

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 19, 2021

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from September 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes as presented from September 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Troop 111 introduced themselves to Council and the Pack Leader stated their purpose for being at the meeting was to understand what leaders in the Community do. Discussion followed.

Mayor Underwood ended the call in at 7:19.

Tammy Johns requested to Council wanting to do a Blessing box for The Town of Prosperity. Megan Grubbs and Zoey Frick expressed how it would make an impact in our Community in a large way. Mrs. Livingston stated she had talked with Mrs. Johns and suggested putting behind Town Hall where we had talked about doing a reading garden in this same location. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated we would put on the agenda and vote on next month. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated one of his scouts needs to do an Eagle Scout Project and he could build a blessing box for this project.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked for prayers for the former Mayor Larry Spotts.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prosperity Business Association:

Lorraine Bradley was unable to attend the meeting and Mayor Underwood read through the highlights of her report for the Business Association.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated they are highlighting the history of Prosperity in a plaque for a fund raiser for the Committee and he stated they would like to donate two picnic tables at the Langford Street playground area.

CTC Update:

Mr. Glenn Hamm stated the CTC had a meeting this afternoon and voted to pave School Drive, Circle Drive and Connelly Drive. He stated the final estimates came in one hundred to one hundred fifty thousand dollars short and they voted to expand the project to five hundred fifty thousand dollars to reclaim the road all the way to dirt and pave.

Brown and Shiloh Water Project Update:

Councilman Martin stated they have patched the leak until next year when they can close the road down, cut into the road and get down to the core of the problem.

Eric Lemoine asked when his driveway would be fixed. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Smoke-Free Palmetto Certification Announcement:

Mrs. Livingston stated we received an email from DHEC that we are the first recipient for the smoke-free Palmetto Certification and they will present November 17th at our Council meeting.

Purchase of AED's for Prosperity Fire Department:

Mayor Underwood stated we have been contacted by Chief Robert Dennis about purchasing AED's for the Prosperity Fire Department. He stated he would like for us to purchase some for our buildings. Discussion followed.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1019-To Adopt The Model Business License Ordinance in Accordance With The Business License Standardization Act 2020 Act No.176:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to Adopt The Model Business License Ordinance in Accordance With The Business License Standardization Act 2020 Act No. 176; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

One Cent Sales Tax Committee Appointment:

Mayor Underwood stated Newberry County has selected three people for the One Cent Sales Tax Committee and the Municipalities get to pick three but by default The City of Newberry gets to select two names so that leaves Prosperity, Little Mountain, Pomaria, Whitmire and Silverstreet with one person. He stated Renee Joiner represented us last time and she has agreed to serve on this committee again which more than likely will default her as Chairman. Mayor Underwood stated we need to be thinking of projects we would like to submit.

Resolution 2021-1019-Grant of Easement, Use and Right-Of-Ingress/Egress:

Mrs. Livingston stated when we looked at the Depot project on paper it looked like it would work but we talked with Charlie Bedenbaugh and he is allowing us to pave his parking lot with a sidewalk and curb in with this project. Mrs. Senn stated it is imperative for him to sign both the easement and agreement and we will need a drawing attached to this agreement showing the portion to be added.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Robert Martin stated they looked at the substation parking. Discussion followed. He stated the water leak at Brown and Shiloh has been fixed. He stated Mrs. Karen has been working with Allen McEntire on a grant for The Town. He stated the leak on Eureka has been fixed. Mrs. Livingston stated the clock will ship in three to five days. He stated we will fix and extend the Christmas lights down Main Street before Shopper's Walk. He stated we have a 50/50 matching grant to purchase a sewer camera in spring 2022. He stated McCall Thomas has reported back to us the findings on the pole audit and we are working with Newberry Electric Cooperative to get everyone in compliance. We are purchasing a mini excavator from Newberry Electric Cooperative with 1000 hours on it for \$20,000 and a trailer for \$8,000. Councilman Martin stated our water line on Armfield Street needs about \$25,000 to \$30,000 of work to make the lines compliant.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the membership is good at the Fire Department and they are wanting to update contact information

for the 911 system. He stated they have installed around forty fire alarms throughout town. He stated he is excited about the news from the CTC on the paving of School Drive, Circle Drive and Connelly Drive.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated more and more kids are out on the fields and he is back coaching this year. He stated we need more coaches and the parks are full. He stated the car show was successful and we are looking forward to Spooktacular on the 31st. He stated Prosperity Drug sponsored a Covid-19 vaccination drive thru over the weekend.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated the department assisted with the mobile food pantry and the concert truck in the Square. He stated they have addressed speeding complaints on South Main Street from last month. He stated we have ordered the speed signs but no delivery date. He stated they have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for barricades, cones and some equipment that he applied for during the Corona Virus. He stated he was reelected as the Midlands Representative for the SC Police Chief's Association. He stated they would be at the Sheriff's Office giving out candy on October 28th and assisting with our Spooktacular on October 31st. He stated the Cub Scouts visited the Police Department this afternoon before the meeting.

Utility Department: Councilman Martin reported earlier in the meeting.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated Upper Cut on Main will have a salon boutique in the pink bank building. She stated the gazebo has been repaired. Mayor Underwood stated it has been scraped, primed and ready to paint. She stated the City of Newberry is loaning us a bucket truck for two months and we appreciate their generosity. She stated the Crimson Light Grill has opened across from Hamm Hardware. She stated Wil Enlow will be attending the water class in December and DHEC will let him use his old license once he takes the test and passes he will be a water operator.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking area and fencing at Depot:

Mayor Underwood discussed this earlier in the meeting.

Parking and Fencing at Substation to include parking behind The Blend:

Mayor Underwood stated once we receive the scope of work, we can bid out and move forward.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood invited the Candidates to the meeting to speak but no one has been to our Council Meeting that is running for office and that is unfortunate. He encouraged the Citizens to get out to vote in two weeks for the election.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:43p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer