilman Hawkins reported that some streetlights have been repaired; some temporary power was supplied for the Wildlife Banquet. He further reported that line clearing was ongoing.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings: Mr. Dawkins stated that the garbage collection revenue is running in line with the budget. A big mower broke down and was repaired and is ready to go. Mr. Dawkins stated that last month he had reported that all railroad crossings had been paved, however at that time there was still one that was waiting for repair, however, now all crossings have been paved and repaired. The old trash truck is being listed for sale.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Underwood stated that budgeted line items seem to be in line with the annual projection, however one thing that was discussed with Mr. Sexton was the need to close two wells that are no longer serviceable. Mr. Sexton stated that DHEC had made the recommendation to close the wells during our yearly survey so he had talked with Jackson Well Drilling out of Greenville and received a quote of Thirty

Five Hundred Dollars for each well or Six Thousand Dollars if we decided to close them both at the same time. Councilman Underwood asked what the repercussion would be to the Town if we close them and was told that the two wells have not been used for several years and we should see no extra cost due to water purchase. Discussion followed from Mr. Bufkin to ensure the Town would have water if the wells were closed. This item was taken for information per Councilman Underwood.

Police Department: Ms. Livingston reported that Chief Nelson had surgery on September fourth and he is doing well. The County is covering for us and things are going well.

Recreation, Parks and Parade: Councilman Gallman reported that we did not have a football signup and right now the only sport going on is soccer. Thaddeus Davenport, Parade Committee Chair reported to council that a meeting had been held September 7 and all is on track for the 2009 Parade. Council will once again nominate someone for the Grand Marshal next month. Mr. Davenport thanked The Mayor and Council for completing the float shed and mentioned that new tires are needed for the float.

Mr. Sexton stated that the Town Manger Scene was in bad shape and the donkey was missing. He asked that we keep that in mind for the upcoming season.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton reported on bids to rebuild the lift station at Brookside. Smith and Loveless Thirty Six Thousand Dollars Six Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars and Grays bid is Forty Thousand Dollars. Discussion followed. Councilman Hawkins asked how long we have known that the repairs were needed and questioned why they were not budgeted for this year. Ms. Livingston stated that some money had been budgeted. Councilman Underwood asked for the bids to be reviewed to make sure both bids were for the same scope of work. Mr. Sexton also received bids for line trimming that range from \$125 per hour to Ninety Thousand for the entire town. Discussion followed. Ms. Livingston is to check with the Army and see if they are still willing and able to come and trim limbs off the power line.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin asked Tim to report. Tim stated that they are still working on the PO on behalf of the town in the Court of Appeals.

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston reported that the Prosperity Business Association has addressed replacing the Cedar Tree in the Square. Discussion followed about the type of tree that would be donated. Councilman Underwood stated that he would check on getting a Carolina Sapphire Tree donated by the marketing division of SCDA. Fred is going to get the gazebo at the walking track cleaned and painted before the Holidays. The benches on Main Street will be moved to better serve the citizens of Prosperity. Councilman Hawkins asked for the trashcan at the walking track to be moved off of the sidewalk.

Councilman Underwood asked for Ms. Wendy Steiner to use the towns' picnic tables for her Octoberfest at the German Restaurant.

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood to allow Ms. Wendy Steiner to use the towns' picnic tables for Octoberfest for approval; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

Councilman Underwood also asked for council to consider putting a two-tier fountain, donated by the Prosperity Garden Club in the Town Square near the Memorial. This item was taken for information, with Fred checking to see if water and electricity are available and to be put on the agenda for October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Update on Buildings and Citations: Ms. Livingston stated that 47 properties have been cited under the litter and rubbish ordinance. Out of the forty-seven, four have been cleaned up, six have been mailed due to property owner locations, and twelve have been hand delivered by Prosperity Police Department with twenty five pending delivery.

Update on Downtown Parking: Ms. Livingston stated that car has been moved from in front of Bowers BP. The parking situation has solved itself with the letter.

Update on Public Parking Lot Signage and Lighting: The parking lot has been lighted and signs have been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was introduced.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Mayor Spotts stated the Shopper's Walk will be the first Saturday in December.

Mayor Spotts stated that the Wildlife Banquet was successful and enjoyed by all.

Mayor Spotts stated that the Save the Depot Committee would host a forum on September 29 at the Civic Center.

Remember, this is your town and let's keep it clean.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator