

Springfield Council Meeting
November 19, 2012
7:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Mayor and all council members present except Council member Cooper.

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

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

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She then presented and did the first reading to amend the town's business license ordinance sent by the Municipal Association. A motion was made by Council member Lee to accept the ordinance amendment and Council member Wood 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. The ordinance was passed for signatures and handed to the clerk. Mayor McCormick welcomed Council member Temples saying she was glad he was doing better since his illness. She asked for thoughts and prayers for Council member Cooper, Chief Logan's mother Ms. Dorothy Logan, Walter Edwards and Mrs. Mary Hutto, who lost her brother, Mr. Chavis. The Mayor asked Council member Temples to move forward with the platform repairs since the material bid was under \$5,000.00. She announced that the meeting with Auditor Tim Cornelison and Accountant Beth Crane requested by Lydia Lackey had taken place and asked Mrs. Lackey if her questions were answered. Lydia Lackey said her questions were answered. Mayor McCormick said the town's annual tree lighting would take place on December 2 at 4 P. M. on the platform. She also said the Museum Military Dedication held on November 11 was very successful. The Mayor concluded wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Captain Robert White gave the monthly Police Department report. He reminded everyone that the Police Department is still collecting toys for the children at the Augusta Burn Center. Captain White cautioned residents about parking in handicapped spaces and said barricades and no parking signs have been placed in areas that people should not be parking. He urged residents to contact Chief Logan with any concerns or questions concerning police officers.

Council member Lee asked residents to show support for Hunter Kinard Tyler School. She said the football team made it to the semi-playoffs and the coaches had stressed good sportsmanship. Council member Lee said many Springfield children attend the school including her son and she also went there. She said she feels Hunter Kinard Tyler is a part of the town and would like to see people support it more.

Council member Temples said he had checked on repairs for the two town houses and one is rentable but a lot of work is needed on the other which may be costly. He said he knew the repairs would not be made right away but vinyl siding should be considered instead of paint.

Council member Wood said the senior citizens have a box of toys ready for the children at the Augusta Burn Center. She also said an alarm had been going off in the building. Captain White told her he met with the alarm company at the building and they said the problem was in the phone line. The town clerk told her she had contacted AT&T and it would be repaired the next day.

Springfield Branch Librarian Mrs. Linda Stutts said circulation at the library is up since last year. She said there are 315 library cards issued in the area. Mrs. Stutts said there is help available for anyone looking for a particular book. She said the library also offers the Discus System which allows access to magazines and would help anyone interested in using the system. Mrs. Stutts concluded urging everyone to use the library.

Mayor McCormick said before going in to public comments she would like to thank the town's Maintenance Department and the Police Department for all their hard work.

Public Comments:

A resident said they wanted to thank Mrs. Stutts for all she does.

A resident reminded everyone about the after Thanksgiving meal to be held December 1 beginning at 11 A. M. and that deliveries will be made to shut ins. Also donations of food and help serving the meals would be appreciated.

A resident stated she was concerned with the town's finances. She asked if the Victim's Rights fund could be used to pay the Victim's advocate's salary. Mayor McCormick said she would have an answer for her in the next council meeting.

A resident asked about the labor cost to repair the town's platform. Mayor McCormick said the labor would be done voluntarily.

Mayor McCormick announced the next council meeting would be held December 3 at 7 P. M.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p. m.

