

Springfield Council Meeting
October 7, 2013
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members present except Council member Cooper.

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

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Mayor McCormick welcomed everyone. She introduced CPA Tim Cornelison and asked that he give his report on the town's 2012 audit. Mr. Cornelison said he had no findings to report. He reported a clean opinion was given and the town has a good cash flow ratio. He concluded by saying the town is in a positive position financially speaking and anyone having any questions about the audit should contact him through the town clerk. Mayor McCormick thanked Mr. Cornelison for his report. She then gave the first reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Council member Lee motioned to accept and Council member Temples 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. The Mayor said the 2nd reading of the ordinance would tentatively be scheduled for November 4. She then read a letter with information about Norway's upcoming Cotton Festival on November 2. Mayor McCormick asked everyone to remember the Norton, Kruhm, Morgan and Bowens families in their thoughts and prayers. She announced the Jack On The Track event would be held October 31 from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM on the walking track. The Mayor also announced as of August 20 there is no longer a park committee. She said a decision has not yet been made about hiring part time maintenance help. She stated she had received a letter from the Orangeburg County Fine Arts Center requesting participation in the Festival of Mayors' Wreaths and Trees. The Mayor asked the garden club president, Mrs. Becky Morgan, if the garden club would like to make a wreath but had not received an answer yet. She said the sign for the senior center naming it the Hattie Wood Senior Center should be ready by the first of November. Mayor McCormick concluded saying this time of year the town still has expenses but not always revenue and fortunately vendors will work with the town on bills.

Officer Wesley Bolin gave the monthly Police Department report. He said the children's fingerprinting event went well and the department would be glad to do it for anyone that was not able to attend that day. He also added the senior citizens dinner was a success and invited all seniors to attend the next one.

Council member Lee said she had attended football games in other towns recently and noticed sponsorships purchased by towns showing their support for the football team. She said she has asked Mayor McCormick about a sponsorship from the town for Hunter-Kinard-Tyler School and added she would like to see the small businesses do the same. Council member Lee asked that the community support the schools as well as the kids.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Springfield Garden Club has put out fall baskets and is working on getting new flags and poles. She said there has been an increase of visitors and donations at the high school. Mrs. Hiers gave a list of upcoming events which consisted of a gospel singing October 20 at the school; Jack-On-The-Track October 31 on the walking track; Springfield Defends Fruitcake November 9 at the school; a gospel singing November 24 at the school; the planting and dedication of two oak trees by the Garden Club will take place December 1 prior to the annual Christmas tree lighting and arrival of Santa. Mrs. Hiers said a bluegrass festival is to be held in January 2014 to benefit the school. She concluded saying volunteers and donations are always welcome.

Public Comments:

A resident asked if there would be door to door trick or treating. Mrs. Hiers said there is no rule not to go door to door, but hopefully the kids would attend the Jack-On-The-Track event for their trick or treating.

A resident asked if the worn boards on the blue building will be replaced. Mayor McCormick said they will.

A resident said there are bushes at Skyland and Goodland Drive that are overgrown making it hard to see on coming traffic. Mayor McCormick said DOT would be contacted concerning this.

A resident said a suspicious person was walking around town at 4 AM and there was not a police officer on duty so they called 911. The resident asked why the police were not on duty to respond to this but they had responded to a call several miles outside the town limits recently. Officer Bolin stated that the town does not have enough officers to work all day every day and residents should contact the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department in an emergency situation. He added on duty police officers do assist other law enforcement agencies when necessary. Mayor McCormick stated that the area law enforcement teams pull together to protect citizens.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P. M.

