

Springfield Council Meeting
April 16, 2012
7:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00p. m. with the Mayor and all council members present.

The March minutes were read. Council member Lee made a motion to accept the March minutes and Council member Wood 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

The March financials were read. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the March Financials and council member Wood 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She stated that the Frog Jump was a success and thanked everyone who helped with the event. She said the Frog Jump Chaiman, Lloyd Morgan, was unable to be at the April meeting but planned to attend the May meeting with updates on the Frog Jump. The Mayor asked everyone to remember the Scott family due to their loss. She announced that one person had filed for the vacant council member seat and said the filing deadline for write-in candidates would be April 18 at noon. Mayor McCormick then read a letter of resignation from Officer Robert Merkle. She also read a letter from Samaria Baptist Church inviting everyone to attend their Family Day on April 28. The Mayor announced she wanted to make everyone aware of another letter she received from a company named Home Serve saying notices would be sent to residents pertaining to water line protection and an emergency repair hotline for service. She stated that this is not affiliated with the town. Giving an update on the cemetary research, Mayor McCormick said she had a tax map number and Folk Funeral Home in Williston has the plat. She concluded by saying a cemetary committee is still being worked on.

Officer Robert White gave the Police Department monthly report.

Council member Cooper said he wanted to commend the Frog Jump staff for making the event successful. He said everyone did a good job including the police. He asked that any pictures of the Frog Jump anyone would like to get posted on the website could be left at the town hall for him or get in touch with Tommy Burkhalter who oversees the website.

Council member Lee stated that a date needed to be set for the Ordinance Workshop. Mayor McCormick asked Council member Lee to choose a date and Council members would be contacted with the information. Council member Lee also said people are concerned about the bandstand ramp needing repairs and suggested getting an estimate for this.

Council member Wood stated that the senior citizens stole the show in the Frog Jump parade. She also said the Senior Citizens Center's roof has not been repaired yet.

The W. E. Bennett Park Committee reported that straw had been put out in the park and pressure washing had been done. The committee also said four estimates for play sand had been gotten. The committee then asked about Orkin inspecting and treating the park for termites. The town clerk stated she would contact Orkin the next day concerning this. A committee member asked how the money raised for the park would be separated from the savings fund. The Mayor stated that the money is coded separately from the savings in the new QuickBooks program being used.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported that the Garden Club's Country Store had been successful during the Frog Jump. She also said the club has planted knock out roses. Mrs. Hiers stated that the Frog Jump Beauty Pageant had done well and she also said there were two rentals for the school.

Public Comments:

A resident asked when the town audit would be complete. Mayor McCormick stated Council was actually waiting for the final report. The same resident asked how many police officers the town had. Mayor McCormick replied that there is one full time, two part time and one volunteer. The resident stated that there had been low water pressure early in the morning at her home. The Mayor asked the clerk if any calls had come in concerning this and the clerk said no. The Mayor stated that this would be checked in to.

A resident stated concern about seeing a fox around her neighborhood. Mayor McCormick told residents to call DNR if they see the fox.

A resident asked for the cemetery tax map number which was given to her by Mayor McCormick. The same resident asked if the ordinance workshop was strictly for council. Mayor McCormick said that the workshop would be announced.

A resident stated that several small businesses had opened in town and Springfield seemed to be doing well.

A resident asked if the directional municipal signs had been ordered. Mayor McCormick said they would be ordered in the next few weeks.

Mayor McCormick asked for comments from the Press. The Press asked to photograph the Mayor, council members, the town clerk and police officers for a file the Times and Democrat is putting together.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

