

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting and Public Hearing
for Zoning Ordinance Stated in Old Business
January 18, 2022

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

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Lisa Senn, Town Attorney and Wesley Palmore, Police Chief.

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order. He asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Underwood opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1116 and 2021-1117 Acting on Request to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Prosperity.

Mayor Underwood asked for a Motion to extend the Proclamation of Emergency another thirty days to allow us to be able to have a call in meeting if needed.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the extension of the Proclamation of Emergency; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from November 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and November 23, 2021 Special Called Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes as presented from November 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and November 23, 2021 Special Called Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Laura Williams thanked everyone for all the hard work getting power restored during the storm. She expressed her concern for the elderly people not having a shelter to go to during extensive power outages. Discussion followed.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prosperity Business Association:

Mrs. Livingston stated they are starting to plan for Hoppin' and moving forward with the after hour event.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated the committee would like to see the signage in town updated.

CTC Committee:

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated the CTC has allocated \$10,000 for the Town on street roadway signage. Mrs. Livingston stated we have quotes from 2020 on the signage.

Depot Paving Update:

Mrs. Livingston stated the Depot paving is completed and looks good.

Parking and Fencing at Substation Update:

Mrs. Livingston stated this project is still out for bids for engineering. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about lines being painted for the Depot parking lot. Discussion followed.

Close Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1116 and 2021-1117:

Mayor Underwood asked if anyone wanted to speak before closing the Public Hearing.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked to move 10A and 10B under the Public Hearing.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to move 10A and 10B under the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Mrs. Deborah Cotton asked what will be at this location. Mayor Underwood directed Mr. Glenn Hamm to explain. Mr. Glenn Hamm stated it would be the future site for Hamm's Hardware. Mayor Underwood stated there would be no further discussion at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1116-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone a Real Estate Parcel Totaling Nine and Ninety-Two Hundredths (9.92) Acres

Designated as TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-36 From R-7 General Residential to Neighborhood Commercial:

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1117-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone Two Real Estate Parcels Totaling Three and Seventy-Two Hundredths(3.72) Acres Designated As TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-6 & 462-1-2-7 From R-10 Single Family Residential To Neighborhood Commercial:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1116**-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone a Real Estate Parcel Totaling Nine and Ninety-Two Hundredths (9.92) Acres Designated as TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-36 From R-7 General Residential to Neighborhood Commercial and **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1117**-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of The Town of Prosperity Adopted April 10, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of The Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So As to Rezone Two Real Estate Parcels Totaling Three and Seventy-Two Hundredths(3.72) Acres Designated As TMS Parcel No. 462-1-2-6 & 462-1-2-7 From R-10 Single Family Residential To Neighborhood Commercial; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of Mayor Derek M. Underwood

Mayor Underwood asked Councilman Robert Martin to swear him in. The Oath of Office was presented and Mayor Underwood recited the Oath as his wife Julie held the Bible.

Swearing in of Councilman Allen Gallman Jr.

Mayor Underwood asked Councilman Allen Gallman to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Councilman Allen Gallman recited the Oath as his son Eric Gallman held the Bible.

Swearing in of Councilman Mike Hawkins

Mayor Underwood asked Councilman Mike Hawkins to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Councilman Mike Hawkins recited the Oath as Eric Gallman held the Bible.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Underwood stated the Mayor Pro Tem serves in the absence of the Mayor and is elected by Council every two years.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to appoint Chad Hawkins Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and approved four to one with Councilman Chad Hawkins not voting.

Appointment/Reappointment of Standing Committees

Mayor Underwood stated the Standing Committees would remain the same.

Approve 2022 Holiday Closing and Regular Council Meeting Schedules

A **MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the 2022 Holiday Closing and Regular Council Meeting schedules; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

2022 Goals

Mayor Underwood read through the goals for 2022:

- 1) Carolina Connect –Main Street District
- 2) Prioritize the Capital Sales Tax Project –1) Water tower and Well Rehab 2) Park Enhancements.
- 3) Pride in Prosperity-Partnership with Newberry County Water and Soil Conservation.
- 4) One way traffic on Grace Street.
- 5) Parking additions behind the Blend.
- 6) Ordinance Updates.
- 7) Looking at the Redirection of traffic for tractor trailers.

Resolution 11.23.2021- Resolution Adopting Criteria to be used in Determining Premium Pay and Authorizing Payment Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

A **MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the Resolution 11.23.2021- Resolution Adopting Criteria to be used in Determining Premium Pay and Authorizing Payment Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Approve Purchase of AEDS for Prosperity Fire Department

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Fire Department has requested for us to purchase AEDS and Mrs. Livingston has received a great deal on the purchase of four AEDS in the amount of \$5,280.00.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to approve the purchase of the AEDS for the Fire Department; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Resolution 01-22- A Resolution Adopting The All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan For The Central Midlands Region of South Carolina

Mrs. Livingston stated this is a mutual aid agreement with other Municipalities.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to accept Resolution 01-22- A Resolution Adopting The All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan For The Central Midlands Region of South Carolina; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Resolution 01.18.2022- Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Radio Read Electric and Water Meters, Software, and Tower; and Authorizing Payment Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Mayor Underwood stated this funding has allowed us to pay for infrastructure projects.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to accept Resolution 01.18.2022-Resolution authorizing purchase of radio read electric and water meters, software and tower; and authorizing payment pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Announce Partnership with Newberry County Recreation to include the City of Newberry for 2022 Baseball and Softball Season

Mayor Underwood stated we have a great partnership with Newberry County and we are including the City of Newberry for the 2022 Baseball and Softball Season

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to accept this partnership with Newberry County Recreation to include the City of Newberry for the 2022 baseball and softball season; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Town Parking Updates and Agreements

Mayor Underwood stated we will table until we get more information.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins thanked the Rescue Squad, Mr. Glenn Hamm, Fire Department, Police and Utility Department for all the hard work through the ice storm. He stated the Utility crew is working on water leaks today due to the freezing temperatures. He stated we have one speed sign installed on South Main Street and have received some interesting statistics and there definitely needs to be more speeding tickets written according to the data produced. Councilman Hawkins stated he would like to see the other signs installed before the next Council meeting. Mrs. Livingston stated we are waiting on replacement batteries on two of the signs that were damaged in the delivery.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated there has been more progress on the pink building on Main Street, the event building and the Wyche Derrick house at the corner of Church Street. He talked with Mr. Byrd who owns the Dawkins building about keeping the Mural. Councilman Hawkins stated he would like to see that put in the paperwork if the building changes ownership again so we know the Mural will stay with the building forever. He stated the property across from Spotts Tractor has changed names and we are waiting to see what they are going to do with this property.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated baseball and softball registration has started and the deadline is February 11th. He stated he enjoyed coaching soccer for his grandson's team.

Police Department: Chief Palmore stated we lost a great leader yesterday Major Danny Gilliam and expressed his sympathy for his family and the Sheriff's Department. He reported on the year for all reports, warning tickets, traffic tickets and warrants served. He stated there was an auto break-in on Circle Drive which affected several residents and a car was stolen. He stated an 18 wheeler struck the sidewalk on Main Street; damaged the sidewalk and building. He stated the department assisted with the Shopper's Walk, Tree Lighting and he thanked the Sherriff Department and Highway Patrol for helping with traffic at the Christmas Parade. He stated it was so many people at the parade and wished we would have had the speed signs up to know how many cars had come through our town that day.

Utility Department: Councilman Martin thanked our Utility Department for their hard work and dedication.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated she has reviewed several softball and baseball recreation agreements. She reviewed a police policy with firearms and training and she

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has information to share from the Municipal Association concerning our pole attachment agreement for executive session.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated she would report in executive session.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and getting involved in the community and asking questions. There was a discussion about emergency planning for snow/ice storm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A. Contractual Matter Concerning High Speed Internet (Carolina Connect)

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

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 Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood stated there was no action or vote to be taken.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:31p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer