

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
November 16, 2021

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

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

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order. He asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from October 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes as presented from October 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Jaylee Koon, Brittany Moore and Sabrina Lin asked Council about their art club participating in an art show at the Civic Center to sell their paintings; which they raise money for families affected by childhood cancer. Discussion followed.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prosperity Business Association:

Lorraine Bradley was unable to attend the meeting and Mayor Underwood stated the Shopper's Walk was the main discussion in the Business Association meeting. He stated there would be longer hours for the vendors this year; extending from 2 until 8. Mrs. Livingston stated they were bringing back the drawings at 8pm and most all the businesses would be open. The Mayor asked Carter Lake's daughter to light the Christmas tree. Councilman Chad Hawkins contacted the Prosperity Business

Association and let them know we have a local Cub Scout group that will be putting out the luminaries.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated the committee would like to donate the picnic table at the Langford Park.

CTC Committee:

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated the CTC had a great meeting this afternoon and they don't have a set timeline for paving. He stated they are overwhelmed with work and it would be sometime in 2022. He stated they received stimulus money and are wanting to fund some projects for the small towns in the County. He stated they have secured funding the Town Center road and would like to include the repair and replacement of the sidewalks in with this project since they are not in the best condition. Discussion followed.

Depot Paving Update:

Mrs. Livingston stated they are paving Friday morning and we will not be able to drive on over the weekend.

Parking and Fencing at Substation Update:

Mrs. Livingston stated we have received a scope of work from a local Contractor and will need to turn into a bid sheet and will have to have an engineer drawing to post.

NEW BUSINESS:

Smoke-Free Palmetto Certification Award Presentation:

DHEC presented The Town of Prosperity with the Smoke-Free Palmetto Certification Award.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1116-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone a Real Estate Parcel Totaling Nine and Ninety-Two Hundredths (9.92) Acres Designated as TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-36 From R-7 General Residential to Neighborhood Commercial:

Mr. Glenn Hamm shared a presentation of the history of Hamm Hardware in The Town of Prosperity and explained to Council their ideas on building on the property they are requesting the rezoning on Hwy 76. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2021-1116-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone a Real Estate Parcel Totaling Nine and Ninety-Two Hundredths (9.92) Acres Designated as TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-36 From R-7 General Residential to Neighborhood Commercial; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman and so approved unanimously.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1117-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone Two Real Estate Parcels Totaling Three and Seventy-Two Hundredths(3.72) Acres Designated As TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-6 & 462-1-2-7 From R-10 Single Family Residential To Neighborhood Commercial:

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2021-1117-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone Two Real Estate Parcels Totaling Three and Seventy-Two Hundredths (3.72) Acres Designated As TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-6 & 462-1-2-7 From R-10 Single Family Residential To Neighborhood Commercial; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood and Council asked if the second reading needed to be a Special Called meeting but it was decided to have at the regular December meeting.

Approval for Blessing Box and Little Library Box to be placed behind Town Hall:

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to approve the Blessing Box and Little Library Box to be placed behind Town Hall; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Robert Martin stated Stanley and Wil are out sick right now. He stated we needed to get the scope of work defined to bid out the parking lot at the substation. He stated Brown and Shiloh Street water leak has been fixed. He stated the Town clock is now working. He stated Eureka and Armfield Street water leak has been repaired. He stated we are working toward Mr. West being over Electric and Will being over the Water when he gets his Water Operator License.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he had received a text from Robert Dennis about purchasing some AEDS for the Fire Department. He stated he would like to see the sidewalk extended on Church Street to Froglevel Commons. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if we could revisit the fire alarm. Discussion followed. Mr. Glenn Hamm suggested looking at the Ordinance to repeal or maybe just need to reword. Mayor Underwood stated we need to reach out to City of Newberry and see what they did to remove.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated there has been more progress on the pink building on Main Street and they have installed a new roof on the event building in town. He stated with all the property off of Eureka and Church for sale we do not want to be hit with impact fees like we did before.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman thanked the parents and everyone for their support with soccer and he enjoyed coaching his grandson's team. He stated the Council and Police need keys to the lights at the ballfields. He stated the Christmas Parade would be on December 5, 2021.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated Corporal Selestino is returning back to work. He stated they assisted with the mobile food pantry and Spooktacular. He stated he was invited to the Veteran's Day Parade; invited to be a part of the roll call and speak at Mid-Carolina Middle School for their Veteran's Day program. He stated we are getting prepared for the Shopper's Walk, tree lighting and the Christmas Parade. He stated the speed signs are ordered but no delivery date. He stated the Police Chief Association donated two bullet proof vests to the department. He stated November and December we have been working on legal updates. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the speeding on McNeary and South Main is still not acceptable.

Utility Department: Councilman Martin stated the work orders report looks good.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated she would like to schedule a meeting with Council for the CPST projects because our letter of intent to submit is due on November 30th. Discussion followed. Council decided next Tuesday November 23rd to go over all pending projects and discuss CPST projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1019- To Adopt The Model Business License Ordinance In Accordance With The Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176:

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2021-1019- To Adopt The Model Business License Ordinance In Accordance With The

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Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood thanked the Citizens for re-electing all of us and look forward to working with all of Council the next four years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A. Legal advice concerning Zoning issue (South Main and Williamswood Drive)

B. Salary Review

(Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approve unanimously.

Mayor Underwood stated under the legal advice the Town Administrator would draft a letter to be reviewed by the Attorney and mail to the property owners showing the compliance of zoning issue on South Main.

Mayor Underwood stated he would meet with County Council and City Council to discuss consistent way to appropriate APR funds for Premium Pay; if decided by the Council.

Councilman Mike Hawkins thanked the Mayor and Councilman Gallman for helping with the campaign.

Mayor Underwood thanked Councilman Mike Hawkins and all of Council for their support too.

Councilman Gallman thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:41p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer