

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 17, 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.

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:

There was no one to speak in open session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from September 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes from September 19, 2017; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading of Ordinance Providing for the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections to Newberry County:

Mrs. Livingston stated there would be no change with the election and it would remain in odd years.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to accept the first reading of the Ordinance providing for the transfer of Authority for conducting Municipal Elections to Newberry County; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Swearing in of Officer Marcus Fryer: Mayor Underwood asked the Chief and Officer Fryer to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Officer Fryer recited the Oath as the Mayor held the Bible. Officer Fryer thanked Council for this opportunity and looked forward to working with the Citizens of Prosperity.

Review of MASC Model Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment: Mayor Underwood tasked Council to review the model ordinance and add any changes before we make a decision. He stated we would add to Old Business for the next meeting.

Keith Avery- NEC Discussion: Mr. Avery introduced Jim Lamb with Central Electric Cooperative. He stated this is who Newberry Electric Cooperative buys one hundred percent of electrical power from. He stated this would be a brief discussion on options for The Town of Prosperity on our power supply and how it relates to the coal ash. Mayor Underwood stated this is a preliminary discussion on a cost savings to benefit our Citizens. Mrs. Senn stated she had talked with Paul Conway earlier in the day and told him some of the Council were very familiar with and some were in the dark and the initial meeting is to discuss the Coop's general terms and to see if they want to look farther into.

Sanitation RFP Review-Bid Opening: Mrs. Livingston stated we had sent five bid packets out and only received the one back, two no bids and two did not respond. The bid was opened and everyone received a copy to review. Eric Sankey the General Manager of Operations with Advanced Disposal introduced himself to Council and thanked us for the opportunity to serve our Town and hoped we would continue the contract with them. He offered a meeting to the Council and Administration for the next week to bring any concerns or questions to him.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the downtown sidewalk project bid has been let. He stated there is a personnel issue in the Police Department that will be discussed in Executive Session and asked Council to review packet on sanitation service.

Public Works, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Allen Gallman stated Spooktacular in the Square is coming up October 31st from 5:30-7. Mayor Underwood stated we have three potential candidates for Grand Marshal from the Christmas parade committee and we need to vote Council's choice to give back to the committee.

Police Department: Chief Beddingfield stated his department has been enforcing traffic and attending training this month. He stated there is a grant that we applied for that we will hear something on by the end of the month.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated we have a partial approval on Washington Street which is in three phases. He stated we have had issues on Cedar Lane with trees damaging electrical lines. He stated it is a busy time with DHEC records with new regulations and reporting. He stated we have spent a lot of time with new customers at Williamswood Drive, Anderson Drive and Brown Street.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated her report would be covered in old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

One Way Traffic in Town Square: Mrs. Livingston stated the cost is forty dollars on a 24x17 sign. Mayor Underwood stated he had been to Fall for Greenville over the weekend and had taken some pictures of their visitor parking signs. He asked Council to let him design the sign. Mrs. Livingston stated the cost for lighting would be anywhere from thirty eight dollars to ninety eight dollars depending on what we wanted. Discussion followed. Council agreed that we needed to hardwire the lighting because it will give a lot more light off. Councilman Chad Hawkins tasked everyone to go from the Blend, Mexican restaurant and Prosperity Drug walking to the public parking lot. Mayor Underwood stated he would design the sign and get to Councilman Chad Hawkins to approve. Mrs. Livingston suggested putting street lights up during the interim and more lighting outside the Depot. Mayor Underwood stated we need a safe inviting path to this public parking area. He stated the one way would be postponed until we can see how much a study would cost and then once the sidewalk project has been let we could anticipate a potential one-way with our sidewalk project.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated the permits have been requested to DHEC and project will be starting the middle to end of November.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Discussed in Mr. West report.

2nd Reading of Ordinance No 2017.0731-Text Amendment to add SIC Code 753-Automotive Repair Shop as a conditional use (Approved by Zoning Administrator if all conditions are met):

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2017.0731-Text Amendment to add SIC code 753-Automotive Repair Shop as a conditional use; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no general comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: a. Contractual-Electrical Department
b. Personnel Issue- Police Department**

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

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

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to enter a confidentiality agreement with Newberry Electric Cooperative, Central Cooperative and Duke Energy to analyze options for The Town of Prosperity; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 9:02p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer