

Springfield Council Meeting
December 9, 2013
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members present.

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

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Mayor McCormick welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Head Coach Dan Holland to come forward with his staff and the football team members present. The Mayor presented a plaque from the town recognizing the Hunter-Kinard-Tyler football team as the S. C. 2013 State Football Champions. Coach Holland thanked the Mayor and informed everyone championship shirts are available through the school as well as other locations including Dollar General and the Neeses Piggly Wiggly Pharmacy. Mayor McCormick asked that several families be remembered in thoughts and prayers consisting of Thurmond Johnson, Herman Williams, Dorothy Logan, Thurman Davis, Gloria DeSouza, Margaret Furtick, Mary Cothran, Patty Rutland and Molly Williams. The Mayor thanked everyone for helping with the town's successful tree lighting service and the garden club's tree dedication. She announced due to vandalism there will now be a deposit required for town rentals and the property will be inspected before and after the rental. She said the worn boards on the museum are being looked at for repairs. The Mayor said auditing of the town's water and waste water system has been going on the past few months finding that some individuals may or may not be in the payment system correctly. She stated corrections will be made and anyone questioning their bill should contact the town hall. Mayor McCormick said she had received a Secret Santa letter requesting Christmas cards be sent to an individual who was paralyzed. She said the town clerk could be contacted for the address. The Mayor also read a letter from the Orangeburg Fine Arts Commission thanking the town for participating in the Mayor's Christmas Wreath Event. She announced the next council meeting would be January 6 at 7 PM and the new council members would be sworn in during the meeting. Mayor McCormick said the Hattie Wood Senior Center signs have been put up and a ceremony would be held sometime in January. The Mayor recognized Boy Scout Brady Hallman attending the meeting to learn about government. She welcomed him to come back anytime. Mayor McCormick wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chief Terry Logan gave the monthly Police Department report. He said the fingerprinting program done for the Neeses Head Start Program went well and said anyone wanting their children fingerprinted could contact him at the town hall. Chief Logan thanked everyone for their kindness during the loss of his mother. He said Mrs. Hattie Wood had done a lot for the seniors as well as the town and felt naming the center after her was well deserved. Chief Logan said December 17 would be the deadline for toy donations for the children at the Augusta Burn Center. He added that toys could be picked up by the police department if individuals were not able to leave them at the designated places. The Chief said the toys would be delivered to the burn center December 19. He asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

Council member Cooper thanked everyone who attended the Springfield Garden Club's tree dedication and the town's tree lighting event.

Council member Lee asked if railings and cement are still to be done on the town's platform. Council member Temples said they are. Council member Lee said the Hunter-Kinard-Tyler boys are starting basketball now. She thanked everyone for the support shown to the HKT football team. She said she felt naming the senior center after Mrs. Hattie Wood was well deserved as Mrs. Hattie loved her senior citizens and was there eighteen years or longer. Mayor McCormick said she hoped to contact the family of Mrs. Hattie to set a date and time to have a dedication ceremony now that the signs are in place.

Council member Temples said a thanks was owed to Chief Logan for the extracurricular activities he does for the town.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Springfield Garden Club held the tree dedication on December 1, wrapped the town's lamp posts and hung Christmas baskets. She announced the holiday decorating judging would be December 12 at 6 P. M. Mrs. Hiers thanked everyone who helped with the fruitcake event and said more than \$1300.00 was raised for the school. She said the next event being held at the school would be a bluegrass event. She said several bluegrass groups would be performing and food will be sold. Mrs. Hiers asked if anyone would like to volunteer to help sell tickets and help the night of the event to contact her or the town hall.

Springfield Branch Librarian, Mrs. Linda Stutts, reported that Chief Terry Logan had visited the Neeses Head Start Program children at the library and read to them. He also let them wear his hat and sit in the police car. She said the kids really enjoyed Chief Logan's visit. Mrs. Stutts said the kids were visited by a firefighter while learning about fire safety. She said they were also allowed to see the fire truck. Mrs. Stutts said circulation was down and encouraged people to come check out books. She said the library would be getting a fax machine but was not sure if it was also a copier. She said there will be a fee charged to use the machine. A resident asked Mrs. Stutts if a person downloads an e-book if the library gets credit. She said it does not. Mrs. Stutts said she would like to say the church's Thanksgiving dinner went well and 375 plates were served.

Chief Logan announced a Health Care Act Seminar would be held at 10 A. M. on December 14 at Samaria Baptist Church.

Mayor McCormick asked everyone to call the town hall if they would like an event to go on the town's marquee or the web site.

Public Comments:

A resident said Mrs. Hattie Wood made the senior citizens feel comfortable and she had done a lot for them and the community. The resident extended an invitation to everyone to a Christmas dinner being held December 20 at the Springfield High School.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:47 P. M.

