

Springfield Council Meeting  
December 3, 2012  
7:00 PM

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

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

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

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She asked everyone to keep Council member Cooper in their thoughts and prayers and also Council member Lee who was not feeling well. The Mayor then did the second reading to amend the town's business license ordinance sent by the Municipal Association. Council member Temples made a motion to accept and Council member Woods 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. She asked everyone to remember and keep in their prayers Chief Logan's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Logan, who was home recovering from surgery. The Mayor said the council had discussed the question asked by a resident in the November council meeting concerning paying the Victims Rights advocate out of the Victims Rights fund. She explained the necessary steps to do this and council had agreed to leave things as they are. Mayor McCormick thanked everyone who attended the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony and the town employees for all their help. She said Matthew Shulz would be doing an Eagle Scout project replacing highway reflectors Saturday, December 8 and a police officer would be assisting him. The Mayor said a concerned citizen had brought to her attention that Animal Control and the SCDNR do not track armadillos. Mayor McCormick said there are private individuals who will do this and if anyone needed their assistance she could give them their phone number. She then went on to read an e-mail received from Jim Lee with the SCDNR stating he had never been in a friendlier town than Springfield as he walked across the state. The Mayor said she had met with Scott Neeley from SCE&G and they would be trimming trees in January. She concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sergeant Wesley Bolin said there was no monthly Police Department report because they were in the process of working on a yearly report. He reminded everyone about collecting toys for the children at the Augusta Burn Center for Christmas.

Council member Temples wished everyone a great holiday season.

Council member Wood said the senior citizens had many toys ready for the Police Department to pick up for the children at the Augusta Burn Center. She also said a representative had called from the alarm system company following up on the problem with the alarm going off. Council member Wood said it would come on in the morning, but it is not as loud, and she cuts it off. She said she thought it would be ok.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers gave the Garden Club report. She said they had placed Christmas decorations in many places in town. Mrs. Hiers congratulated the town on the Christmas star decorations being repaired and said there is a plaque in the clerk's office listing names of people who had donated money when the stars were purchased. She thanked the town employees and volunteers for their help.

Mrs. Hiers gave the Springfield School report. She said there had been two well attended gospel sings at the school and donations are continuing to come in for the museum's Military Room. Mrs. Hiers announced the school is now state headquarters for the Patriot Riders. She said the museum is now focusing on Native American artifacts and history of the region prior to the settling of Springfield. She also said if there is enough interest and help a Mid-Winters Night supper will be held in the future. Mrs. Hiers informed everyone between Oct. 31 and Dec 2 the town put on several successful events. She concluded by thanking the town employees, volunteers and Ms. Sherryl Peters of the Times and Democrat for helping with the events.

Mayor McCormick said the Christmas lights looked beautiful and it is good to hear positive input about the lights.

Public Comments:

A resident questioned money transferred out of the Victims Rights fund. The Mayor stated the money was used to equip the Victims Rights Advocate's vehicle.

Mayor McCormick announced the next council meeting would tentatively be scheduled for January 14. She then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p. m.