

MINUTES
April 15, 2008
Town Council Meeting
7:00 PM
Prosperity, SC 29127

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, Hank Bufkin, Town Attorney, Tim Savidge, Bufkin Law Firm, Craig Nelson, Police Captain

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

Mayor Spotts stated a need to add item E under New Business; First reading of ordinance to convey deed of Prosperity Fire Department (formerly Town Hall) to Newberry County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Spotts stated that there is one set of minutes to be approved. He presented the minutes from the March 18, 2008 regular meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 minutes; seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

No citizens had signed up to speak during Open Session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Electrical, Fire Dept., Parade Comm. & Rescue Squad: Councilman Hawkins stated that the utility department had cleaned out under the power lines, changed a power pole on Elm Street, and repaired lights on Henry Street. The parade committee will be meeting in May for the 2008 parade. The budget line item special contract with Duke Power is running 100 per cent and we will be over spent for the year. Councilman Hawkins has spoken with Ms. Livingston and together are working on solutions for rising increases in power costs.

Sanitation, Streets, & Buildings Departments: Mr. Dawkins stated he had no report however he mentioned that Fred was repairing some tile on the sidewalk.

Water and Sewer: Councilman Underwood had no special report this month. Mayor Spotts recognized Ed West as a Backflow Prevention Operator scoring a 98 on his test. Council congratulated Ed for a job well done.

Police Department: Captain Nelson reported 5 arrests with 17 counts. Fifty-four tickets have been written since March 1, 2008. As of January we have arrested 13 people with 22 counts.

Recreation and Parks Department: Councilman Gallman stated that baseball season has started and is going good. Mr. Gallman thanked Ed West for the good work he has done repairing the restrooms at Town Center. Mr. Gallman has asked that coaches be given a key to the restrooms and ask all coaches to lock the restroom doors after their game. Mr. Gallman stated that there would be a tennis clinic held Saturday April 26 from 9 – 12:30. All proceeds from the clinic will be used for grant matching money.

Mayor Spotts stated that the lights are being turned on too early and for councilmen to be aware of cost to burn lights unnecessarily.

Utility Department: Mr. Sexton had no report.

Town Attorney: Mr. Bufkin stated that the ordinance being read later in the meeting was drafted from a neighboring municipality. He further stated that all lawsuits are proceeding with no update.

Town Administrator: Ms. Livingston stated that she and Michelle Bundrick would be attending a SC Court Administration Seminar on April 18, 2008. She also stated that the business license deadline is today and 15 % of license renewals have not paid for their license. Captain Nelson and Officers will enforce ordinances beginning tomorrow.

The Dutch Fork Chronicle has requested that beer and wine be served at their event on May first and May second.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to serve beer and wine on May 1 and 2 in the civic center; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Ms. Livingston stated that she and Councilman Underwood are working on a sidewalk resolution and should be ready to unveil their proposal for sidewalks throughout Town.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Property Ordinance Action Plans: Action Plans were put in each councilman's box. Two citations will be written to property owners for May Court.

NEW BUSINESS

Swearing in of Officers: Mayor Spotts stated his honor and privilege to swear in two officers tonight. Marty Fulmer comes to Prosperity with eleven years of experience and we are proud to have him. Officer Fulmer asked his daughter, Trinity, to hold the bible while he read his oath.

Mayor Spotts asked Mike Weathers to come forward. Mike comes to Prosperity with four years of experience as a jailer and will graduate from the academy on April 25 as a certified class one officer. Both officers were congratulated and welcomed to the Prosperity family.

Mike Bedenbaugh – Depot Update: Mr. Bedenbaugh did not present at the meeting.

Budget Workshop: A budget workshop was scheduled for April 21, 2008 at 5:30 pm.

Pride in Prosperity: Pride in Prosperity Trash Pickup was scheduled for May 10, 2008 at 9 am. This date coincides with the DOT Trash Pick up.

1st Reading of ordinance to convey deed of Prosperity Fire Department to Newberry County: Mayor Spotts asked for a motion to transfer the deed of the Prosperity Fire Department to Newberry County.

A MOTION by Councilman Hawkins to approve first reading of an ordinance to convey deed of prosperity Fire Department to Newberry County; seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor Spotts is looking for a good turnout for the Pride in Prosperity trash pickup.

Next month we will host a public drop-in before the council meeting to honor our new police chief and introduce our police force to the citizens. The drop-in will begin at 6 pm and end at 7 pm.

Remember this is your Town and please do your part to KEEP PROSPERITY CLEAN.

Councilman Underwood stated that Wightman United Methodist Church is hosting a Civil Servant Recognition Service the first Sunday in May beginning with breakfast.

A MOTION by Councilman Dawkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm; Seconded by Councilman Underwood and so approved unanimously.

Karen L. Livingston, Town Administrator