

Springfield Council Meeting
June 11, 2012
7:00 PM

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

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

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

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She asked that everyone remember the families of Clarence Bonnette, James Robinson and Addie Brown. The Mayor stated that work has begun on the yearly budget and the town's physical year runs from July through June. She said four ordinance workshops had been completed and now waiting for the town attorney's response. Mayor McCormick reminded everyone that they can get information about the town on the website and view the council minutes. She then read a letter from Becky Steverson suggesting having a town wide quarterly yard sale along the walking trail and if approved she would be glad to chair the event. The Mayor said she thought this was a wonderful suggestion and asked for comments or questions. Council member Temples made a motion that the town do the yard sale. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Chief Logan gave the Police Department monthly report. He also reported that during a traffic check point a subject ran and a chase pursued involving other jurisdictions. Chief Logan said due to everyone working together the subject was caught. Chief Logan informed residents that the Police Department is doing a ride along program for students studying criminal justice. He then asked for questions. There were none.

Council member Cooper stated that he had obtained vintage Frog Jump pictures from 1970 and 1980 and sent to Tommy Burkhalter to post on the town's website.

Council member Lee said the requested Municipal direction signs are now up.

Council member Wood said the roof has still not been repaired at the Senior Citizens Center. She said politicians had visited them and Chief Logan had prepared breakfast for the seniors.

The W. E. Bennett Park Committee reported a swing has been donated to the park by Josie Williams and Becky Steverson in honor of Ed and Peggy Bennett. Also the weather has hindered the committee from putting out sand and pine straw.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Garden Club is in recess for the summer but they had put out summer flags in town. She also said donations had been raised to pay for blinds for the school and the museum especially needed them so the artifacts would not fade. Mrs. Hiers stated the response for the military exhibit has been overwhelming and very heart warming and other artifacts are continuing to come in. She reported that the Tourism group had gotten a grant and hired a Tourism Coordinator for the Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell and Orangeburg counties. Mrs. Hiers said a meeting was held at the school June 5 and welcomed the new Coordinator.

She informed everyone that the annual fourth of July celebration would take place with music, prayer, fireworks, hot dogs and sodas and asked for volunteers for the event.

Springfield Branch Librarian, Mrs. Linda Stutts, distributed information about programs the library offers including registering for the reading program. She stated the library circulation is up; also the use of the computers and books being checked out. Mrs. Stutts said library cards should be renewed yearly. Mayor McCormick thanked Mrs. Stutts and asked if anyone had anything else before public comments.

Council member Cooper said he would like to report that he had gotten bids on upgrading the town Christmas lights and the water/sewer generators are up and running.

Public Comments:

A resident said someone had asked her why the grass at the Fire Department was cut but no weed eating was done making the property look bad. Council member Cooper stated that Orangeburg County was responsible for the upkeep of the property. Mayor McCormick said the county would be contacted about this.

A resident thanked the Mayor and Council for getting the Municipal directional signs put up in town.

A resident said a new golf cart law would be in effect October 1, 2012.

The press was not available for comments.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P. M.

