

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**February 19, 2019**

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Allen Gallman, Mike Hawkins, Chad Hawkins and Robert Martin

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Utility Director; Chief Don Evans, Police Department and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Underwood called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Councilman Allen Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from January 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from January 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

There was no one signed up to speak in open session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Presentation of the Bennie Bennett African American Community Leadership Award:** Mayor Underwood stated to honor Mr. Bennie Bennett we have recognized an outstanding African American in our Community with the Bennie Bennett African American Community Service Award and this year we presented Captain Wesley Palmore with this award.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:** Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we had an outage last week. He expressed his disappointment in the number of recycling carts that have not been out at the road. He stated there were fifteen recycling carts out at Wessinger Drive, eighteen at Forest Hills Boulevard, fifteen at Shealy Drive and twenty three at Williamswood Drive; which is good for these neighborhoods but need to work on other parts of town.

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the DOT would hopefully get Main Street paving before the Hoppin' festival. Mrs. Livingston stated they would block out April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup> for Hoppin' festival.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin stated the businesses are filling up downtown. He stated they were looking at possible parking projects and would keep moving forward on buildings and properties that are run down.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated baseball fields are looking good. He stated we have seven Dixie Youth teams with thirteen players on each team and we are still taking registrations on all spring sports through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Police Department:** Chief Evans stated he is working on grants to get equipment his department needs. He stated they are cleaning out old files and catching up on old warrants. He stated they are going to be training with the City of Newberry to keep everyone up to date on their training. He stated we need to look at the parking on Main Street and address for the safety of the Citizens because we are averaging two accidents a week on Main Street. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated he was not in favor of doing away with parking on Main Street.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated they have been doing some hydrant testing in Williamswood. He stated Rodney Dudley had received his operator permit training and he is attending backflow classes this week. He stated the rain has got them behind on several projects including Dominick Street. He stated they are planning to switch over the customers to the new service in three different sections. He stated they are working on putting the new signs up in the park. He stated the outage was due to a substation issue with Duke. He stated we are working with them to remove old equipment and they have been easy to work with.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn stated her comments would be covered in Executive Session.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston stated our Ordinances and Codes have been sent in to update. She stated the Younglife dinner is February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 at Wightman and the Prosperity Business Association has invited us to sit at their table at the event. She stated our Hoppin' festival would be May 4<sup>th</sup> 10 until 3 in the square. She stated the vendor and

sponsor letters have been mailed. She stated the Prosperity Business Association wants to have a live band, beer wagon and car show from 5-8 to add to the event. She stated the clock survived the power outage.

**Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee:** Mayor Underwood stated he brought up at the Business Association meeting the time limit on parking went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> and the smoking ordinance would also be enforced with tickets at this time too.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Square Revitalization Update:** Mayor Underwood stated the Capital Campaign project is working on a draft for the trifold brochure to be ready to give out by the Hoppin' festival in May and also trying to set up where people will be able to donate a brick online through Bricks Are Us. He stated they are working on the bylaws for this non-profit organization. He asked Council if they wanted to be able to appoint by Council and the right to dissolve if needed. Council agreed to have two members from Council, two members from the Business Association and one at large for the committee. Discussion followed.

**Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project:** Mr. West stated he had met with the Contractor, received some prices and now we are down to a funding issue. Mayor Underwood stated we need to put out the revised scope for bids and get quotes and look for our funding. Discussion followed.

**Main Street Paving:** Mayor Underwood stated we discussed this earlier in the meeting.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Eric Lemoine asked Council about getting an analog phone during outages since we are on digital phones at Town Hall and when the power goes down there are no phones. Mrs. Livingston stated if you call our number it will take you to our answering service and we do get the messages from this service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

(Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in executive session.)

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Mayor Underwood stated they discussed a Contractual matter in the Electrical Department and there was nothing to be brought up at this time for a vote.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:50p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer