

Springfield Council Meeting  
October 15, 2012  
7:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Mayor and all council members present with the exception of Council member Lee and Council member Cooper.

The September minutes were read. Council member Temples made a motion to accept the September minutes and Council member Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

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Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She said Council member Cooper could not attend the meeting due to being involved in an accident and Council member Lee was not there because of illness. Mayor McCormick asked for thoughts and prayers for them and several families in the community which included Randy Bowman , Hilda Bookhart , Gail Scott Porterfield and Mattie Stroman. She said she had received a letter from the Orangeburg Fine Arts Center saying the Annual Mayor's Wreath Event will now be done every other year. Mayor McCormick said she also received a letter from the Orangeburg Sheriff's Department announcing that October is Criminal Domestic Violence Awareness month and requested the town hall outside light be changed to a purple bulb in support of this effort. She announced that repairs have been completed on eight to ten town Christmas lights.

Sergeant Charles Bolin gave the monthly Police Department report. He advised residents that they can be charged a fine of \$455.00 for parking in handicapped spaces. Sergeant Bolin said a traffic safety check point would be conducted in October and reminded everyone about donating toys for the children at the Augusta Burn Center for Christmas. He said boxes for donations are at the town hall. Sergeant Bolin asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Council member Bill Temples reported that a supplier quoted a list price of \$6500.00 for decking board material for repairing the town's platform but the supplier would sell it to the town for \$4230.00. He said a decision needed to be made soon due to the supplier holding the price for a limited time. He also added the decking board would hold up longer than plywood. Council member Temples said he was informed that the gasoline expense he had questioned in a previous council meeting was for two months. He said he had done research on the Victim's Rights funds and money could be used for transportation but not for building repairs. He then said the two buildings that belong to the town need painting and asked if they could be rented. Mayor McCormick said one is rentable and the other would be costly to repair. Council member Temples said he would look at both buildings to see what improvements are needed.

Council member Wood said the farmers and gardeners had been good about bringing fresh fruit, vegetables and peanuts to the senior citizens. She added that Chief Terry Logan had tentatively scheduled a soup and cornbread supper for them.

The W. E. Bennett Park Committee had nothing to report but Mrs. Sylvia Hiers volunteered to repair the park sign for them.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said the Garden Club has fall flags to display but decided to leave the American flags up until after Veteran's Day and the Museum Military Room dedication on November 11. She said they also plan to plant pansies at the school and place chrysanthemums and ferns inside.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said funding was received from the Heritage Corridor which will be used to hire a hostess for the museum. The new hostess is to begin work the first week in November. Mrs. Hiers then informed residents of upcoming events at the school. She said on October 30 there would be a four county Tourism Executive meeting; November 6 a DAR group would come for a tour; November 10 Springfield Defends Fruitcake will be held from 9 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.; November 11 Dedication of the Military Room and Museum Open House will be held 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. Mrs. Hiers added on December 2 the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at the town's platform. She concluded by inviting everyone to participate at the Jack On The Track October 31 from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M. Mrs. Hiers asked residents to call the town hall to sign up for the event.

Springfield Branch Librarian, Mrs. Linda Stutts, said she brought a few copies of the new Orangeburg County Library Who Knew magazine for residents to look through. She said she also brought information on how to download e-books, audio books and music if anyone was interested. Mrs. Stutts reported that computer usage has increased at the library. She said every Friday a Neeses Headstart Program brings a pre-school class consisting of 12 to 14 children for a story and activity. Mrs. Stutts said several residents are donating their time reading to the children and doing an activity with them. She asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

#### Public Comments:

A resident asked who the town's Victims Advocate was. Mayor McCormick said it was Officer Robert White. The same resident asked if a prior gasoline bill that was paid was for one or two months. Mayor McCormick and Council member Temples stated that it was for two months. The same resident asked if the gasoline on the current financial statement was for one or two months. Mayor McCormick said she would have an accurate answer in the next council meeting. The same resident stated their concern on what appears to be a deficit on the profit and loss statement. Mayor McCormick informed the resident that the town has an accountant come on a monthly basis who is the third eye for the town's finances and is sure the accountant would be glad to meet with the resident on October 23 and answer their questions. The Mayor said she is very proud of this town and council and feels Springfield is doing well. The same resident asked who Jackie Breland was. Mayor McCormick said she does the budget for the town. She also added that the auditor is now coming to begin doing the yearly audit.

A resident expressed concern about tractor trailer trucks not following the truck routes and taking up both traffic lanes. Mayor McCormick said there had been several calls made to Columbia about this and asked Sergeant Bolin to explain further. Sergeant Bolin said the Police Department is aware of the situation and will be issuing citations.

Mayor McCormick asked for comments from the Press. Mrs. Sheryl Peters of the Times and Democrat asked for the correct names the mayor had asked to be remembered at the beginning of the meeting.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p. m.

