

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 20, 2018

Council Attendance: 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.

Council Absence: Mayor Derek Underwood.

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:

Lorraine Bradley introduced herself and wanted to invite Council out to the Community yard sale the first Saturday in April from 7:30 until 11:30. She stated she needed help getting tables from the Depot to the Grace Street parking lot early that morning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Chad Hawkins presented the Minutes from February 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of Town Employees:

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we have had some residents interested in solar energy and a solar farm has been talked about too. He explained net metering as producing electric through solar or wind and generating electric to pump back into our system. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he would like us to move forward with this and get with Mrs. Senn about getting a policy in place. Discussion followed.

Tree Selection for Main Street: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he would like to see some kind of flowering tree not more than fifteen to twenty feet tall. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated we are getting some kind of box that we can plant a small tree or flowers within the box. She stated we do want greenery back on Main Street and there is a lot of selection out there. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he did want Council to make a decision without the Mayor.

Set Date for Budget Workshop: Mrs. Livingston stated April 30th we are hosting the Governmental Association Meeting. Council decided April 10th at 5:30 for the budget workshop.

Sidewalk Dedication: Mrs. Livingston stated August 11th is the sidewalk dedication and asked Council if we could dedicate the clock at this time too.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we would cover more in old business. Councilman Gallman asked if we could make a detour behind the Blend during the 4-5:30 rush hour or put an Officer at the light to override the light to control the traffic during construction. Discussion followed.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated he and Mrs. Livingston have been working together and moving forward on property letters.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated we have six Wee-Ball, eight T-Ball, twelve Coaches Pitch, seven Dixie Youth and four Dixie Softball teams. Mrs. Livingston stated the poles are coming in the first week in April and the lights would be functional for the first game. Councilman Gallman stated we have had some problems with individual coaches with students practicing on our field and one team had to wait for about ten minutes for the field. Discussion followed. Council agreed to put up a friendly sign for Town of Prosperity field usage only.

Police Department: Chief Beddingfield briefed Council on the calls for the month. He shared with Council about a scam that happened in town and letting them know to be cautious. Councilman Mike Hawkins asked if the police could go back and talk with the Church about the parking in the square. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we need to talk with all the business's right there about the parking to be fair to everyone.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated we have made some new water and sewer taps in town. He stated his department has been busy with the projects in town. He stated the rest

of his report would be covered in old business. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about blocking the parking lot at Elm Street so that it is not used for a drive through. Discussion followed.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated we are working on the CDBG Grant for Washington, McNeary and Shiloh. She stated we are having a public hearing on March 29th at noon for a needs assessment. She stated we have a 2” water line that services Shiloh and are needing to upgrade to a 6” line.

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Sidewalk Update: Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked all the business’s for working with the contractors. He stated the drugstore worked out the side of the building, served lemonade and set up a cashier station to make it more convenient for the customers. They also put up a billboard to explain the sidewalk construction. He stated the Blend opened their side door to make convenient for their customers too.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated we have moved pipe from the fields. She stated they are doing a great job.

Town Square Revitalization Update: Mrs. Livingston stated we would be waiting to complete the sidewalk project but we have some plans.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mrs. Livingston stated we are going to have to get competitive with this CDBG Grant and hope for the best. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked if the trench had been covered on Washington Street. Mr. West stated due to the weather we are waiting on DHEC for the inspection to cover the trench.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no General Comments.

Councilman Chad Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:54p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer