

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting and
July 16, 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 June 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the Minutes from June 18, 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:

Mrs. Livingston stated the Prosperity Business Association cancelled their movie night, but they are still having a Wine Walk in October and the Shopper's Walk in December.

CTC Committee:

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated CTC had no meeting this month.

Capital Project Sales Tax Update:

Mayor Underwood stated we are frustrated, and it has been hard getting accurate numbers from the County on this project. He stated Mrs. Livingston sent a package out for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome Center Brochures:

Mrs. Livingston stated she is working on a sign for the Depot. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we discussed last month getting brochures for outside for people to pick up anywhere at the different businesses. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated we would get with the Business Association to update the current brochure and have ready for the Wine Walk in October.

CPST Plan:

Mayor Underwood stated Mrs. Livingston and himself met with Scott Sawyer and Jeff Shacker with Newberry County. Mrs. Livingston stated we were over \$118,000 that was allotted for the project but there is \$336,000 in contingency and we should be ok and moving forward with the project. She stated we are getting football field lighting, solar lights around the walking track, paving all parking lots, restrooms at the football field, ADA compliance bathroom, new park equipment and a shelter at Langford Street Park. Mayor Underwood stated people with the County need to understand they are in place to execute the wills of the people, the Town, and the County Council and not to make the decisions.

Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about the safety barrier and Mrs. Livingston stated we have a PARD Grant for that.

Mayor Underwood stated it would be hard to go back with major changes because it has taken a year to get to this process. He thanked Mrs. Livingston for being on top of this project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:

Councilman Martin stated Shiloh Street water line has been replaced and just needs new asphalt to finish. He stated we would not let the truck that has been parked there do that anymore because it is not private parking. Discussion followed. He stated Upper Cut on Broad Street had a water leak and the guys changed a ½ inch line to ¾ inch line to fix their problem. He stated the power would be installed by July 29th on Brookside Drive. He stated the trees are hanging over the street on Main Street in the downtown area. Mrs. Livingston stated she would let our landscaper know. Councilman Martin stated we have a new employee; Will Cook working with the utility department.

Public Safety and Streets:

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he has not heard anything back from the letter on the siren. He stated he had a citizen to ask about if we had in place internet meeting sites such as substation or Police Department. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated we would ask other towns when we go to the annual MASC meeting this weekend what they do.

Economic Development, Buildings and Properties:

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he gets discouraged with the empty store fronts in our downtown, but he has heard of one or two more possibilities of new businesses coming into town.

Parks, Recreation and Events:

Councilman Gallman stated the baseball season is over and was a good year. He stated soccer registration starts July 22nd through August 14th. Mrs. Livingston stated National Night Out is earlier this year and Hawg Heaven would be providing food, there will be some jump houses and a DJ coming out.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked when the next car show would be, and Councilman Martin stated it would be October 12th.

Police Department:

Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He attended the PBA meeting. He stated the Police Department assisted with the mobile food pantry. He stated they had an audit with the 1033 program. He stated he met with the Solicitor about a new way of doing evidence through the internet. He stated National Night Out would be Friday and it was a way to show the kids how they make the community and schools safer. He stated they would be doing traffic at Prosperity Rikard on August 7th. He stated in the next ninety days we would be assisting with the Wine Walk, Cruise-In and Spooktacular.

Mayor Underwood stated all of Town Council would be at a conference in Greenville this weekend and he thanked the Chief for leading and doing this event for the community,

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked the Chief if there was a way to have two officers twice a month during morning school traffic to stop some of these speeding violators. He asked about the portable sign sitting at Town Hall if it could be used for speeding hot spots. Chief stated it is used for a message board during events.

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There was a discussion about the red light at the Food Lion intersection and our County Councilman put it out there it would be done this summer.

Town Attorney:

Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator:

Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated they would be attending the MASC annual meeting this weekend and would be networking with other Municipalities. He stated we will ask about the micro business license for home-based businesses and safe exchange zones.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:35p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer