

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

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

Council Absence: Mayor Derek Underwood.

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

Administrative Absence: Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins presented the Minutes from January 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and February 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gallman to approve the Minutes from January 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and February 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

There was no one to speak in Open Session.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Prosperity Business Association:**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins stated they had received the monthly updates from Ms. Bradley.

**Vision 2020 Committee:**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins stated there is nothing to report.

**CTC Committee:**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins stated they are still moving forward and going through the bid process. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we need to get Conifer and Cedar Drive back on the list to be paved. Mrs. Livingston stated these are County roads so we will need to call the County Public Works.

**Carolina Connect Installation:**

Councilman Robert Martin stated he would update under his report.

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

Mrs. Livingston stated the Hoppin' Pageant was held last weekend for the first time in three years. She stated it was a small pageant but it went very well. She stated our cookbook deadline would be March 24<sup>th</sup> so that we could get published by May 12<sup>th</sup> in time for Hoppin'. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked about the deadline for the cookbook. Mrs. Livingston stated we could extend the deadline and have it published for July. She stated we have our first cook team signed up for the BBQ on May 12<sup>th</sup>. She stated the car show would be on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Gin on 391. She stated beer and wine would be sold on Friday night and there would be a band.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2023-0301 An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Town of Prosperity to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to Participate in One or More Local Revenue Service Programs; to Execute and Deliver One or More Participant Program Supplements; and Other Matters Relating Thereto:**

Mrs. Livingston stated this is our Business License tax for insurance tax, broker's tax and telecommunications tax and they are rolling all taxes into one called Local Revenue Service.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2023-0301 an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing The Town of Prosperity to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to Participate in One or More Local Revenue Service Programs; to Execute and Deliver One or More Participant Program Supplements; and Other Matters Relating Thereto; seconded by Councilman Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**City of Newberry- Town of Prosperity Juneteenth Funding:**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins stated the Mayor and Chief Palmore are on the Juneteenth committee for The City of Newberry. The City of Newberry has asked us to fund \$3500 toward the Juneteenth celebration to be in partnership with this event.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve \$3500 funding toward the Juneteenth celebration to be in partnership with The City of Newberry; seconded by Councilman Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:**

Councilman Martin stated we are going to be clearing lines in the right of ways for Carolina Connect location list and will price out the job. He stated the backhoe is repaired with a cost of sixteen thousand for a new engine. He stated NCW&S helped with boring on Forest Hills with a new water service. He stated we have been working over at the new event venue with the electric. He stated they are working on new water and electric service behind the Stable's. He stated they have repaired street lights on Byrd and Grace Street. He stated they were scheduled to pave at the Fire Department where water main repair was made and Eureka and Armfield. He stated fire ant treatment has been started for the season. He stated mosquito spraying will start in April. He stated the well house was installed at Park Well and debris cleaned up from dilapidated building. He stated they did a service change out where Smokin' Buttz BBQ is going on Main Street.

**Public Safety and Streets:**

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we will call the County to get Conifer and Cedar drive back on the list to pave.

**Economic Development, Buildings and Properties:**

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated Smokin' Buttz BBQ is going where the old Texaco building was on Main Street.

**Parks, Recreation and Events:**

Councilman Gallman stated we have fifty-one teams total for our spring recreation. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated not all the kids are in the town limits. He stated they are from surrounding areas in our County.

**Police Department:**

Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated they assisted with We Care and traffic at Prosperity Rikard. He stated the Mayor and he attended the Juneteenth meeting at The City of Newberry and the Mayor really had great leadership with this committee. He stated he represented The Town of Prosperity at Newberry Elementary School because one of the kids picked him as the person they looked up to and that was an honor. He stated they had their yearly weapon qualifications and emergency vehicle

training. He stated Hunter has investigative training tomorrow. He stated they are working with the Sheriff's office concerning five incidents from gunfire.

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated some of our Citizens could have worked with us differently but it has worked out great for this partnership with the City of Newberry for the Juneteenth celebration.

**Town Attorney:**

Mrs. Livingston stated Mrs. Senn is out due to illness.

**Town Administrator:**

Mrs. Livingston stated she had a call from a Citizen concerning the condition of the property at the Prosperity Cemetery. Discussion followed.

Mayor Pro tem stated he wanted us to follow up with the two letters that have been sent to the Post Office concerning the back entrance of the Post Office where the trucks are messing up the sidewalk. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stabilize Fencing at Substation:**

Mrs. Livingston stated we have had many other projects this month. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we need this at the top of the list of projects.

**Capital Project Sales Tax Plan:**

Mrs. Livingston stated the money will not be bonded until June. She stated some of the project elements may be cut due to the inflation factor. She stated it would probably be next fiscal year before funding is available.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins thanked the events committee for getting the cookbook together for the Sesquicentennial Event. Mrs. Livingston encouraged people to go out to the website under the 150<sup>th</sup> events for the celebration.

Mayor Pro tem Chad Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:41p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer