

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 21, 2020

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

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

Mayor Underwood called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from November 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and January 7, 2020 Special Called Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from November 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and January 7, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Councilman Chad Hawkins recognized Troop 316 and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reappointment of Municipal Judge and Municipal Attorney:

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to accept the reappointment of Barry Koon as Municipal Judge; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept the reappointment of Lisa Senn as Town Attorney; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

2020 Goals:

Glenn Hamm with the Vision 2020 Committee addressed the Council on how they are supporting the downtown square project and projects with other areas of the Community. He stated they are building Community partners to execute the goals of these projects.

Mayor Underwood stated the 2020 Goals as the following:

- 1) Square project plan presentation from the Vision 2020 Committee-
Apply for 2020 PARD Grant to aid in funding; presentation to all private
Companies in area.
- 2) Downtown traffic and parking enhancements.
- 3) Parking behind Blend.
- 4) Property Maintenance Code Enforcement to include fines and property cleanup.
- 5) Ongoing efforts to rezone R-7 to r-10 throughout Town with corridor adherence.
- 6) Signage into Town; metal, uniformed.
- 7) Walking Track Lighting- PARD Grant received to light tennis court and walking
track from 2019 funds.
- 8) Depot parking lot project-Received grant funds from MASC for parking lot and
painting the Depot.
- 9) Tap Grant Application pending for remaining sidewalks needing upgrade.
- 10) Washington Street and Williamswood Drive water upgrades.
- 11) Way lighting to public parking spaces.
- 12) High speed internet throughout town.
- 13) Police to monitor park/ballfield restrooms, work orders for debris removal during
shift work.

1st Reading to adopt the MASC Model Business License Ordinance:

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to adopt the MASC Model Business License Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mrs. Livingston stated it was text amendment changes and there were no rate changes.

Officer Recognition:

Chief Palmore recognized Corporal Corey Jones for being Officer of the Year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins had nothing to report.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated the Dixie Softball and Baseball deadline would be February 23rd and the Wee Ball, Tee Ball, Coaches Pitch and Soccer deadline is March 1st. Mrs. Livingston stated Prosperity's Hoppin' would be May 2nd and the Hoppin' Pageant is scheduled for February 23rd.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported his cases for the year to Council.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated they had some small maintenance to do at the ballfields before the season starts. He stated they will be installing a new scoreboard at the Pony Field. He stated they were getting some poles for the tennis court and walking track. He stated they had worked on the pumps under the building at Town Hall and reworked some electrical and rerouted the new service. He stated all the taps were on the new water line on Washington Street and they had some clean up left to do and finish one part of the line but due to the weather has not been able to complete. He stated he is working with the Chief on a plan for debris pick-up and enforcing policies. He stated they have been hauling dirt to the maintenance yard for the Substation.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated We Care Mobile Food Pantry would be at the Town Center on February 4th at 1:00 to distribute food. She stated we have a new business in Town, SC Made It and is talking with him about signs for our town and he is working on a design. She stated Duke has a surplus warehouse that we were able to get poles for \$60-\$70 each for the tennis court and walking track. She stated renovations would begin at Town Hall the week of February 3rd.

Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee: Mrs. Livingston stated the Business Association meeting was a good productive meeting.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to add a contractual matter on a building to be torn down under Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Vision 2020 Committee: Mr. Glenn Hamm reported earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Washington Street and Williamswood Drive Water System Improvements Project:

Discussed earlier in the meeting but Council wanted to leave on the agenda one more month for the clean up on Washington Street. No update on Williamswood at this time.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated we would post the 2020 Goals and he asked if there is anything that the town needs to address to please let someone know about it. He is excited about getting starting on projects with the Vision 2020 Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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

Mayor Underwood stated they discussed a contractual matter in the Utility Department and there was nothing that requires a vote at this time.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:25p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer