

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
December 21, 2004
PROSPERITY, SC 29127
7:00 pm

Council Attendance: Mayor Bruce Connelly, Councilmen Larry Spotts; Derek Underwood; Allen Gallman; G.W. Dawkins

General Attendance: Andrea Cantrell, Town Administrator; Fred Sexton, Public Works Director; Hank Bufkin, Town Attorney; Janet Chastain, Clerk/Treasurer; Chief Benji Sease; Sabrina Manning; Daniel Hare; Mike Bedenbaugh; James Ruff; Brian Gray; Leon Kibler and Paul Gable, Newberry Observer

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Connelly presented the minutes of the November 16, 2004 council meeting to Council for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes of November 16, 2004; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Connelly welcomed all for attending.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Connelly asked for any public input at this time. Daniel Hare introduced himself to Council. Mayor Connelly stated that Mr. Hare is actually listed on the agenda to speak under Old Business. Jonathon Jackson introduced himself to Council. He stated that he had spoke with Ms. Manning regarding the cement pad that was poured at the Town Center. He stated that Ms. Manning had stated that there were no funds in the budget to put the goals up. He stated that other additions have been made to the recreation facilities, like the picnic shelter and fences for the soccer field. He questioned if the basketball goals could have been purchased instead of these additions and for no more money. Mayor Connelly stated that these new additions were paid for through grant funds. He stated that the Town has a Recreation Director and any additions to the recreation program would be at the recommendation of the Recreation Director and the approval of the Council. Any additions to this program will be carefully considered before moving forward. Councilman Gallman stated that he had spoken with Mr. Jackson and had recommended that he contact Town management and discuss his concerns. Mr. Jackson stated that he had not done this because he was trying to obtain

information on how Newberry was able to support so many parks and Prosperity could not have even one. Ms. Manning stated that Newberry has expanded their parks over a period of many years, not just recently. She stated that Prosperity has only had a program for eleven years and the Town has formed quite a program in this length of time. Mr. Gallman stated that the ball field on Langford Street was nothing more than a trash pile before the Town cleared the area and built the ball field. He also stated that the Town has had problems with this ball field being vandalized. Mr. Jackson questioned why there is a private property sign on the Langford Street ball field. Councilman Gallman stated that the signs and barricades are at the first entrance because this area is still utilized by the Utilities Department for storing supplies and is not to be utilized as an entrance to this ball field. There is a separate entrance to this ball field that is not blocked off. Chief Sease stated that no one with the Police Department has asked anyone to leave this field unless there were interfering with a Town activity on the field. Ms. Manning clarified that even during a Town activity the only time someone has been asked to leave the premises is when there was swearing as well as kids throwing rocks and dirt. She also stated that the Town has not been able to catch whoever is vandalizing the facilities so this has not been able to be addressed properly. Mayor Connelly stated that this is an open session for short comments not a lengthy discussion. Mayor Connelly asked for any other public comments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Fire Department, & Parade: Councilman Underwood stated that he had no report for the Electrical Department at this time.

Councilman Underwood thanked the Fire Department for inviting Council and spouses to their Christmas Party. He stated that he and the Mayor had met with the Fire Department regarding the One-Cent Sales Tax Funds. In a previous Council meeting the Town Council passed a resolution agreeing for the Fire Department to utilize the current Town Hall building for their new construction. The issues that they are dealing with now are costs on demolition of part of the Town Hall and hall of the waste. The estimates are extremely high and the Fire Department is concerned that they will not be able to afford it and the Town will not be able to help with these costs. Councilman Underwood requested that Ms. Cantrell get some estimates on tearing down the portion of Town Hall that will be utilized and hauling off the debris. He also asked that Ms. Cantrell find out if the Town has a recent lead test or asbestos test of the Town Hall facility. If either of these are present in the building this will increase the costs of demolition. Mayor Connelly also suggested that the Fire Department speak with County Council regarding the transportation of the debris as well as the grading of the property. The current Town Hall facility would be the most practical for the Fire Department because of location. Mayor Connelly also stated that if this property were used he would like to see the Town support the Fire Department and try to help them with the removal of this debris. Councilman Underwood agreed with the Mayor's comments and also added that if the Town Hall is to be utilized for the new Fire Department facility then Council needs to make some decisions regarding the new Town Center. Mayor Connelly stated that no

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definite decision had been made but serious consideration needs to be given to this project soon.

Councilman Underwood stated that the Christmas Parade went well. There was a large amount of entries for the parade and a large crowd of spectators. He also stated that Marion Reuter, Chairman of the Parade Committee, did an outstanding job and he would like to see Council write a letter of thanks to him. Ms. Cantrell stated that she had already sent letters of thanks from the Mayor to all Parade Committee members. Councilman Underwood stated that maybe the Town could find another way to recognize Mr. Reuter for his hard work.

Mayor Connelly asked that Mr. Sexton bring the Council up to date on the fire hydrant on Langford Street. Mr. Sexton stated that the pressure test and bacteria test came back fine and this information has been sent to DHEC. We are now waiting on a response from them. Mayor Connelly thanked Fred and his crew for their hard work on this project.

Sanitation and Street: Councilman Dawkins stated that he had no report on the Sanitation Department.

Councilman Dawkins stated that he would like to thank Fred and his crew for the clean up around the walking trail.

Councilman Dawkins thanked the Administrative Staff, Fred and the Utilities Department and the Police Department for a great job this year. Councilman Dawkins and Councilman Gallman recognized Fred for his award of "2004 Water Operator of the Year" presented by SC Rural Water Association.

Building, Recreation and Parks: Councilman Gallman stated that he had no report for Buildings at this time.

Councilman Gallman recognized Ms. Manning for updates with the Recreation Department. Ms. Manning stated that we are preparing for the upcoming baseball season. She stated that the Town would be receiving some funding from the County. Councilman Gallman asked about the status of soccer. Ms. Manning stated that the fall soccer season is over and we are still looking into offering spring soccer.

Police Department: Chief Sease stated that two of our officers have resigned, Chris Crouch and Robin Rucker. He stated that Officer Rucker accepted a full time position and Officer Crouch accepted a position in his hometown, Saluda. Councilman Underwood questioned if Chief Sease had any applications. Chief Sease stated that one person that is already certified had contacted him.

Water and Sewer Department: Councilman Spotts clarified that the SC Rural Water Association for small systems named Mr. Sexton 2004 Operator of the Year.

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Councilman Spotts reported that on November 24th lift station #5 was put back in full service. He also stated that we are having some problems with the service box on the lift station on Langford Street. Mr. Sexton stated that this month there was a water leak on School Drive but it has been fixed. He also stated that there is a small water leak on Hwy. 391 and the Utilities Crew will start on it in the morning.

Town Administrator: Ms. Cantrell stated that she had no report at this time. Councilman Spotts questioned the status of the Trading Spaces television show. Ms. Cantrell stated that she was not actually contacted by them but the Mayor heard on the radio that Laurens would be appearing on the show.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin stated that the training for the reserve officers is still taking place. He stated that he had been meeting with the reserve officers once a week for around ten weeks and this training should be coming to a close soon.

Mr. Bufkin stated that he is in the process of reviewing the Town's Ordinances. The Town has a service that will be codifying the Ordinances.

Mr. Bufkin stated that the Town has two issues pending. One with electricity in which the Town will be dealing with SCAMPS on and the other is with the railroad in which the Town will be dealing with MASC. Both of these will be brought back to Council when more information is obtained.

Mayor Connelly stated that he had received confirmation that the shopping center would be going in. He stated that he is still compiling information to bring to Council so that Council can make their decision. When a decision is made the Mayor stated that he would meet with the CEO of Newberry Electric to present the Town's intentions. Construction will begin on the shopping center in sixty days.

Councilman Spotts stated that the Town had paid a repair bill to Bellsouth. He questioned what was being done regarding the lines that Bellsouth tore up behind Jewel Garner's house. Mr. Bufkin stated that dollar figures need to be put on paper to show what the costs for repairs were before it can be addressed with Bellsouth. He stated that these costs would have to be compiled by Town staff. Councilman Spotts stated that he thought Council had agreed to do this several months ago. Mayor Connelly stated that was his understanding that Council did agree that this would be pursued but it has not been done yet. Ms. Cantrell stated that the Town did not pay the repair bill as stated earlier. The Town's insurance company negotiated the amount down and this amount was to be paid by the insurance company. Councilman Spotts stated that Council still had agreed to bill Bellsouth for the damages behind Jewel Garner's house and the longer it is put off the harder it will be to pursue it. Mr. Bufkin stated that if the figures were given to him then he would put it in a claim to Bellsouth. Councilman Spotts questioned if Mr. Sexton still had the figures. Mr. Sexton stated that he would work on the figures. He also stated that Gregory Electric was the company that performed this work for Bellsouth. Councilman Spotts stated that Condry Construction also performed part of the work that was done. Mr. Bufkin stated that he would follow up on this.

Old School Renovations: Mayor Connelly stated that the Civic Center Committee has also received One Cent Sales Tax Funds that will be available next year. The committee has prepared a film that gives a very good rendition of the Town Center and what the committee is trying to accomplish.

NEW BUSINESS

Business License-Fuel Cost Increase: Mayor Connelly stated that the Town had been contacted by merchant regarding the escalating costs of fuel. He has requested that the Town review his business license fee. Ms. Cantrell stated that this merchant falls under "Retail Sales". This would be the same category as all of the merchants on Main Street. Ms. Cantrell stated that this is the issue. Council can decide to set up a category or rate specifically for this merchant, otherwise he falls under the same rate as all the other merchants. Mayor Connelly stated that even though his sales have increased tremendously his profits have not. Councilman Underwood stated that the only time this would be an issue would be regarding gas sales. Mayor Connelly stated that he would like to see more information obtained on this before making a decision. Ms. Cantrell stated that the business license renewals would be going out in January. She also stated that the only way to make a change would be to set up a different rate for businesses selling gas. Ms. Cantrell asked Council to reference the business license rates ordinance that they had been given. Mayor Connelly recommended that Council review this and be prepared to make suggestions in the January meeting. Councilman Underwood questioned if there were any municipalities that could be contacted for reference on how this is being handled. Ms. Cantrell stated that she could check into this.

Business License-Approve Existing Rate: Ms. Cantrell stated that it would be her suggestion to hold off on acting on the existing rates until January also. She stated that if changes might be made then the rates cannot be discussed at this time. Ms. Cantrell also stated that the business license renewals would not go out until the first of February.

N. Wheeler-Upgrade Water Line from 6" to 8": Mr. Sexton stated that he was waiting on prices that were promised to him by 5:00 p.m. today but were not delivered. He stated that to give a general idea, the sewer would be around \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and the water would be around \$20,000.00. Mr. Sexton stated that it was difficult to get prices until the companies could review the preliminary drawings. He stated that the preliminary drawings should be received within the next thirty days. Ms. Cantrell questioned if the prices being quoted would be for a six-inch line, eight-inch line or both. Mr. Sexton stated that it would be for an eight-inch line on both. Ms. Cantrell clarified that it would be changing a six-inch line to an eight-inch line. Mr. Sexton confirmed this. Mr. Sexton stated that the quotes would be for a turnkey job. It will also include putting a "T" in to allow the Town to go different directions with it later. Mayor Connelly questioned the electrical end of this. Mr. Sexton stated that he did not have any figures on this yet.

Establish Water/Fire Tap Rates Over 1”: Mayor Connelly stated that the Town does not have a rate set up for a tap over one inch. Ms. Cantrell stated that it was her understanding that it was the tap fee plus the costs of installing a larger tap. Councilman Spotts stated that normally for a fire tap the contractor usually does the work the Town does nothing but inspect it. Ms. Cantrell clarified that two separate issues are being discussed. The first issue is the actual water taps over one inch. Ms. Cantrell stated that there also needed to be clarification made on the charge for a fire tap because this issue has come up lately. Ms. Cantrell questioned if the tap fee would be \$600 or \$900, which she stated that documentation had been found to verify that a one-inch tap fee is \$900.00. Mayor Connelly explained that a developer had contacted the Town regarding seven apartments in Town that he will need taps for. This developer had stated that he would pay tap fees for all seven apartments but was under the impression that he would not have to pay a sprinkler tap fee. Ms. Cantrell questioned the size of the taps going to the apartments. Mr. Sexton stated that they would be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch taps. Ms. Cantrell stated that the discussion should not be specifically regarding the apartments. She stated that there are several developments taking place with taps larger than one inch. She stated that Council needed to agree on costs of what the Town would charge for these. Ms. Cantrell stated that one suggestion would be the costs of the largest tap plus costs. Councilman Spotts stated that it was his understanding that if the taps were larger than our rate schedule allowed for then it would simply be billed at costs. Ms. Cantrell stated that everything that can be found in writing states costs plus. She also stated that clarification needed to be made on what costs plus actually means. Councilman Spotts stated that his understanding of costs plus would be the costs to put the tap in plus ten percent. Ms. Cantrell stated that something needs to be put in writing so there will be no questions regarding this. Councilman Spotts stated that on larger taps usually a contractor is brought in to install these. Ms. Cantrell stated that the largest tap that the Town could install without outside assistance was a two-inch. Councilman Spotts stated that normally a fire tap is larger than a two inch; there have been very few exceptions to this. Mr. Bufkins questions how many fire taps would be installed in the case of these seven apartments. Councilman Spotts stated that it would be one fire tap for the building. Mike Bedenbaugh stated that he was present tonight representing his father, David Bedenbaugh. Mr. Mike Bedenbaugh read a letter from Mr. David Bedenbaugh (see attached). Ms. Cantrell stated that the first issue that Mr. David Bedenbaugh presented in this letter was paying for multiple taps and the second issue would be the fire taps. Ms. Cantrell stated that the only question that needed to be addressed internally was whether Council intended for there to be a charge for tapping onto and using the Town lines. Councilman Spotts stated that the only dealing that the Town has with a fire tap is inspecting it. Councilman Underwood stated that he did not feel the Town should charge for this. Mr. Bufkin stated that as the Town expands it is important that these fees be set and enforced equally. Discussion followed regarding different kinds of taps and who installs them.

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood that there be no charge for a fire tap; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

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Ms. Cantrell stated that the other two issues to be discussed were rates for taps over one inch and whether or not Council wishes to give a discount on multiple taps at one location. Mr. Bufkin questioned in what situation would a tap over one inch be used. Councilman Spotts stated an example would be a school or a restaurant. Mr. Bufkin stated that at the shopping center each store would get an individual tap. Mr. Sexton confirmed this. Discussion followed regarding tap fees already in place. Councilman Spotts stated that a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tap fee is \$600.00 and a one-inch tap fee is \$900.00. Councilman Spotts stated that it was normally costs plus, with the plus being ten percent. Mayor Connelly expressed concern regarding the ten- percent. Councilman Spotts stated that costs would include materials and labor, then the ten- percent would cover administrative costs. Ms. Cantrell stated that some of the taps we could install ourselves. If a flat fee were set up this would keep the Town from having to log labor and materials, which is quite timely to keep up with. Mr. Bufkin suggested that a tabled rate chart be set up. For example, set up a fee for two-inch taps or less and go up from there. Councilman Spotts stated that situations are different and it would be difficult to set up a specific rate. He stated that if the Town had to bore under the road this would increase the costs. Councilman Spotts recommended checking with other Towns for charges on the larger taps. Ms. Cantrell stated that she had handed out rates from other cities and they all varied. In Batesburg-Leesville a 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tap is \$2,000.00 and a two-inch is \$3,300.00. In the City of Columbia a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tap is \$485.00, one-inch tap is \$535.00 and anything over was not listed. The City of Newberry charges as follows: one-inch tap is \$900.00, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tap is \$1,150.00 and a two-inch is \$1,300.00. Councilman Spotts pointed out that another thing to consider is the City of Newberry has a borer and we do not. The Town would have to contract that out. Mr. Bufkin questioned if the Town has to be responsible for boring. Councilman Spotts stated that if the main line is on one side of the road and the Town is installing a service on the other side of the road then the Town is responsible for boring under the road. Mayor Connelly questioned if a disclosure could be put in stating boring not included. Ms. Cantrell stated that a lower rate could be set up to cover administrative costs, materials and labor and then state that any contract costs incurred would be over and above this set rate. Mayor Connelly suggested that Council take more time to consider the fee for taps over one inch before making a decision. He stated that the last issue would be charges for multiple taps.

Councilman Underwood asked for the current policy. Ms. Cantrell stated that the current policy is \$600.00 a tap. Mr. Bufkin recommended that Council make a final decision on this because this issue will come up again in the future. Ms. Cantrell questioned Mr. Sexton if the majority of costs in installing a tap would mainly involve the amount of holes dug or the amount of time it takes and the labor and materials for each. Councilman Spotts stated that it depends on the situation. Mike Bedenbaugh stated that he is asking Council to consider if the majority of the costs is in digging the whole and tapping in then in this situation only one whole will be dug and the seven taps will be installed from there. He questioned if the first tap fee could be charged at the normal rate of \$600.00 and the remainder of the taps at a lower rate because only one hole was dug. Councilman Spotts stated that the policy states that the tap fee for a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tap is \$600.00 each. Mr. Bedenbaugh stated that he was aware of the policy but it does not address multiple taps done at one location. Councilman Spotts stated that Mr. Bedenbaugh is

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asking for a discount. Mr. Bedenbaugh stated that he is not looking for a discount; he is asking Council to look at this special situation. Councilman Underwood stated that the fee is a tap fee for putting one residence on the Town's water line. Mayor Connelly stated that the Town's tap fees are very reasonable compared to other towns. Mr. Bedenbaugh thanked Council for their consideration. Mayor Connelly stated that it was his opinion that Council does not wish to make a change in this policy at this time. Council agreed. Mayor Connelly stated that Council would bring the issue of tap fees over one inch back to the table next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Daniel Hare-Recreation Department: Daniel Hare questioned Council on how many parks were in the Town. Mayor Connelly stated that the Town has three parks. Mr. Hare stated that he had concerns regarding the no trespassing signs on the Langford Street Park. He stated that he had spoke with Ms. Manning earlier regarding this. Ms. Manning clarified that the first entrance to the park is not to be used because the Town's Utility Department uses that area for storing poles and other large items. She stated that the second entrance is the one to be used. It is a graveled area that was set up for parking for this park. Mr. Hare stated that the no trespassing signs give the kids the impression that they are not welcome. Ms. Manning stated that the signs are put at the first entrance for the children's safety. It is not safe for them to play in that area. Mr. Hare continued to express concerns regarding the Council not being concerned about the children in the Town. He also expressed that he felt he was not being able to properly express his views. He stated that the children on Langford Street were not provided with a park with swings and merry-go-rounds. He continued to express concerns regarding the recreation program in the Town not providing enough variety for the children to be involved in. Councilman Underwood stated that the Town Recreation Program does not offer basketball because at this time the Town does not have proper facilities. Councilman Gallman stated that if the Town had proper facilities then more would be offered. He stated that the Town is in the process of trying to get basketball facilities. He also stated that no one could come into the Council meeting and think they can push Council to do anything without funding and availability of land. Councilman Gallman also clarified that the signs at the Langford Street Park are to keep people away from the area that the Utility Department uses for storage not the ballpark facility. Councilman Underwood asked that Mr. Hare clarify what his point is because the same issues keep getting bounced around. Mr. Hare stated that he had lived in the area for twenty years and Council gives him the impression that they are not concerned with what the children have to do in this area. He stated that the children have to go to Chapin or Newberry to play football or basketball. Councilman Gallman stated that the Town's Recreation Program has grown tremendously in the past couple of years and will continue to grow. He stated that the facilities at the Town Center would hopefully be expanding. Mayor Connelly stated that several years back the Town did have a basketball league but the goals and courts were continuously getting vandalized. He stated that the Town cannot afford to spend money no facilities that will not be taken care of. Our recreation program now pulls children from Chapin, Saluda and Newberry. Councilman Underwood questioned if Mr. Hare's argument was that the Town only offered soccer and baseball. Mr. Hare

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stated that even Whitmire offers basketball and football. Councilman Spotts stated that Mr. Hare's point is that basketball was overlooked. Mr. Hare continued to express his points regarding offering various programs. Mayor Connelly stated that even if the Town was able to offer basketball not every child would play basketball. Mr. Hare agreed that different like different sports. Mayor Connelly stated that the Town citizens would not be happy if the Council decided to raise taxes to support a larger recreation program. Councilman Underwood stated that from the last Council meeting it was his impression that Mr. Hare was requesting that the Council put up basketball goals and it seems tonight that the request are different. Mr. Hare stated that the children are getting in trouble because they have nothing to do. Councilman Underwood stated that he felt that Council would agree to put up basketball goals but as far as starting a basketball program, this takes a lot more effort. Mayor Connelly stated that regarding football, he did not see the Town having a football league any time soon. Mr. Hare stated that if everyone pays to play then the program should pay for itself. Ms. Chastain stated that the fees collected do not cover all the costs. Mayor Connelly stated that years ago the Town let children play in the recreation program with the agreement to pay the fees later but the fees were never collected. Councilman Gallman stated that he had been involved in the baseball program for many years and the fees do not cover the complete cost of the program. Mayor Connelly pointed out that Newberry charged \$100.00 per family to even be eligible to participate in their program. This would definitely eliminate many families from being able to participate. Mr. Bufkin addressed Mr. Hare and stated that the general way that the system works is citizens come forward with concerns and present them to Council. There are certain things that can be addressed immediately but larger scale things must be dealt with on a long-term basis. Council has to determine if there is a strong enough desire among the community to pursue a large project. Mr. Bufkin presented other examples of larger projects around the community and how they were dealt with. He gave examples of Chapin, which has a much higher tax base to support their program. Mayor Connelly stated that he had also had requests to have the tennis courts updated. Councilman Underwood suggested that when the registration forms are prepared for Spring Sports, there should be a place for parents to list other sport that they would like to see the Town program have. He explained that the budget we have now is already set for this fiscal year. Mr. Hare stated that the community might would help fund some new programs. Mr. Bufkin stated that years ago the Town only had Dixie Youth ball but the program has tremendously grown in the last couple of years. Mayor Connelly also suggested that Mr. Hare present these ideas to County Council for additional funding. Councilman Gallman stated that since the last meeting he had gotten quotes on constructing a basketball area and it was around \$4,500.00. Mr. Hare suggested putting basketball goals on the tennis courts. He stated that the tennis courts are not used. Ms. Manning stated that she had been getting many requests for the tennis courts. Individuals are requesting to use the facilities to give tennis lessons. A coach in the area has offered to help the Town refurbish the courts. Mayor Connelly stated that Council is concerned about this program but Council cannot always act on demand. Mr. Brian Gray addressed Council and asked that if an idea was presented to Council through Ms. Manning and Council could not fund the program, then could the community try and fund the program. Mayor Connelly stated that the Council would be glad to have the community help expand the recreation program. He also stated that the Council is not against recreation

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in the Town. Mr. Gray questioned if the funds were raised would there be facilities for these programs. Mayor Connelly stated that basketball is a possibility but football may not be. Mr. Bufkin stated that there are two issues at hand. The first is funding and the second is using the Town facilities for sports that the Town would be liable for. The Town may be able to endorse a sport because of the liability to the Town. Mr. Hare questioned the release that a parent has to sign when a child participates in a sport. Mr. Bufkin stated that this would not protect the Town against a lawsuit. Discussion followed regarding the age of children that would participate. Ms. Manning went on to discuss Newberry's basketball program and the ages that are able to play. Mr. Hare again questioned playground equipment on Langford Street. Mayor Connelly went on to explain that the playground equipment at the Town Center was funded through a PARD Grant. Mayor Connelly thanked Mr. Hare for attending the meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Connelly thanked the Parade Committee for the hard work put into the Christmas Parade. It was one of the best parades ever. He stated that the Prosperity Parade was not mentioned in the Newberry Observer. Many concerned phone calls have been received regarding this. Mayor Connelly again thanked everyone that helped with the parade.

Mayor Connelly thanked everyone with the Town for their hard work during a difficult year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated that 2005 would bring on many new projects and lots of hard work.

A MOTION by Councilman Underwood to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:37 p.m.;
Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Janet Chastain
Clerk/Treasurer