

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2010
7:00 PM.

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins
Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer, Fred Sexton, Utility Director, Benji Sease, Police Administrator, Phillip Reta, Police Chief and Henry Bufkin, Town Attorney
Council Absence: G.W. Dawkins

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of allegiance was recited. Mayor Underwood then asked if anyone had signed up to speak or if someone wished to speak.

OPEN SESSION:

No one signed up to speak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the minutes from April 20, 2010 meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve minutes from April 20, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set Date for Budget Workshop: Mayor Underwood stated that a second budget workshop is needed and a date needs to be set. After discussion, the budget workshop date was set for May 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Set Date for Special Called Meeting (First Reading of Budget): Mayor Underwood stated that a the first reading of the budget would need to be held during a special called meeting in order to get the public hearing and second reading in before the end of the fiscal year.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to hold a special called meeting for the first reading of the 2010/2011 budget, on June 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm; seconded by Councilman Mike Hawkins, and so approved unanimously.

Roll Cart Inventory System and Purchase: Mayor Underwood reminded council that during last months council meeting the inventory and assigning of roll carts was discussed. Fred was to provide information about the procedures we have in place to ensure that roll carts are not being abused or stolen. Fred introduced George Wise, who is in charge of the roll cart inventory. Mr. Wise explained his program to the Council and showed them records for the in service roll cart distribution and replacement. Discussion followed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical & Economic Development: Mike Hawkins reported that a potential business contacted him about opening on Main Street; however, their visit was postponed until a later date. Ms. Livingston notified Council that Duke has scheduled a meeting with us on May 28 to discuss alternative options for the upgrade of the substation. During a conference call earlier this month, Duke was made aware of several upgrades that are currently installed on our system. Duke wants to get a good comfort level that the upgrades will reasonably prevent a power outage in the Town.

Sanitation, Streets & Buildings: Mayor Underwood noted that Mr. Dawkins was unable to attend and reported that the old garbage truck would be sold at auction next week.

Councilman Chad Hawkins reported that he and Ms. Livingston had attended the CTC Commission Meeting and asked them to match our DOT Enhancement Grant for sidewalks in town on Miller Street, Brown Street and School Drive.

Councilman Chad Hawkins also stated that a letter has been sent to Wayne Adams, County Administrator, concerning Eureka Street and the Town's wishes to turn this road over to the county. Mr. Gallman asked that we check out a ditch on Pine Street to see what can be done to help with the drainage.

Water, Sewer, Fire & Rescue: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated that we are hopeful about the grants we have outstanding. Mr. Hawkins also stated that the Fire Department would like for us to have a fire inspector that can be sub contracted out to Prosperity to do local inspections. The Rescue Squad has asked that we repair a hole in the road so water will not run under their building.

Ms. Livingston stated that the Sewer Project is on the ballot for the CPST. DHEC has also contacted us about a 100% Principle Forgiveness Loan with no match or pay back. Mr. Allen Gallman thanked the Administration for their loyalty and help with these projects.

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated that he was glad to hear that Stimulus Money is coming to Prosperity and that the money coming is left over from completed projects.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Allen Gallman stated that the baseball season is underway and all seem happy and are having fun. Mr. Gallman invited everyone to a Fun Day sponsored by Shiloh Church Men of Faith at Town Center

Mr. Gallman asked when we would start the PARD Grant purchases. Ms. Livingston stated we are on track to get started as soon as the budget and Capital Sales Tax Projects were presented.

Ms. Livingston then reported the Prosperity Business Association will host the second 'Swingin' in the Square on Friday, May 21 from 7 pm – 9 pm and will also sponsor a community yard sale on June 5, 2010. Both of these events will be monthly throughout the summer.

Hoppin' Planning is underway and will continue with a meeting on June 11, 2010 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about the tennis court light repair.

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated his pleasure at seeing all the people participating in the recreation programs and bringing the Chapin Community Players to the Town Center is a great thing for Prosperity.

Police Department: Administrator Sease welcomed Officer Merck back from 3 weeks of military training. Mr. Sease also stated that Chief Reta might have a contact for the fire inspection in town. Chief Reta stated that our computers are now upgraded to include SLED, DMV, and FBI records. He reported that SLED actually donated the router we needed and the town absorbed no cost for the upgrade. Chief Reta went over some statistics as they relate to the Police Department and reported over 300 calls for the month.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton thanked council and Ms. Livingston for working with the City of Newberry to get the pole transfers complete. Ms. Livingston reported that the utility department had a pickup truck that the engine locked up on was sold to Ackerman's and needs to get replaced.

Mayor Underwood asked Fred to set up mosquito control. Ms. Livingston also welcomed back Royce Bundrick from military service in Iraq. She also stated that Mr. Gallman who was working as a temp will be staying on through the summer and help him find another job through our job search.

Town Attorney: No report at this time.

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston reported that business license collections are behind and the police department will be asked to step in and collect late licensing fees. She further reported that our annual audit has been scheduled for July 27 and 28. Ms. Livingston reminded Council that the annual meeting worksheets need to be turned in by

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May 28th. Ms. Livingston stated that bids need to be taken for the roof repair on the front of town hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

CPST Update: Mayor Underwood stated that the Commission selected the Sewer Project at Forest Hills and The Depot to be included on the referendum.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Mayor Underwood stated that he is proud of the direction the Town is taking with our projects and he welcomes Chapin Theatre Group is a big impact for Prosperity and gives notoriety to Prosperity with the traffic through town.

Councilman Mike Hawkins asked that we add to the June Agenda under Old Business, Downtown Parking.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm; Seconded by Councilman Chad Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

Michelle Bundrick, Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer