

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
Council Chambers
July 20, 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; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

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 June 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to approve the minutes as presented from June 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Eric Lemoine thanked Councilman Martin for providing a space for his wife to work when the Williamswood project gets started.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Williamswood Water System Improvements Projects:

Mrs. Livingston stated we are waiting on the weather and the contractor is finishing a project in Aiken. She stated the contractor has been around the neighborhood to talk with all the customers affected.

Prosperity Business Association:

Lorraine Bradley stated they talked about National Night Out. She stated she made flyers for the school supply drive and they would be sorting the school supplies at their next meeting.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated he sent the one way design for the square to Mr. Mike Bedenbaugh and Mr. Glenn Hamm to review. Discussion followed.

CTC Update:

Mayor Underwood stated there are no updates this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking Area and Fencing at Depot:

Mrs. Livingston stated we have three bids and a \$25,000 grant to pave the parking lot at the Depot that will need to be used by December 31, 2021. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated she would like to contact the three that turned in bids with the same scope of work and let them update their bids.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to have Mrs. Livingston contact the three contractors to update their bids for the paving on the Depot; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Parking and Fencing at Substation:

Mayor Underwood stated we need to maintain the area around the substation. He stated there is a pile of dirt that needs to have a construction net to isolate the property line due to kids playing on the property next door. He stated we need to get some contractors to come look at fixing the drain runoff past the substation and finish piping to contain the drainage and erosion problem. Discussion followed.

Pest Control Bid Solicitation:

Mayor Underwood stated we needed to get bids for pest control on our locations for the town. He stated we needed to get the initial cost and the renewal cost and how much it would be to treat if we have termites.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Robert Martin stated we have a new fire hydrant on Main Street. He stated the ditch at Brookside and Brown has been cleaned out. He stated McCall Thomas completed the pole audit and we have sixty violations that have to be addressed. Mayor Underwood stated we have federal safety guidelines to abide by on these poles and once those violations are addressed and corrected we can move forward with Carolina Connect in our area.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we have a lot of people who walk the stretch of Brown Street and the sidewalks are overgrown and we have a problem with no ditch beside the sidewalk. Discussion followed.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated he and the Chief attended the ribbon cutting for All You Knead Baking Supplies. He stated they have put a new roof on the old oil mill and that is encouraging. He stated anytime we mention adding a truck route in Prosperity the businesses get upset but it would be nice if there was a sign at Hwy 391 giving a direction to Georgia Pacific on Mt. Pilgrim Church Road. Discussion followed.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman thanked Councilman Chad Hawkins for representing the Town of Prosperity at the Championship baseball game. He stated we had a summer league baseball complaint and the Chief and I were going to observe the next game. He stated National Night Out is August 3rd from 6-9. Mayor Underwood wanted to let Council know he had a special community service project going on at the gazebo with scraping and repainting. He stated the center part of the roof is rotten and needs to be replaced with plywood before getting the new roof installed. Discussion followed.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated the department assisted with the mobile food pantry. He stated they assisted with traffic for the Mid- Carolina graduation parade and a Birthday drive by at the gazebo and picnic shelter. He stated they helped raise money for the Police Association at the July 4th fireworks celebration in Newberry. He stated we have had a lot of calls concerning the wreck at Hwy 76 and North Main; wanting a traffic study for another traffic light in town. He stated we have hired a part-time Officer in the Police Department. He stated A Beautiful Home donated two bikes to give away at National Night Out. He stated they are planning for National Night Out on August 3rd and a school supply drive. He stated they had to inventory for the 1033 program. He attended the Darlington Speedway for a training. He stated we are planning for Spooktacular on October 31st.

Utility Department: Mrs. Livingston stated we rented a trencher for the Hartman project and will begin on July 28th. She stated we would start earlier this year to finish the Christmas lights down to Roma's. Mayor Underwood stated we have three places we need to fix with lights hanging down now. Mrs. Livingston stated this would be addressed first and then they will continue the lights down the street.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

Councilman Gallman invited everyone to attend his Birthday party August 14th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel and Equipment Utility Department (upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in executive session.)

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move into executive session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move out of executive session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood stated we discussed purchasing new equipment for our utility department and we would add to the agenda for next month and there was no action or vote to be taken at this time with personnel.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no general comments.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:32p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer