

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
December 15, 2009
7:00 PM.

Council Attendance: Mayor Larry Spotts, Councilmen: G.W. Dawkins, Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Derek Underwood
Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator, Fred Sexton, Utility Director, Benji Sease, Police Chief, Henry Bufkin, Town Attorney, and Timothy Savidge, Bufkin Law Firm

Mayor Spotts called the regular meeting to order and asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there are two sets of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the November 17, 2009 Regular Council Meeting and November 24, 2009 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Gallman to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2009 Regular Council Meeting and November 24, 2009 Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Hawkins and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Thaddeus Davenport, Parade Committee Chair reported to Council that the Current Committee consisting of Glenn Hamm II, co chair, Ms. Linda Spence, Float Chief, Ms. Catherine Eldridge, Secretary, and Gina Mays thanked them for their support during this year and further reported that an account balance of \$1200.00 was available. Mr. Davenport thanked the Men Of Faith for helping complete the float shed and thanked the Council again for their continued support.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Fire & Rescue: Councilman Hawkins reported everything in electrical is steady and stable. He further stated that looking at the budget is over in transformers and wire due to the Grace Church Project. He reported that the Fire and Rescue is quiet and mentioned that he enjoyed their holiday parties. A review of electric bills will be scheduled after the first of the year and a possible meeting will be held to address any issues found to be of importance.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings: Mr. Dawkins stated that the garbage collection revenue is running in line with the budget. Ms. Livingston stated that the roll carts have been ordered and should be in service before the next meeting.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Underwood stated that budgeted line items seem to be in line with the annual projection, except for repair to the lift stations.

Police Department: Chief Sease reported that the department would receive a camera system for the car. He further reported that there has been a large rash of thefts in the Prosperity area and for everyone to encourage citizens to lock their car doors in their yards and to keep doors locked and watch out for each other. Mr. Bufkin asked if there seemed to be any target vehicle and Chief Sease answered that it seemed to be random unlocked cars; no pattern.

Recreation, Parks and Parade: Councilman Gallman thanked Thaddeus for his parade report and stated that the parade gets bigger and bigger each year. He stated that the spring sport season is coming and he knows that recreation will be bigger and better than ever.

Utility Department: Mayor Spotts thanked the utility department for the good work they did to ready the Town for the parade and Shoppers' Walk. Mr. Sexton stated that some fuses are going to be changed out and will cause some short power outages throughout Town. He further stated that there would be a need for some light arresters and fault finders. The upfront cost will be 3000.00 and we plan to start the work on Monday. Trees will be cut from the power lines on Saturdays for six hours. Mr. Sexton asked the council to consider closing the Black Smith well using a certified well digger. He cost to close this well as well as the Clinic Well for a cost of \$6000.00 for both or \$3500.00 each if they are not done at the same time. Mayor Spotts asked to take for information and add to the January Agenda.

Town Attorney: Nothing to report at this time but would like to add something after new business is discussed.

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Update on Buildings and Citations: Ms. Livingston furnished all council members an updated list of property violators. Several have been removed from the list while others were reported to the county for further enforcement. Chief Sease and Ms. Livingston will be issuing Courtesy Summons to marked properties for further compliance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of 2008/2009 Audit Results: Mayor Spotts introduced Toni McKinley from McKinley Cooper, LLC. Ms. McKinley informed council that the audit was unqualified (the best rating available) and reported a healthy fund balance and clean audit. Audit attached for review.

After the audit presentation Mr. Bufkin stated that the December meeting was the last meeting for Mayor Spotts, he stated that Mayor Spotts had been a good mayor and he had worked hard for the Town of Prosperity.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Mayor Spotts thanked the utility department for the preparation and clean up after the parade. He also thanked the police department and stated he had enjoyed working with all of the people in the town and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Elect Derek Underwood called for a special called council meeting on January 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm for swearing in newly elected officials.

Mayor Elect Derek Underwood then read a plaque recognizing Mayor Spotts years of service and dedication to the Town. Councilman Dawkins then presented the plaque to Mayor Spotts.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm; Seconded by Councilman Gallman and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator