

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**September 17, 2024**

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Mike Hawkins, Chad 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 August 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the Minutes from August 20, 2024 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:**

Gina Mays stated the Business Association applied for two grants through the tax accommodation fund and received both and was very excited about that. She stated the Fall Crawl and family fun would be October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-8p.m. She stated there are two new businesses in town; Luminous Legacies Photography by Ashley Jones and Brannon Family Chiropractic. She stated they are working on the Shopper's Walk event and logos we will be voting on soon.

**CTC Committee:**

Councilman Chad Hawkins had nothing to report.

**Capital Project Sales Tax Update:**

Mayor Underwood spoke to the County Administrator last week and stated by November 14<sup>th</sup> the monies allocated will be bonded and by late January 2025 should be seeing some movement in our parks, ballfields and town square with this project. Mrs. Livingston stated we met with the project manager and it was a great meeting. Councilman Martin asked if any of the playground equipment may be repurposed. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Stephen Selestino-Retirement Recognition:**

Chief Palmore recognized Officer Selestino with a plaque on his retirement from the Police Department on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Sergeant Philip Hunter stated the department always gifts the last duty service weapon to the Officer and he presented Officer Selestino his last duty service weapon.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:**

Councilman Martin stated we are having some issues with sanitation with the truck dropping the carts in the middle of the driveways or in the roadways but we have addressed with Waste Management.

**Public Safety and Streets:**

Councilman Chad Hawkins had nothing to report.

**Economic Development, Buildings and Properties:**

Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

**Parks, Recreation and Events:**

Councilman Gallman stated our events are right around the corner. He stated we had a parade meeting on Friday. Mrs. Livingston stated our theme for the parade is “A Magical Musical Christmas”. She stated our Shopper’s Walk would be on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the parade is on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Grande Marshal would be announced next month.

**Police Department:**

Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated the Police Department assisted with the mobile food pantry. He stated they attended the PBA meeting. He stated Sergeant Hunter attended classes at the Academy for radar instructor and training officer. He stated he would be attending the Chief's conference September 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> at Myrtle Beach. He stated they would be assisting with the Fall Crawl October 11<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm, the Cruzin' October 12th at the Town Center 10-3pm and Spooktacular October 31st 5:30-7pm.

Sergeant Hunter described the new weapons with Shadow Systems to the Council and stated the old ones were out of warranty.

**Town Attorney:**

Mrs. Senn stated she has assisted with state laws on political signage.

**Town Administrator:**

Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

Councilman Chad Hawkins asked if we could get the roses trimmed from our sign at Town Hall.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked about the railroad sign in the square. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Brochures for Depot:**

Mrs. Livingston stated they talked about it at the Business Association and formed a committee to look at the past ones and work together to produce a new one.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Underwood stated the Governmental Association meeting will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> hosted at the Gin. He stated the Capital Sales Tax Project will be on the agenda.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:28p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer