

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**April 18, 2017**

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

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

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.

**OPEN SESSION:**

There was no one signed up to speak in Open Session. Someone in the audience wanted to remind everyone it is child abuse prevention month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from March 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, April 4, 2017 Special Called Council Meeting and April 11, 2017 Special Called Council Meeting for approval.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from March 21, 2017, Regular Council Meeting, April 4, 2017, Special Called Council Meeting and April 11, 2017, Special Called Council Meeting; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Award Advertising/Marketing Contract:**

Mayor Underwood stated three companies put their bid in for advertising. Mrs. Livingston recommended Resh Marketing Consulting because they had included all the elements in the bid we asked for. Discussion followed.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Chad Hawkins to accept Resh Marketing Consulting for the advertisement contract for the 2017-2018 budget year; seconded by Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the advertising would be allocated through the hospitality fund.

**Coal Ash Discussion with Richard Knight-Duke Energy:**

Richard Knight discussed the Coal Ash issue with Council. Richard Knight stated the law went into effect October 2015. He stated we would be treated as a South Carolina retail customer for South Carolina Public Service Commission ruling on Coal Ash. Discussion followed. Mayor Underwood stated this is a cost of energy and change in the law. He stated EPA made a ruling and we have to live with it.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Electrical & Economic Development:** Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we would try to keep the increase as low as possible but to expect a rate increase on utilities July 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated we need to be able to set aside monies for infrastructure and maintenance.

**Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation:** Councilman Chad Hawkins stated fire and rescue were good. He stated the One Cent Sales Project from Newberry County is covering the cost of the new police radios.

**Public Works, Buildings & Properties:** Councilman Robert Martin had nothing to report.

**Parks, Recreation & Events:** Councilman Gallman stated the parks are full and recreation is great. He stated Prosperity's Hoppin' would be May 6<sup>th</sup> and we needed more volunteers.

**Police Department:** Chief Beddingfield stated the department is addressing traffic flow. He stated the police radios cost is coming from the Newberry County One Cent Project and we are getting ready to purchase body cameras in which the cost is being covered through a grant the Police Department received. He stated the school safety program is going great and showing a great benefit.

**Utility Department:** Mr. West stated they had some electrical issues on Long Street due to trees falling on the lines during a storm. Councilman Mike Hawkins stated we have done a good job trimming trees from the roadway but he suggested to revisit the issues to go on private property to trim or cut trees down. Discussion followed. Mr. West stated he has a meeting Thursday to go over with engineers on the water main replacement project on Washington Street. He stated he would have a better timeline after submitting the first prints. Mr. West stated we had a fire on Langford Street over the weekend. He stated

there was a fire hydrant in front of this house due to a project from 2007 to upgrade. He stated the parks are full and he thanked Councilman Gallman for helping the utility crew remove the tennis courts. He stated he would be meeting with Spirit next week to go through a punch list from the fiber optic install on repairing the sidewalks. He apologized to Council on having to remove some blocks of sidewalk but they are trying to repair as quickly as possible. He stated the Town clock parts came in this afternoon.

**Town Attorney:** Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

**Town Administrator:** Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report. Councilman Chad Hawkins asked Council's permission to close the office for lunch on Administrative Day from 11-2:30 to take the women in the office out to lunch.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2017.0320 To Amend Text in Section 502 Ordinance Number 153.046 R-10 Single Family Residential District Regulations and Section 504, Ordinance Number 153.048 R-7 General Residential District Regulations, To Read: Minimum Side Yard: Principal Structure seven (7) Feet From Interior Side Lot Line:**

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 2017.0320 to Amend Text in Section 502 Ordinance Number 153.046 R-10 Single Family Residential District Regulations and Section 504, Ordinance Number 153.048 R-7 General Residential District Regulations, To Read: Minimum Side Yard: Principal Structure seven (7) Feet from Interior Side Lot Line; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

**Debris Removal Policy:** Mayor Underwood stated he would like for us to have this implemented for the new budget year.

**Sidewalk Repair Update:** Mayor Underwood stated we discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Update on CPST Project:** Mrs. Livingston stated they met with Alliance last week and they brought a model on paper with a lot of good ideas. She stated they will meet in two weeks and they have asked for our tennis courts to be replaced as phase 1 of the project.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

There were no General Comments.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contractual Matter-Duke Coal Ash Settlement-Kevin O'Donnell:**

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

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Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Underwood stated they received information from Richard Knight and spoke with Kevin O'Donnell and Council decided the Town of Prosperity will engage Cauley and Pridgen to review the third amendment of the Duke Agreement with the Town of Prosperity.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Robert Martin to accept for The Town of Prosperity to engage Cauley and Pridgen to review the third amendment of the Duke Agreement with The Town of Prosperity; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:57p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer