

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 21, 2023

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

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Underwood called the Regular meeting to order and asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPEN SESSION:

There was no one to speak in Open Session.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prosperity Business Association:

Mayor Underwood stated the minutes are on record.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated there is nothing to report.

CTC Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated there is nothing to report but there is a pothole at the Fire Department that we have on the list to fix but there is a process we go through with the Contractor that fixes our potholes in town.

Carolina Connect Installation:

Councilman Robert Martin stated they are waiting on a few things.

Prosperity Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary 1873-2023) Planning Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated everything would go live tomorrow on the website with all the events for the Sesquicentennial.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senator Ronnie Cromer-Sesquicentennial Presentation:

Senator Ronnie Cromer presented a Resolution honoring Prosperity for one hundred fifty years; changing the name from Froglevel to Prosperity.

Representative Joe White –Sesquicentennial Presentation:

House of Representative Joe White read the proclamation honoring Prosperity for one hundred fifty years.

Tom Mack – Sesquicentennial Presentation:

Tom Mack presented a drawing of the Moseley building and its neighboring building to the Town of Prosperity to honor Prosperity for one hundred fifty years.

Presentation of Bennie Bennett 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 Leadership Award and this year we presented Lorraine Counts Boyd with this award.

Dedication of Mayor/Council Plaque:

Mayor Underwood presented plaques to recognize all Mayors and Councils from 1973 until 2023.

Councilman Allen Gallman thanked the Mayor, Council, Mrs. Livingston, Ms. Bundrick, Mrs. Hansel and Mrs. Senn. He stated we have a great team and thanked everyone for working together.

Dedication of Bennie Bennett Award Recipient Plaque:

Mayor Underwood presented a plaque with all the Bennie Bennett Award Recipients.

Mayor Underwood asked Council if we could skip report of Committees for tonight.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to skip report of Committees for tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-01 An Annexation Ordinance For Additional Acreage Located at 576 Counts Sausage Road, Owned by Linda W. Spence:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept second reading of Ordinance 2023-01 an annexation for additional acreage located at 576 Counts Sausage Road, owned by Linda W. Spence; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Stabilize Fencing at Substation:

Mrs. Livingston stated we are coordinating with an outside contractor and waiting on the weather to clear up.

Capital Project Sales Tax Plan:

Mayor Underwood announced that Jeff Shacker is the new County Administrator and is very excited about that. He stated the Capital Project Sales Tax awarded Prosperity with 3.2 million dollars to upgrade all the parks in the town. He stated parks and recreation are important to our town.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated we attended the drop-in for Walt McLeod honoring him for his public service on Sunday afternoon. He stated it was amazing at the turn out and all the good stories. He stated we appreciate all Walt McLeod has done for our town and we welcome Representative Joe White with his new and refreshing ideas.

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the Chief had sent a text out this afternoon about the new owner of Spotts Tractor. Councilman Hawkins stated the Spotts Tractor building will be occupied and will be a real boost for our town.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:38p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer