

MINUTES
Special Called Town Council Meeting
February 3, 2026

Council Attendance: Mayor Robert Martin, Councilmembers: Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins and McKeve Kinard-Shelton.

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Wise, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Project Manager; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief and Jennifer Nichols, Town Attorney.

Mayor Robert Martin called the Special Called Meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A MOTION by Councilmember Chad Hawkins to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilmember Mike Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **CONTRACTUAL MATTER- CHURCH STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**
- b. **CONTRACTUAL MATTER- REVIEW OF NEW NEWBERRY COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE VS. TOWN ADOPTED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE.**
- c. **BENNIE BENNETT AWARD NAME CHANGE**

Upon returning to Open Session, the Town Council may vote on issues discussed in Executive Session.

A MOTION by Councilmember Chad Hawkins to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilmember Mike Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Martin stated they discussed the Church Street property development in Executive Session.

Councilmember Chad Hawkins stated we should let the perspective builder know there was a commercial business at this location and sewer is available. He stated there is a 8” sewer main that can be tapped into and water is available on Church Street and Eureka Street.

Mr. West presented the sewer mapping system to Council and explained the 8” existing line and was not sure where the end is capped off when the building was demolished.

Discussion followed.

Councilmember Chad Hawkins stated it would need to be rezoned to R10, using our current subdivision regulations with one half acre lot.

Mrs. Livingston stated we are in the early stages of updating our subdivision ordinance. She stated the County will enforce our Ordinance and we do not have to adopt the County subdivision ordinance.

Mrs. Livingston stated the current owner will have to apply for the rezoning application and they will make the recommendation to us and we will have two readings to approve the rezoning.

Councilmember Chad Hawkins shared with the builder about the firearm business across the street from this location. He stated this will be important to share with the homeowners there will be shooting across the street at certain times of the day.

Mayor Martin discussed with Council about changing the name and the month of the Bennie Bennett award. Mrs. Livingston suggested to put on the February agenda to discuss and decide what month the award will be given and the name change.

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 6:19p.m.

Michelle Wise Michelle Wise, Clerk/Treasurer