

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
April 16, 2024

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Mike Hawkins, Chad Hawkins, Robert Martin and Allen Gallman.

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Underwood called the Regular meeting to order and asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from March 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the Minutes from March 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Ms. Lorraine Bradly shared an email from Pet Partners on a proclamation designating April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day. Mayor Underwood asked for a motion to add to the agenda under New Business.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to add a proclamation designating April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mr. Stanley Dominick Jr wanted to let Council know he has done what he can do to quiet his mustang down from the complaint received on the loud noise coming from his car. Mayor Underwood thanked and appreciated him doing this and told him his family meant a lot to our town.

Mr. Jason Irish shared his business information on Simply Southern pups stating it is strictly a pick-up for puppies and would like to start a junior business here in the town. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated she would talk with Katie at Newberry County and make sure he is good to go other than buying the business license.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prosperity Business Association:

Mrs. Gina Mays introduced herself as chairperson for the Business Association. She stated they are working on bylaws and the purpose and vision of the Business Association. She stated our first new event will be the wine walk; Hop, Sip and Stroll on May 3rd from 6-7:30. She stated the wine would be from Enoree River Vineyards and Winery. She stated it would be a one ounce pour and a light bite at the different stops and Trip Hamby had volunteered to sing in the square at no charge. She stated they are looking at having a movie night in the square. She stated they are still taking ideas and reaching out to businesses to join. She stated the town would be taking the community yard sale back to sponsor since the Business Association is moving in another direction at this time.

CTC Committee:

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he was asked to commit himself to being more seen and vocal for Prosperity at the CTC meeting. He stated The Town of Prosperity has received a Tap Grant from the DOT of four hundred sixty-six thousand dollars and the match from the town is one hundred sixteen thousand dollars and Mrs. Livingston went to the CTC for the match and it was approved today. He stated this would be the continuation of sidewalks on the other side of Main Street where New Image Printing is located and would include three crosswalks downtown.

Carolina Connect Installation:

Councilman Martin stated he talked with and rode the area of Hwy 76 last week.

Capital Project Sales Tax Update:

Mrs. Livingston stated they are getting ready to bond the money and looks like it will be later in the summer for the bonds to be released and starting the projects. She stated they will be sending an itemized project funding to see what we are looking at for our project.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Therapy Animal Day Proclamation:

Mayor Underwood read the proclamation for National Therapy Animal Day.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to accept a proclamation designating April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation:

Councilman Martin stated we are busy in electrical; no issues in public works and the town is moving in a positive way.

Public Safety and Streets:

Councilman Chad Hawkins stated there is still discussion on the sirens sounding in town. He stated fire and rescue are going well and the dive team has a special training in Prosperity tonight. He stated Eureka Street has a crack in the curve of the road and needs to be looked at.

Economic Development, Buildings and Properties:

Councilman Mike Hawkins had nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Events:

Councilman Gallman stated the parks are full and our recreation is progressing. He stated Hoppin' would be May 4th. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we have around six hundred children in our recreation program.

Police Department:

Chief Palmore reported the cases for the month. He attended the PBA meeting. He stated the Police Department assisted with traffic at Prosperity Rikard and assisted with the mobile food pantry. He stated himself and Sergeant Hunter attended a SLED validation training. He stated they were preparing for the wine walk and Hoppin'. He stated he worked a shift so his department could enjoy a deep-sea fishing trip at the coast.

Town Attorney:

Mrs. Senn stated she has been researching for information on the use of Disney characters. She stated the fundraising cannot come from one department; it has to be the town as a whole doing the fund raising.

Town Administrator:

Mrs. Livingston stated the flagpole would be installed by April 30th and Zachary Steen with Troop 316 is doing this for his Eagle Scout project. She stated we are having a ceremony on Hoppin' morning to unveil the Prosperity flag and we will be burying the time capsule. She stated Woodmen of the World is ordering a plaque and we will be

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ordering a plaque recognizing Zachary Steen with Troop 316. She stated we need to schedule a budget workshop so we can get the numbers published in the Observer by May 1st. Discussion followed and the Council decided on April 30th at 5:30 in the training room for the workshop. She stated Lineman Appreciation Day is April 19th and we will thank our Linemen on this day for all they do for the town. She stated our utility crew will be at career day on April 26th at Prosperity Rikard and on May 16th at Reuben Elementary School.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solar Lights for Gateway Signs:

Mrs. Livingston stated she found solar lights online for thirty dollars a piece with a five-year warranty. Discussion followed.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated a couple months ago we were talking about repairing the roads and he said Councilman Robert Martin asked if it included where it used to be a road. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the money allocated to Newberry County and Town of Prosperity has been sitting for over three years and we need look at ways to expedite the process.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:44p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer