

Springfield Council Meeting
August 19, 2013
6:50 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P. M. following the Budget Public Hearing with the Mayor and all council members present except Council member Cooper.

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

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Mayor McCormick welcomed everyone and went on to the second reading of the 2013-2014 budget. After reading, she asked if there were any questions. There being none, Council member Temples made a motion to accept and Council member Lee 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. The Mayor then read the agreement to adopt the budget and establish the millage rate. The agreement was signed by the Mayor, council members and town clerk. Mayor McCormick said she had announced in the June council meeting Mrs. Josie Williams would serve on the election commission with Billy Salley and Erica Pierce but Mrs. Williams asked that she be removed from the commission. The Mayor stated Jeremy Whitaker would serve in her place. Mayor McCormick announced she had received several letters to share in the meeting. She began by reading a Norfield Hornets flyer with football sign up information from Coach Craig James. She then read a letter received from John Baxley stating his concerns about religious services being held at the Springfield High School auditorium, the town's website showing outdated information and the council meetings not being held at a regular time every month. Mayor McCormick said the Springfield High School is rented to different groups including religious ones and information is left on the website for people who may want to see when events were held. She said the dates for the council meetings change due to conflicts with council members being able to attend in order to have a quorum. The Mayor then read a letter from the W. E. Bennett Park Committee which was also sent to council members and the town clerk requesting \$385.00 be returned to the park fund that was used to pay for pine straw for the park. Mayor McCormick explained that the \$385.00 was used to purchase the pine straw which was placed in the park during the week of the Frog Jump Event and the money had been transferred from the Frog Jump account back into the park committee fund. A member of the park committee said the main concern was no one on the committee was contacted concerning this. The Mayor read a final letter requesting candidates in the upcoming election participate in a forum September 16 at the Springfield High School Auditorium. She said the next council meeting was scheduled for September 16. The Mayor stated she did not see a problem having the forum another date and a mediator present. Council member Lee added the mediator should not be affiliated with the candidates.

Chief Terry Logan gave the monthly Police Department report. He announced he would be having a senior citizens dinner and movie night August 29 at 6 PM at the town hall and on September 14 the Police Department would offer fingerprinting and identification booklets to parents for their children at no cost. Chief Logan stated he had received information concerning damage at the children's park. He said locks would be purchased to open and close the park on a

daily basis and he and the Mayor had discussed moving the park cameras. He added a sign would have to be placed in the park reading cameras are monitoring the area. Residents expressed their concerns about having a police officer on duty at night. Chief Logan said he has two part-time officers and one volunteer and now schedules an officer to work at night.

Mayor McCormick asked everyone to keep Council member Cooper in their thoughts and prayers. She added she did not have an update from the senior citizens center but pictures for the sign are expected to be received shortly. The Mayor asked that the Wood family continue to be remembered in everyone's prayers.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Springfield Garden Club will be replacing the oak tree on the walking trail and fall baskets will put out in town at the end of the month. Mrs. Hiers also gave the Springfield High School report. She said there will be a gospel singing held in October and November and the fruitcake event will take place November 9. Mrs. Hiers said a blue grass band event is being put together for January. She added a back porch is being built for the museum and several exhibits are being worked on. Mrs. Hiers said electrical work needed to be done in the library and bathroom. She added an elevator is also needed at the school. She said no dates have been set for the Jack On The Track event or the Christmas Home Tours. Mrs. Hiers asked that the town hall be contacted to make an appointment to tour the school or volunteer to help with events.

Public Comments:

A resident asked if materials to finish the town platform had been purchased. Council member Temples said they are stored at the building supply. The resident also said they would love to have the large town sign in the museum. Council member Temples said he would try to have it duplicated in the next few weeks for the museum.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P. M.