

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**November 21, 2023**

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

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from October 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the Minutes from October 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

There was no one to speak in Open Session.

Mayor Underwood congratulated Councilman Chad Hawkins and Councilman Robert Martin on their re-election to serve the Town four more years.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Prosperity Business Association:**

Mayor Underwood stated Ms. Bradley sent the minutes to all of Council.

**CTC Committee:**

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the DOT let the road project last Tuesday and they have June 2025 as the completion date. He stated Wessinger Drive , Shealy Drive, Forest Hills Boulevard, Circle Drive, Connelly Drive, School Drive, McNeary Street to the town limits, Pearl Street behind the businesses, Rikard School Road, Pine Street, Langford

Street to the ballfield and Henry Street are all included on this project. He stated they have money marked for new speed signs in Prosperity. Mrs. Livingston stated we received money for the paving of water line repairs. Mayor Underwood stated Mr. Glenn Hamm and himself will be doing another drive through town in December for the next round of money for roads needing to be paved.

**Carolina Connect Installation:**

Mrs. Livingston stated we are still moving forward.

**Prosperity Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1873-2023) Event Update:**

Mrs. Livingston stated Mr. Billy Bedenbaugh of Woodmen of the World will provide us with a flag pole at Town Hall and we will bury the time capsule there. She stated the flag would be unveiled and the beard contest would be the night of the Shopper's Walk.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 11212023 Amending the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Prosperity to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020:**

Mayor Underwood stated this Ordinance is amending the class schedule not the rates. Discussion followed.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 11212023 Amending the Business License Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:**

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

**Public Safety and Streets:**

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated everything going well in public safety and updated the streets earlier in the meeting.

**Economic Development, Buildings and Properties:**

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the fence at the cemetery has been repaired and he gave four thousand four hundred ten dollars to Mr. Jimmy Counts with the help from

Council and some other Citizens in the community towards the repair. He stated the business going in at Thelma's Florist shop is going to be selling classic motorcycles.

**Parks, Recreation and Events:**

Councilman Gallman stated we have the Shopper's Walk and the Christmas parade coming up. Mayor Underwood stated Republican Presidential Candidate Ron Desantis would be at the Civic Center on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Police Department:**

Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He attended the PBA meeting. He stated the Police Department assisted with traffic at Prosperity Rikard and assisted with the mobile food pantry. He stated he was the speaker at Mid-Carolina High School for the Veteran's Day program. He stated Sergeant Hunter and he attended a crime scene investigation training and he attended the Chief's conference in North Myrtle Beach.

**Town Attorney:**

Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

**Town Administrator:**

Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Capital Project Sales Tax Plan:**

Mrs. Livingston and Mayor Underwood met with Clayton Construction Management with the CPST project. Mrs. Livingston stated that Barr Recreation would be submitting our plans to them. Discussion followed.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Underwood asked for a motion to postpone the December meeting until January.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to postpone the December Council Meeting until January; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Underwood stated there are two items to discuss in Executive Session:

- A. Contractual Matter- Mike Bedenbaugh
- B. Personnel Issue- Utility Department

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, 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.

Mayor Underwood stated there was no action to be taken for a vote at this time.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:30p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer