

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-1115
November 15, 2022

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; 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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1115:

Mayor Underwood opened the Public Hearing for discussion for Ordinance No. 2022-1115 to change the property from General Commercial to Neighborhood Commercial at 114 Church Street. He stated they would leave open for fifteen minutes for any discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from October 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes as presented from October 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

There was no one to speak in Open Session.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Capital Project Sales Tax Plan:

Mayor Underwood stated the Capital Project Sales Tax passed and we will be doing park enhancements with the funds we receive from this project. He stated we need to think of entities that we could donate our old playground equipment to.

Prosperity Business Association:

Ms. Lorraine Bradley stated the Shopper's Walk was most of the discussion in their monthly meeting with the Business Association. She stated they would advertise with Newberry Magazine, Newberry Observer and WKDK. She stated Santa would be at Dixie Heartpine from 5-7 and the tree lighting would be at 7:30 in the square. She stated Gina Mays would be decorating the light poles downtown and Kelly Fulmer with Upper Cut would be decorating the gazebo. She stated there would be a special meeting on November 30th for the final preparation for Shopper's Walk.

Vision 2020 Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated the committee has not been meeting. He stated the town square will be funded through the one cent sales project. He stated they will come up with other projects and redirect the committee.

CTC Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated CTC met today and recognized Senator Ronnie Cromer on the funds that have been allocated to our county. He stated we have 2.3 million allocated on paving roads within our town.

Carolina Connect Installation:

Mayor Underwood stated once ports and lines are complete; Newberry Electric calls Carolina Connect to do what they need to do. He stated we need to work up a system where if it becomes available we can let our customers know when they can contact Carolina Connect.

Prosperity Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary 1873-2023) Planning Committee:

Mayor Underwood stated the committee met today and a lot of good things were brought up. He stated they broke down in subcommittees for the different components to this planning process. He stated we will be celebrating this event all year long and we meet again the first part of December.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-1115- An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Prosperity Adopted April 20, 1999, So As to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a Request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of the Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So as to Rezone One(1) Real Estate Parcel Totaling One and Nineteen Hundredths(1.19)

Acres Designated as TMS Parcel No. 464-1-1-2 From GC-General Commercial to NC – Neighborhood Commercial:

A **MOTION** by Councilman Mike Hawkins to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-1115-An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Prosperity Adopted April 20, 1999, So as to Amend the Zoning Map Acting on a Request to Amend the Official Zoning Map Established, Codified in Chapter 153 of the Town of Prosperity Code of Ordinances, So as to Rezone One (1) Real Estate Parcel Totaling One and Nineteen Hundredths (1.19) Acres Designated as TMS Parcel No. 464-1-1-2 from GC-General Commercial to NC- Neighborhood Commercial; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Scott Sandor with YMCA- Civic Center use for Volleyball and Gymnastics:

Scott Sandor with the YMCA stated he is looking to better serve the community and asking to use the town facility for some of their programs including gymnastics, pickle ball and volleyball to offer to more people. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated we are having a partners meeting on Friday to take the plan to our partners before making the decision. Mayor Underwood stated if all agree maybe we can have the actual proposal at our next Council meeting.

City of Newberry Event Partnership:

Mayor Underwood stated we are wanting to partner with the City of Newberry for the Juneteenth celebration and will be attending the City Council meeting next month. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we need to start doing things together as a County.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical, Public Works and Sanitation: Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

Public Safety and Streets: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated we talked about streets earlier in the meeting and no news from the Fire and Rescue other than they received their AED'S.

Economic Development, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the old rescue building has changed owners. He stated Upper Cut did some more painting over the weekend and downtown is looking better.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated our recreation is growing. He stated the Shopper's Walk would be December 3rd from 2-8, with onstage entertainment beginning at 3. He stated the tree lighting would be at 7:30 and Santa would be at Dixie Heartpine from 5-7.

Police Department:

Chief Palmore presented his monthly report to Council. He stated they assisted Chapin We Care and attended the Prosperity Business Association meeting. He stated Spooktacular was a success. He stated the department received a \$10,000 grant for a mobile speed trailer and a \$27,000 grant for in car cameras. He stated the department is preparing for the Shopper's Walk and the parade.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated the Utility Department is installing electric meters and the new arm has been installed at the tower.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stabilize Fencing at Substation:

Mrs. Livingston stated the pipe came in last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Contractual Matter in Sanitation:

Mayor Underwood stated we are discussing a contractual matter in Sanitation.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood stated we needed to get further information and have a Special called meeting with public hearing to make a mid- budget year change to our rates for sanitation.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no General Comments.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer