

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 25, 2018

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

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer and Lt. Harry Bodiford, Police Department.

Council Absence: Allen Gallman, Councilman.

Administrative Absence: Ed West, Utility Director and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from August 21, 2018 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to approve the minutes from August 21, 2018 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Councilman Chad Hawkins welcomed Troop 316 Boy Scouts to the Council Meeting and stated they are working on their Communication Merit Badge.

Kyle Vaughn, Prosperity Fire Chief introduced himself and expressed their concern with reasons to keep the sound alarm in place. Mayor Underwood stated the sound alarm has been brought to our attention from some residents in town. He stated there are complaints about the siren going off in the middle of the night and that Firemen are getting to the Fire Department before the actual siren sounds. Chief Vaughn stated we have issues with our pagers not working in the core of downtown Prosperity. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood apologized to Chief Vaughn and his Firemen if he had not communicated properly with them but when a complaint is brought to the Council from Citizens we have to address the issue. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he was hoping we could

compromise on the siren but since there are pager problems we might just have to revisit at a later time. Councilman Chad Hawkins suggested getting a small committee together to discuss the options. Mr. Daniel Kinard expressed his concerns for stopping the sound alarm. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of 2018-0801- Property Purchase Tax Map #462-1-6-36:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept second reading of 2018-0801-Property Purchase Tax Map #462-1-6-36; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

2nd Reading of 2018-0802- Property Donation Tax Map #462-1-3-1:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept second reading of 2018-0802-Property Donation Tax Map #462-1-3-1; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Prosperity Fire Department Sound Alarm Discussion: Mayor Underwood stated we discussed in open session.

2nd Reading of Business License Ordinance to Correct a Scrivener Error to Rate Schedule 8.1A:

Mrs. Livingston stated this is reducing the rate from two hundred dollars to one hundred dollars on out of town contractors. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we want to protect the people in our town but we don't want to discourage people from coming into our town to do business and would like to delete section 8.1A. Discussion followed.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to amend the Business License Ordinance to eliminate section 8.1A and to accept second reading; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2018-0925 Relating to the Recovery of Collection Costs As a Part of Delinquent Debts Collected Pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept first Reading of Ordinance 2018-0925 Relating to the Recovery of Collection Costs As a Part of Delinquent Debts Collected Pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

1st Reading of Resolution 2018-0925- To Authorize The Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency for the Collection of Debt on Behalf of Town of Prosperity in Accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act:

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept first Reading of Resolution 2018-0925- To Authorize The Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency for the Collection of debt on Behalf of Town of Prosperity in Accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

1st Reading of Resolution 2018-0926 Resolution Committing The Town of Prosperity to Providing A Local Match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant and Following Its Procurement Policy when Securing Services and Products With Grant Funds :

Mrs. Livingston stated this Grant is offered through the Municipal Association and we could match the Grant in kind or monetary. She stated we are applying for the Downtown Square in this Grant.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to accept the 1st Reading of Resolution 2018-0926 Resolution Committing The Town of Prosperity to Providing A Local Match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant and Following Its Procurement Policy when Securing Services and Products with Grant Funds; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated a car had hit a power pole on McNeary Street this afternoon and almost broke it in half. He stated Stanley and the crew had both trucks out there with no traffic being held up and they were doing a great job. Councilman Hawkins stated Mrs. Livingston had been in contact with the company on the clock and they had the defective part ordered and once in, we would fix and if that does not work they will send a technician out to repair.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he would follow up with Chief Vaughn on the discussion of the siren. Mrs. Livingston stated she had been to the CTC meeting and we were still on the radar for Main Street paving. She stated they are looking at Connelly and Circle Drive and wanted us to evaluate the water system on needs of repair or relocations before paving. Mayor Underwood stated we have drainage issues to evaluate there too.

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

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman was absent from the meeting. Mrs. Livingston stated Spooktacular would be on October 31st. She stated we had been in contact with Grace Lutheran Church and they were doing their trunks on Halloween too and stated it is a safe alternative on Halloween. She thanked the Prosperity Business Association for donating one hundred fifty dollars for Spooktacular.

Police Department: Lieutenant Bodiford briefed Council on the calls for the month. He stated Westview Behavioral donated the money for a prescription disposal box that we have outside in the hallway at the Police Department. He stated they had a successful safety checkpoint during the Labor Day weekend and their community meeting for this quarter would be held in the courtroom on October 23rd at 6:30 in the evening.

Utility Department: Mr. West was absent from the meeting.

Town Attorney: Mayor Underwood stated Mrs. Senn asked to be excused from this meeting.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated her report had been discussed earlier.

Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee: Mayor Underwood stated Mr. Hamm left with the Fire Department with the call and he would update under Town Square Revitalization.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking Ordinance Discussion: Mayor Underwood stated we would move to the next meeting.

Town Square Revitalization Update: Mayor Underwood stated we have got the plan, design and numbers from the engineer. He stated the Prosperity Business Association had talked about coming together for a Capital Project Campaign for private donations or naming rights. He stated the next meeting they would discuss more on the campaign to bring back to Council. Discussion followed.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated it would be three years in December that this pipe had been laying above the ground on this Washington project. He stated the reserve money we are putting back this year hopefully could help with finishing this project. Discussion followed.

Main Street Paving: Mayor Underwood stated we discussed earlier in the meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated he was happy to see the support of the Fire Department here tonight on the sound alarm discussion and that we would be getting a small committee to meet and discuss to come back with a unified voice from both parties.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:47p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer