

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 21, 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 and Wesley Palmore, Police Chief.

Administrative Audio: 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 August 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes as presented from August 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Carol Henderson from South Main Street addressed her concerns to Council about a halfway house located two doors down from her house. Mrs. Livingston stated Mrs. Katie Werts with Newberry County Zoning Office has been contacted concerning this matter. Discussion followed. Mrs. Henderson made a formal complaint concerning the speeding on South Main Street. Chief Palmore stated he would focus heavily on this area.

Michael Williams from 220 South Main Street has issued a formal complaint through Newberry County concerning the trash dumpster at Roma's on his property and parking on the one way street behind his building. He stated he is wanting to put up a permanent barrier behind his building. Discussion followed.

Mr. Henderson asked about the trash service if anything had changed. Mayor Underwood stated Advanced has changed to Waste Management and we have had many complaints from broken lids to carts in the roadway. Discussion followed.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Williamswood Water System Improvements Projects:

Councilman Martin stated they are about finished with the project depending on rain delays.

Prosperity Business Association:

Lorraine Bradley reported the Association has twenty one members. She stated Mayor Underwood reported that the Town plans to install Christmas lights down Main Street to the traffic light. She stated Chief Palmore, Mayor Underwood and Sergeant Jones delivered school supplies to Prosperity-Rikard. She stated flyers for the Cruisin' the Square were delivered by Councilman Martin. She stated the car show will be held on October 9th from 5-9pm with Carolina General Store providing the food. She stated National Night Out was a success. She stated they would be having the Community Yard Sale Saturday October 23rd. She stated Spooktacular would be on October 31st, Shopper's Walk Saturday December 4th and the Christmas Parade on December 5th. She stated the next meeting would be October 12th at The Blend.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated they discussed outreach through the Town website. He stated they asked him to bring before the Council a request about funding for the square from the Cares Act funding or One Cent Sales Project. Discussion followed.

CTC Update:

Mayor Underwood stated they will be voting next month on paving for Town Center, Circle Drive and Colony Drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newberry County School Property and Building at Town Center:

Mayor Underwood stated we have a new Superintendent with the School District and feels we need to send a letter to bring back to their attention our intentions of wanting the building next to Town Center. Discussion followed.

Pride in Prosperity Recap and New Dates:

Mayor Underwood stated Council Members and their spouses participated in this cleaning project.

Cares Act Funding-Project Discussion:

Mrs. Livingston stated we are one of seven cities approved for funding and no one has received any money yet. Discussion followed. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the Legislature will meet on October 12th and they may offer matching funds.

One Cent Sales Tax-Projects Discussion:

Mayor Underwood stated he would like for us to come up with some ideas for the One Cent Sales Tax Project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Robert Martin stated we hired Wil Enlow for the Water Department and he is training with Mr. West. He stated we repaired a water leak on Eureka Street.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Fire and Rescue have no updates this month. He stated the sidewalks on Brown Street are getting cleaned up and is looking good. He stated there are speed limit signs that collect data such as date, time and speed. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated she would resend the bids out to Palmore for review. Mrs. Livingston asked if we could talk with the person who coordinates the Fire Drill and see if Prosperity Hoppin' could sponsor their run and combine since our numbers have dropped the past few years.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated there has been some more progress at the Old Mill property on McNeary Street and Bennett Garner's building on Main Street.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated that our soccer program has thirty soccer teams with 242 children participating. He stated we have Cruisin' in the Square scheduled for October 9th from 5-9pm, Spooktacular in the Square October 31st from 5:30-7pm and the Christmas Parade on December 5th at 3pm.

Police Department: Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He stated the department assisted with the mobile food pantry and the school supply drive.

Utility Department: Councilman Martin stated the Town has a new Utility truck. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about the clock. Mrs. Livingston stated she would call and check on the status of the clock.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn stated the Cities of Greenville and Columbia have issued overarching rules prohibiting open carry laws for any events. Discussion followed

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated everything has been covered earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking area and fencing at Depot:

Mrs. Livingston stated we are checking with paver and will be scheduled between October 11th and to be completed by the 29th.

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

Mayor Underwood talked with the Contractor who stated the pipe is too small and would supply 36” concrete pipe to fix the erosion problem at the substation. Mayor Underwood stated the Contractor is working on a scope of work for this project so we will be able to bid out on the right scope of work. He stated this project will create parking behind The Blend, fix the erosion at the substation and have a barrier to keep us from being on someone else’s property.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Underwood stated the election is every two years here in Prosperity and would like to invite and give the candidates an opportunity to speak before Council next meeting.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer