

MINUTES
Public Hearing
Regular Town Council Meeting
June 19, 2018

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

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

Council Absence: Chad Hawkins, Councilman.

Mayor Underwood called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Councilman Martin to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Underwood opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on the 2018-2019 budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from May 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, June 5, 2018 Budget Workshop and June 12, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the minutes from May 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, June 5, 2018 Budget Workshop and June 12, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to add AA to New Business for a CTC update; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Carter Lake introduced himself to Council. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak concerning the Business Association. He stated the energy the Business Association group has is beyond belief and wants to see the Town prosper. He stated this group wants nothing more than the best for the Town. He stated they wanted to work closely with Mayor and Council and they are developing an executive committee which would be tasked to maintain open dialogue with the Government Officials. Their goals were as follows:

- 1) To report to Council and Mayor the current state of commerce in town.
- 2) Advocate the needs and concerns of the Merchants in town.
- 3) To collaborate with Council the impact of upcoming projects.
- 4) Promote the historic core of the business district.

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated it was exciting to see the enthusiasm of young business owners in town. He stated we may not always say yes but we will always listen.

NEW BUSINESS:

CTC Update: Glenn Hamm stated Mrs. Livingston had presented a plan to the CTC last month on paving Main Street after the sidewalks have been completed there are some safety concerns with the road now. He stated the CTC awarded \$212,755 to pave Main Street. He thanked Council and Administration for such great leadership in this town.

1st Reading of 2018-0619-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, so as to Rezone a Zero and Sixty-Nine Hundredths (0.69) Acre Real Estate Parcel Designated as TMS Parcel No. 462-2-1-45 from Single Family Residential (R-10) to General Residential (R-7): Mrs. Livingston stated they are wanting to rezone the property at 308 Langford Street from Single Family Residential (R-10) to General Residential (R-7).

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the 1st Reading of 2018-0619-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, so as to Rezone a Zero and Sixty-Nine Hundredths (0.69) Acre Real Estate Parcel Designated as TMS Parcel No. 462-2-1-45 from Single Family Residential (R-10) to General Residential (R-7); seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Swear in Officer Philip Hunter: Mayor Underwood asked Lt. Bodiford and Officer Hunter to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Officer Hunter recited the Oath as the Lieutenant held the Bible.

Interconnection Standard Policy (Net Metering): Councilman Mike Hawkins suggested postponing until Councilman Chad Hawkins could be at the meeting. Mrs. Livingston stated Councilman Chad Hawkins had the policy and he was good with us moving forward.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the Interconnection Standard Policy (Net Metering); seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins was absent from the meeting.

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

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated the regular baseball season is over but All-Stars have started.

Police Department: Lieutenant Bodiford thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the Police Department at the Community meeting. He briefed Council on the calls for the month. He stated the Police Department is planning National Night Out which is scheduled for August 7th. Councilman Gallman asked about the cars in the road at the Auto shop on Elm Street. Lieutenant Bodiford stated they are working on addressing this issue with the owner of the business.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated there was storm damage on Brown and Dominick Streets. He stated they are going to have to do some major work at the end of Dominick Street due to the storm. He stated Stanley Dominick was very appreciative for getting to go to an electrical conference last week. He thanked Mrs. Livingston and Ms. Point for helping with the CCR report this year. He stated the department was gathering water samples to be tested. He stated he had passed the pesticide exam.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated she is still working on the railroad property.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston thanked Mr. Glenn Hamm for coming and updating Council on the CTC meeting. She stated the approval had to go to the Commission next and they would let us know when it passes to give us a date on starting the paving project. She stated we may have to move the August 11th dedication to a different location. Mayor Underwood suggested moving to the Grace parking lot but keeping it in the downtown location. Mrs. Livingston stated she is working with Mike Pisano with Newberry County on coming up with a solution for Mr. Williams on Wye Street. She stated the park has not had the final inspection due to drainage issues. She stated her and Aminee are working on signage for the parks, walking track, basketball and tennis courts. She stated she is looking at solar lighting for the walking track and putting trash receptacles at the walking track. Mayor Underwood asked about the RFP. Mrs. Livingston stated they have until June 21st at 5 to turn them in and we would open them on Friday June 22nd at 11. She stated the road would be blocked on Langford Street again this year for Wightman's Vacation Bible School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Underwood closed the Public Hearing at this time.

1st Reading of Business License Ordinance:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to accept the 1st Reading of the Business License Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

1st Reading of 2018-2019 Budget: Mayor Underwood stated the Total Revenues for the General Fund proposed for the 2018-2019 Budget is 594,000. He stated the Total Revenues for the Utility Fund is 2,189,530. He stated the total Operating Budget for the Town of Prosperity is \$2,783,530; with the percentage change of 3.48 percent. He stated our total Millage would be 41 mills which would be a 3.4 mills increase. He stated there would be a 5% increase on water, sewer and electrical. He stated this increase would be based on rate increases from our utility vendors and 2% for infrastructure with electrical department. He stated this budget proposed 2% COL Adjustment for employees. He stated the proposed projects to be funded during the 2018-2019 Budget year is as follows:

- New Electric line on Long and Dewalt Streets
- McNeary/Washington Water Project to replace aged/worn out water line
- Shiloh Street Water Line Project
- Solid Waste Management Plan (DHEC Mandate)
- Recreation Project-(CPST and PARD Grant with match
- Town Square Project (partially funded by Grant)
- Economic Development-Downtown Property Clean Up
- Police Car
- Utility Equipment-Mower, Dump Truck
- 1 Part-time Police Officer position eliminated.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked about the price of underground wire. Mr. West stated him and Mrs. Livingston would be going over those prices. Councilman Hawkins also asked about looking at the situations if a customer could not come up with the \$300 deposit all at one time. Discussion followed.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to accept the 1st Reading of the 2018-2019 Budget; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Sidewalk Update: Mayor Underwood stated we talked about earlier in the meeting.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated the inspections should be complete within the next couple of weeks.

Town Square Revitalization Update: Mrs. Livingston stated she had a college student with urban planning helping her.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mrs. Livingston stated they are waiting to hear from Grant on this project.

Main Street Paving: Mayor Underwood stated we talked about this earlier in the meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated nobody from the public came out for input on the budget tonight. He stated we take a lot of time and effort in our budget and thanked Council and Administration for all the hard work.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:06p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer