

MINUTES  
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
PROSPERITY, SC 29127  
December 1, 2005  
5:00 PM

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

General Attendance: Melissa Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer; Fred Sexton, Public Works Director; and Sabrina Manning, Recreation Director

Councilman Allen Gallman opened with prayer.

Mayor Connelly stated that Councilman Underwood had requested this meeting and he would like to turn the meeting over to him at this time. Councilman Underwood stated that in July of this year Council gave employees a \$500.00 bonus in lieu of raises. He stated that at that same time Council discussed evaluating the budget in December and issuing another \$500.00 bonus. He stated that he thought Council had voted on both bonuses in July but from reviewing the minutes this was not the case. He stated that he felt that Council needed to take a vote on this as soon as possible and honor the commitment that was made in July. Mayor Connelly asked that Councilman Underwood clarify that this is in addition to the regular Christmas bonus. Councilman Underwood stated that this bonus would be in addition to the Christmas bonus.

Councilman Underwood went on to explain that he thought it was originally Councils intention to take the first \$500.00 bonus out of last fiscal years budget if there were funds left over. He also stated that the Town has not received this audit back yet and at this time cannot determine if funds are remaining from that fiscal year. He stated that the first bonus was taken from reserve funds at the time until otherwise decided. Mayor Connelly questioned where funds for this bonus would come from. Councilman Underwood stated that Council needs to discuss this.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Underwood to pay employees an additional \$500.00 bonus in December; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Ms. Grubbs questioned if Council wanted the money taken from the regular budget or from reserves. Councilman Spotts questioned what the exact amount was. Ms. Grubbs stated that she had given Councilman Underwood the exact figures. Councilman Underwood stated that it would be a total of \$8,000.00. It would be \$500.00 for all employees, even the part-time employees. Council agreed that the funds would come out of reserves until otherwise decided.

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Councilman Underwood stated that this could have been discussed at the regular meeting in December but everyone agreed that they wanted the employees to have these bonuses before Christmas. This is why this meeting was called.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.; Seconded by Councilman Dawkins and so approved unanimously.

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Melissa Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer