

Springfield Council Meeting
July 30, 2012
7:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Mayor and all council members present.

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

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

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She asked that everyone remember the Bennett family due to the loss of Mrs. Peggy Bennett. The Mayor announced that the town's part time maintenance employee, Matt Williams, had resigned and Ben Kirkland, also a part time maintenance employee, would be leaving August 10. She said the town appreciated all they had done and an ad had been placed in the paper for part time maintenance help. Mayor McCormick went on to the first reading of the 2012-2013 budget. After reading, she then asked if council had any questions. There were none. Council member Lee made a motion to accept and Council member Wood 2nd. 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, all council members and town clerk. Mayor McCormick concluded saying the public hearing for the second reading of the budget would be held August 27 at 6:00 P. M. and the council meeting would follow.

Chief Logan gave the Police Department monthly report. He also reported that a mutual aid agreement had been signed with South Carolina State University. Chief Logan said the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department would host a National Night Out on August 7 at the Prince of Orange Mall and encouraged everyone to attend. He then announced he had been selected to serve on a crime prevention committee headed by Orangeburg Council member Willie Owens. Chief Logan informed everyone that Hope Harvest would have sweet potatoes to distribute in August. He said the date and time would be posted on the marquee as soon as he received that information. In conclusion, Chief Logan said Hope Harvest also wanted to make citizens aware that Publix stores would fill antibiotic prescriptions free of charge.

Council member Cooper stated that the Frog Jump vintage photos he had received can be kept and will be digitalized and donated to the museum. He said volunteers are needed to help restring the town's Christmas lights. Council member Cooper made a motion to hold an ordinance workshop on August 9 at 6:30 P. M. Council member Wood 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Council member Lee said that the Bennett family appreciated everyone's support during the loss of Mrs. Peggy Bennett.

Council member Temples asked if the original Springfield depot sign which is located in the museum could be hung back up in it's original place. Council member Cooper suggested getting a replica of the sign made. Mayor McCormick asked Council member Temples to check on the cost of this which he agreed to do.

Council member Wood said the new roof was on the Senior Citizens Center and thanked the town for doing this. She stated everything is going well at the center.

Due to the absence of Sylvia Hiers, Mayor McCormick reported that the garden club had hung american flags in town and all is well with the school.

The Mayor also reported that the first Sale on the Trail had a good turnout and the next one will be held October 6.

Springfield Branch Librarian, Mrs. Linda Stutts, recognized children who participated in the summer reading program. She thanked the parents and grandparents for allowing them to participate. Mrs. Stutts said the children who completed the program received a certificate and medal. She gave an overview of different activities for the children done at the library. She challenged everyone to use the library and thanked Mrs. Susie Hare for filling in during her absence. Mrs. Stutts also commended Chief Logan on the ride along program that is offered by the Police Department. Mayor McCormick thanked Mrs. Stutts and asked if council had any questions. There were none.

Public Comments:

A resident asked when the next meeting would be. Mayor McCormick said the public hearing for the second reading of the budget would be August 27 at 6:00 P. M. with the town council meeting to follow.

A resident asked what the money in the Frog Jump account was being used for. Mayor McCormick said the resident could come to the town hall and get with the town clerk concerning this.

The Mayor asked for comments from the Press. Sheryl Peters with the Times and Democrat thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her illness. She requested that she be able to take pictures of the children who were present that participated in the summer reading program.

Ben Kinlaw who is a republican candidate for house district 91 introduced himself and gave a brief talk on his qualifications for the position.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P. M.

