

**MINUTES**  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
**April 17, 2018**

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

Administrative Attendance: Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Utility Director; Lt. Harry Bodiford and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Administrative Absence: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator.

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.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Mayor Underwood stated Glenn Hamm would be coming to talk with Council about his new role with the County Transportation Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from March 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes from March 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Underwood stated there was no new business to discuss.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

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

**Public Safety and Streets:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he had a meeting with Lieutenant Bodiford before the meeting on the direction we want the department going.

He stated the sidewalk contractor would be back in town tomorrow. He stated he would like to talk with the Safety Officer and Director about signage and other things after the project is complete.

**Economic Development, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report. Mayor Underwood stated Robert Adams with Tyler Construction is working with a State project and would like to talk with us about growth opportunities.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated the parks are looking great. He stated he completed a round on our new walking track. Mayor Underwood thanked Ed and Joe for going around Saturday emptying trash carts at the ballfield. Mayor Underwood stated we needed to stay on top of the trash at the ballfields.

**Police Department:** Lieutenant Bodiford briefed Council on the calls for the month. Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked Bodiford for coming out to assist Officer Jones on the failure to stop for a blue light incident.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated they found another connection for the Shiloh Street leak and we are fortunate to be able to patch. He stated Washington Street is ready to close and planning to do within the next two weeks weather permitting. He stated we finished the installation of the ballfield lights during the first game. He stated they had to move two transformers, install three phase power and moved the scoreboard over two feet due to a sewer line and drainage issue. Mayor Underwood asked if they were going to block off from people parking in the grassy area to cut off parking between the two fields. Mr. West stated they would once the project is complete. He stated there had been an accident where a truck hit a utility pole at the substation. He stated they had the pole braced but he would need to call some contractors in to assist with this project and they would do as much as they could live since it is a three phase circuit and feeds most all of the town through this pole. He stated they are changing out utility poles on Elm Street. Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked Ed and his guys for assisting with directing traffic at Prosperity Rikard. Mr. West stated the guys are getting some training on directing traffic. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked about a hole that had been patched at Dominick and McNary Streets that needed patching again. Mr. West stated this was coming from a drainage issue from South Main Street.

Mr. Glenn Hamm III introduced himself to Council and went through the current projects with CTC. He stated funding had been approved for Williamswood, Byrd Street and South Wheeler at Grace Church. He stated it is a pleasure to serve Prosperity as a whole and is excited to represent this community. He stated the CTC is requesting a two year plan on projects. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated our roadway and sidewalk don't match up and we are anticipating safety issues. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated we would come up with our critical needs and needs of enhancements for the two year plan.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn stated the police car contract is not a well written contract and did not feel comfortable with. She checked on the bankruptcy at BI-LO and stated we

have two weeks of reassurance on utility bills. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked if Mrs. Senn could look at a policy to move forward on net metering.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston was absent from meeting due to illness. Ms. Bundrick stated we are hosting the Governmental Association meeting April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Depot. She stated we have the Prosperity's Hoppin' pageant scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Downtown Sidewalk Update:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Contractor should be back tomorrow. He stated he would ask if they could open up parking spots if they needed to leave the project again.

**Update on CPST Project:** There was nothing to report at this time.

**Town Square Revitalization Update:** Mayor Underwood stated we would be waiting to complete the sidewalk project.

**Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project:** Mr. West stated we would be closing the trench.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked about the Elm Street to Grace Street parking lot entrance being closed. He stated once the sidewalk project is finished he maybe would agree to closing but people are trying to dodge the Main Street area because of the sidewalk project and feels it needs to remain open. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we had discussed last month and it is a safety concern and is being used as a cut through road in which people are speeding through. Councilman Chad Hawkins suggested speed bumps and Mrs. Karen suggested trying to block off. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated he would like for us to review minutes and add under new business for next month.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:54p.m.

**Michelle Bundrick** Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer