

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 18, 2018

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes from November 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

There was no one signed up to speak in open session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of 2018 SC AAA Competitive Cheerleader Champions SC Rick Martin, Newberry Observer, Town of Prosperity: Mayor Underwood recognized each individual cheerleader and all the coaches on this outstanding achievement. He and Robert Martin presented certificates from Rick Martin with the House of Representatives and The Town of Prosperity to each cheerleader. The Newberry Observer presented Mrs. Sherry Bedenbaugh with a plaque to the Cheerleading team for their achievement.

Heather Hawkins-Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street Exhibit-Crossroads-Change in Rural America: Heather Hawkins stated there would be an exhibit at the

Opera House through February 2nd. She stated we are looking for stories from the entire County and asked who we needed to be interviewing. She stated they would be doing live remotes every Monday beginning January 7th at different locations.

2nd Reading-Parking Ordinance Text Amendment:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve 2nd Reading on the Parking Ordinance Text Amendment; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated this parking ordinance is designed to eliminate Business Owner's from parking in front of their business. Mayor Underwood stated we would be enforcing January 1st.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins welcomed the Chief. He stated Fire and Rescue were going well. He stated we were waiting to hear back from Chief Vaughn on the siren issues and they are wanting to update the public on the different sounds and what they mean. Councilman Hawkins and Mr. West are working on a solution for the bulb out at the crosswalk. He stated they could put some reflective tape for the concrete barrier since someone took the sign out last week. Mrs. Livingston stated we put a cone over the part that is sticking up because the DOT is behind with employees out for the Holidays.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated he had talked with someone about moving a business into town. He stated Mrs. Livingston and himself would look at buildings more this next year. He stated everyone needs to ride around and look behind the buildings downtown. He stated it changes your perspective and we need to be more proactive. Councilman Allen Gallman thanked the Utilities for putting up the no dumping signs.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated we had a great year with recreation. He stated our events went great this year and thanked everyone for helping to make it a great parade. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked Mr. Gallman to get the total number of children that were in our recreation last year.

Police Department: Chief Evans went over the call report for the year. He stated they had completed inventory for the current equipment. He stated they had cleaned out some old records and SLED would be coming tomorrow to finish the evidence inventory. He stated he was doing a lot of observing and January 2nd they would start twelve hour shifts. He stated he received the Town Ordinance Manual and expect to see numbers to change

for next year. He encouraged Council to come ride along with the Police Department. Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked Chief for doing a good job and liked the direction we are taking in the Police department.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated they had completed the sanitary survey and the follow up report will be back in a couple of weeks. He stated they bored service lines at Williamswood. He stated we had some vandalism at our parks and downtown area and he encouraged the Citizens to come forward with any information. He stated they are working on a plan for the sidewalk area that was damaged in the square. He stated there were some issues with electrical services that burned up the lights. He stated there is some collapsed conduit and to avoid digging up the new sidewalk the DOT is going to bore a small section of the road so that we can try to find the problem. He stated they are working on electrical upgrades behind the businesses to help the customers and our system.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated the original deed for Shiloh Street property was done and the rest of her report would be covered in Executive Session.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated we had the best parade in Newberry County and thanked everyone for helping. She stated Santa coupons could be redeemed at Roma's on December 22nd from 6-8pm. She stated we are going to come up with a solution to the properties downtown. She stated we are going to review and work on targeted areas in January and work together to achieve this goal. She stated the retention pond at the Dixie Field has a drainage problem and for safety concerns they are recommending a fence around the field.

Prosperity Business Association Executive Committee: Mayor Underwood stated there is no representation from the Prosperity Business Association Committee but himself and Councilman Martin attended the Business Association Meeting and introduced the Chief to everyone.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Square Revitalization Update: Mayor Underwood stated the Capital Campaign project would begin in January.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mr. West stated this project was ready to begin. Mrs. Livingston stated we would set up a meeting with the Contractor to go over financing on this project.

Main Street Paving: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we are waiting on the Hwy Commission to approve as an extension on the existing contract. He stated he would follow up with Matthew Shealy.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year. He stated we would go over goals from 2018 and move forward with goals in 2019 at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, 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 Electrical Department and there was nothing to be brought up at this time for a vote.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:43p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer