

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 21, 2017

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

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Ed West, Utility Director; David Beddingfield, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Administrative Absence: Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer.

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

Mayor Underwood stated the Hospitality Advertisement Presentations were made from OmniSplash, Resh, and Tyler Ryan Agency and the presentations were taken for information.

OPEN SESSION:

Phillip Anderson introduced himself to Council and stated he has started a non-profit organization located beside Mid-Carolina Middle School. He stated he is building a multipurpose building for an after school program for farming called Mid-Carolina Garden Basket and would like to request a letter of support from The Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from February 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to approve the minutes from February 21, 2017, Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading of Ordinance to Amend Zoning Setback Rules Equivalent to Newberry County: Mrs. Livingston stated that Newberry County's principal structure minimum side yard was changed from ten feet from the interior side lot line to seven feet from the

interior side lot line. Mrs. Livingston stated we had been asked by a Citizen if this could be changed. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked if we could look at this a little closer and compare other ordinances. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept a first reading on amending the minimum side yard from ten feet to seven feet from the interior side lot line; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical & Economic Development: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we are always looking at ways to draw businesses into town. He stated we need to create some more parking in the downtown area and are looking at making one way streets in the square and would like for us to put on the agenda soon to discuss this issue. He stated we got some free advertising in the tenth anniversary of Garden and Gun magazine this month.

Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated the Chief has been directing traffic at the school this month. He stated the Chief and his department would be getting into the school system and getting more community involved. He stated fire and rescue were going well. He stated he is watching out for the bid for April or May on the sidewalk project. He encouraged people to keep recycling and keep Prosperity clean.

Public Works, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated we have a new insurance business going in beside Edward Jones and someone is looking at the Antique Mall. Mrs. Livingston stated we have a new dentist Dr. Lake who is in with Dr. Chibbaro. Mayor Underwood stated the metal structure in the square needs to be addressed. Mr. Gallman thanked Mrs. Livingston for sending out letters to property owners.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Gallman stated the ballfields and parks have a lot of work being done. He thanked Mr. West and the utility crew for all their hard work. He stated Prosperity's Hoppin' would be May 6th and encouraged everyone to participate in the 5-K run.

Police Department: Chief Beddingfield stated it has been a busy month in the Police Department. He stated they would be starting quarterly having pizza with the Police and he started a safety class on Friday's at Prosperity Rikard. He thanked Councilman Martin for assisting with the class last week and invited the Councilman to join him if they would like.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated he had been to the schools to promote our sanitation service and it complimented our Town and the children. He stated recreation was in full force and people are enjoying our parks. He stated they are updating safety and OSHA requirements. He stated they are doing some water maintenance including

flushing water lines and upgrading the ballfields. He appreciated the support of our staff and asked for everyone to have patience when these projects started because there would be temporary entrances and construction. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked about the cones on Brown Street. Mr. West stated they had replaced a water service to the main line and the shoulder of the road is soft.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston stated her report would be covered in old business. She stated the ethic forms needed to be completed by March 31, 2017. She stated Hoppin' is coming along well and we have lots of good volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Debris Removal Policy: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he and Mr. West are still working on. Mr. West stated they are seeking other advice for a template on this project.

Sidewalk Repair Update: Mr. West stated the Contractors are working on more fibers in town.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated they met on the 22nd and they will be sending a model by the 30th to look at. She stated our project will be first and there is a possibility we will be getting another ballfield since we are doing the demolition of our tennis courts and tearing down the fence around the courts in house. She stated there is a sewer line under the tennis courts and some sewer work needs to be done. She stated we will have a gravel parking lot at the ballfield.

Hospitality Advertisement: Mayor Underwood stated we would incorporate some ideas in the budget workshop.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Council decided we would have our budget workshop on April 11th at 7p.m. Councilman Chad Hawkins stated Roma's has went to a smoke free environment starting in March.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer