

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**April 18, 2023**

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; 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 March 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gallman to approve the Minutes from March 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Eric Lemoine from 144 Williamswood Drive asked about the sewer line that was installed behind his house. He stated the Contractor cutting the trees asked him how the line got installed in that location. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated the Contractor should bring his complaint to the town.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Prosperity Business Association:**

Mrs. Livingston stated the Business Association is looking forward to the BBQ contest on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and there are still spots available to sign up.

**Vision 2020 Committee:**

Mayor Underwood stated there is nothing to report.

**CTC Committee:**

Mayor Underwood stated we are still scheduled for paving at Circle Drive, Connelly Drive and School Drive. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he attended a DOT meeting last week and they stated it is a cement shortage right now so DOT is pulling back on jobs that use cement. He stated this may affect our paving projects.

**Carolina Connect Installation:**

Councilman Robert Martin stated we are working on this project. Mrs. Livingston stated we are getting prices from a couple of tree Contractors to clear the lines. She stated we don't have a guess on the cost. Mayor Underwood stated just to update Council when she received some information.

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

Mrs. Livingston stated at the meeting we booked a band/DJ for the Gala on July 8<sup>th</sup>. She stated we would start selling tickets for the Gala at Hoppin'. She stated there would be a silent auction at the Gala. She stated the cookbook deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup> and we would have them for sell at the Gala for \$15.00. She stated Mike Bedenbaugh is in charge of updating the history book from 1973 through the current year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Youth Protection Ordinance Review:**

Mayor Underwood stated this Youth Protection Ordinance needs to be looked at and the language needs to be updated. Discussion followed.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:**

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

**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 everyone is having fun, no complaints and the parks are full every day. Mayor Underwood asked to have the tree Contractor to check the oak trees at the park.

**Police Department:**

Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated they assisted with We Care and traffic at Prosperity Rikard. He stated they attended career day at Prosperity Rikard. He stated they attended an exercise for the prom at MCHS. He stated they are doing legal updates from the Academy. He stated Hunter attended a dog fighting class. He stated the next 90 days they would be assisting with Hoppin', Juneteenth Celebration, the Sheriff Department would have an active shooter exercise and the Gala in July.

Mayor Underwood asked if we were going to Prosperity Rikard School on Friday. Mrs. Livingston stated they are opening their time capsule from 2007 at 1:30 on Friday. Chief Palmore stated he was not aware but they would be there.

**Town Attorney:**

Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

**Town Administrator:**

Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2nd 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:**

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept 2<sup>nd</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; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

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**Stabilize Fencing at Substation:**

Mayor Underwood stated we need to come up with a date that we can do this project. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if we could get a Contractor to do this project. Discussion followed.

**Capital Project Sales Tax Plan:**

Mayor Underwood stated Jeff Shacker is the new County Administrator. Mrs. Livingston stated they are in the estimation part of this and re-engineering the project. She stated we are looking at June until this project is bonded. Discussion followed.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked whomever put out the big blocks at the wee-ball field. He stated we still need to get a fence to keep the cars away from walking track.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:29p.m.

*Michelle Bundrick* Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer