

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
July 18, 2017

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; Ed West, Utility Director; David Beddingfield, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Councilman Chad Hawkins 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:

There was no one to speak in open session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Chad Hawkins presented the Minutes from May 16, 2017, Regular Council Meeting; June 13, 2017, Special Called Council Meeting and June 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from May 16, 2017, Regular Council Meeting; June 13, 2017, Special Called Council Meeting and June 21, 2017, Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Debris Policy:

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept 2nd reading of debris policy with the effective date August 1, 2017 and no content to be changed; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Discussion-One Way Town Square Traffic: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated that we need to find a way to create as much parking downtown as we can. Discussion followed.

Mayor Underwood stated we will leave on the agenda for next month and contribute ideas with the 45 verses parallel, the turn off of Grace from Main Street, safety concerns at the old Napa building and spaces blocking business's.

Review Chapter 113 Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking on Town Property:

Mayor Underwood stated we have an ordinance prohibiting smoking on Town property and would like to make it town wide. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated he would like for Council to review the written language for the next meeting and they would talk with other municipalities.

Ordinance 2017-06-An Ordinance Acting on a Request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 20, 1999, as to Rezone a Eight and Eleven Hundredths(8.11) Acres Real Estate Parcel Designated as TMS Parcel Nos. 462-4-10 from Single Family Residential(R-10) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to General Residential(R-7).

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to accept the request to amend the Official Zoning Map Established Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity adopted April 20, 1999, as to Rezone 8.11 Acres Real Estate Parcel Designated as TMS Parcel Nos. 462-4-10 from Single Family Residential(R-10) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to General Residential(R-7); seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Discussion-Text Amendment to Zoning CC and GC Districts to Add Conditional Use as it applies to SIC Code 753- Automotive Repair Shop:

Mrs. Livingston stated Mr. Hogan and Mr. Glenn Hamm with Rescue Auto Care had requested a variance last month at the Council Meeting. She stated she had talked with Mrs. Peters from the Zoning office and Mrs. Senn our attorney. She stated a variance could not be done for an existing building and it did not qualify to be rezoned because it has to be two acres of property. She stated we could add a text amendment to add a conditional use for Core Commercial and she recommended doing General Commercial too. She stated they looked at Core Commercial as a whole to add the following conditions to be met for 753 Automotive Repair Shop:

- 1) Operations are in fully enclosed building.
- 2) No Open storage of wrecked vehicles or dismantled parts are visible beyond premises.
- 3) Adequate parking for employees and customers provided.
- 4) Adequate provisions are made for access and traffic safety.
- 5) No outside storage of junk or salvage is permitted.
- 6) No nuisance will be created beyond the premises by noise, vibrations, smoke, gas fumes, odor, dust etc.; and.
- 7) Conditions are imposed to protect adjacent property from adverse impact.

Discussion followed. Mrs. Senn stated if Council wanted to open the opportunity in Core Commercial or General Commercial this would be the only option. Mrs. Livingston stated we will extend Rescue Auto Care's temporary license until September 30th and we have to wait for the Planning Commission to bring it back to the Town. Mayor Underwood and Council stated they would like for Mrs. Livingston to let them know in writing and that we would possibly be voting on this in September and depending on whether or not conditions are being met before the vote would pass.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical & Economic Development: Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Chief of Rescue stated they had 26 calls in the month of June and 19 calls in July. Councilman Hawkins asked everyone to keep the Mark Bower's family in their prayers. He stated Mr. West has a sanitation review the end of July. He stated the sidewalk project made it through the bid process but it was over engineer estimates and that it could potentially be rejected. Discussion followed. He stated the Police Department had a Municipal audit. He stated the Chief would be at the Police Academy for the next two weeks and Sgt. Bodiford would be the Acting Chief in his absence.

Public Works, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated Tres Amigos would be opening in August. He stated the water project on Washington Street had some issues when they broke ground but Mr. West would update in his report.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Allen Gallman stated the older Dixie Girls' Softball team lost to Marion last night but the younger Dixie Girls' Softball team is still in the State Championship game. Mrs. Livingston stated the Summer League Baseball would begin next week and they were doing a Baseball Clinic for the older age group at Newberry College because they did not have enough to form a team. She stated football registration is open with the City of Newberry program. She stated there would be a Back to School Bash in the park on August 6th.

Police Department: Chief Beddingfield stated his department is looking to help work with several groups including Women on a Mission and the Prosperity Business Association on donating school supplies for the Back to School Bash in the park. Councilman Mike Hawkins suggested it would be a great idea to have all the Officers to plan to attend so that kids and parents could get to know our Officers.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated they finished up their lead and copper sampling and finished the 2016 annual drinking water quality report. He stated they are having to do more flushing because of the temperature in the water. He stated they have done a lot of work at the drugstore on upgrading utilities. He stated the winds from the storms blew a tree top on the line and brought the phases together and did some damage. He stated

they are still trying to pursue the water leak at Brown and Shiloh Street the old traditional way to help with the cost.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Repair: Mr. West stated it is moving forward.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated they approved the rezoning and we have a temporary construction easement with the project moving forward.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mr. West stated we have made our tie in at Washington and Main Street. He stated there are too many utilities in the way and the engineer is giving us some time. He stated all customers would be connected to the new line in Phase I of the project. Discussion followed. Council asked Mr. West if he could have completed within three months.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated our Council would be attending the MASC meeting in Hilton Head this week. He stated this is an opportunity to share ideas with other municipalities.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: a. Establishing Parking Spaces on Kibler Street
b. Personnel Issue – Police Department**

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

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman 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 there was no action or vote to be taken.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:47p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer