

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**September 17, 2019**

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from August 20, 2019 Special Called Council Meeting and August 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the minutes from August 20, 2019 Special Called Council Meeting and August 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Municipal Association Recognition of Prosperity Town Council for Group Completion of the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government:**

Mr. Jeff Shacker presented a recognition to our Council on the completion of the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government. He thanked Council for inviting him to speak on dilapidated buildings.

**Tap Grant Resolution:**

Mrs. Livingston stated she attended the CTC meeting this afternoon and the twenty percent match from the CTC on this Tap Grant would be voted on next month along with the written approval.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:** Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he had a false alarm to emergency personnel this morning.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated there are six teams for three to four year olds; eight teams for five and six year olds; ten teams for seven to nine year olds and five teams for ten to thirteen year olds; with a total of 313 children. He stated We Care distributed twenty one food boxes last Thursday. He stated there is a Health Care Clinic Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-2 at the Civic Center. Lieutenant Jones stated himself and the Mayor would be going to pick the Christmas tree soon. He stated he wanted to include Prosperity Rikard and Grace Pre-School on decorating ornaments for the tree this year and Just Country owner would like to help with the decorating too. Mayor Underwood stated he had talked with Robert Mathison at the Mayor's breakfast and he is interested in doing something with art in the Prosperity area. Mayor Underwood stated they talked about doing a flag competition where participants will design a Prosperity flag and would be voted on by the Prosperity Town Council. Mayor Underwood stated this would be a great opportunity for the Newberry County Community.

**Police Department:** Chief Palmore reported the numbers for the month. He stated the radars have been certified. He stated they had a SLED Audit, legal update and weapon training this month.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated the fencing was going up from the storm damage. He stated he is working with Contractors on water and sewer taps for new services. They are still in the process of changing out electrical poles from the storm. He stated they have paved areas from the water breaks and repairs at Brookside Drive, McNary Street, Brown Street and the area between the walking track and road. Mr. West stated Chris Mitchell did some resurfacing on the sidewalks to see how effective his new machine is working. Mr. West thanked him for coming out and taking care of some bad areas in the sidewalks.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn stated she had a fully signed power purchase agreement from NEC. She stated she sent a letter to the Railroad and made a phone call to them. The lady stated we could pay them \$3500.00 to research everything but Mrs. Senn stated she had already done a title search and all the research and would not know why we would have to pay \$3500. Discussion followed. Mrs. Senn suggested us sending a letter requesting a deadline so that we can move forward.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston asked Mr. West to get with Councilman Mike Hawkins about the parking behind The Blend. Discussion followed.

**Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee:** There was no report.

**Vision 2020 Committee:** Mayor Underwood stated we are pushing forward with the October 5<sup>th</sup> Gala with a live band and other entertainment. He stated he presented at the Mayor's breakfast and give flyers to the Chamber of Commerce on the Revitalization Campaign.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Square Revitalization Update:** Mayor Underwood stated it was talked about under Vision 2020.

**Update on Washington Street and Williamswood Drive Water System Improvements Project:** Mr. West stated there is no further progress at this time. Discussion followed. Mr. West stated the major issue with this project is staffing. He stated we have all the permits for this project.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

There were no General Comments.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:12p.m.

**Michelle Bundrick** Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer