

Springfield Council Meeting  
September 17, 2012  
7:00 PM

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

The August minutes were read. Council member Wood made a motion to accept the August minutes and council member Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

The August financials were read. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the August financials and council member Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Mayor McCormick asked for thoughts and prayers for the Rachel Bell Johnson family for their loss. She also asked that everyone continue to remember Ms. Trowell who is home from the hospital and doing well and Mrs. Sarah Franklin. Mayor McCormick read a resolution from Orangeburg county about the town adopting the Hazards Mitigation Plan. Council member Temples made a motion to adopt the plan. Council member Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council member Cooper said he needed more information concerning the plan before voting. At 7:11 p. m. the mayor and council went into executive session concerning the matter and returned at 7:16 p. m. Mayor McCormick said no decision was made; only discussion and explanation. She then asked for any comments or questions. There being none, she stated the Hazards Mitigation Plan is approved by FEMA and adopted by Orangeburg County Council. The resolution was then passed and signed by the mayor, all council members present and the town clerk. Mayor McCormick said a discussion had taken place concerning having Jack on the Track October 31 from 5 p. m until 8 p. m. She said it would be talked about more in the October council meeting. She reminded everyone about the Sale on the Trail on October 6 and also asked for updates and information from local businesses or any town events coming up that could be posted on the town's website. She said residents could contact the town clerk and give her the information to pass on to Tommy Burkhalter. Mayor McCormick said the true council meeting minutes could be viewed on the website and the financials would be posted soon.

Sergeant Charles Bolin gave the monthly Police Department report. He said the department had received several complaints about animals. Sergeant Bolin informed everyone that the Police Department does not handle animal calls and residents should call Orangeburg County Animal Control concerning problems. He asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

Council member Cooper said the materials needed to repair the Christmas lights had been received and he would talk with Hugh Fort to set up a schedule to work on them. He said volunteers would be appreciated. Council member Cooper also said he had been checking on materials to repair the town's platform but did not have any prices yet. He said he hoped the repairs could be done by Christmas.

Council member Temples asked if the amount paid for gasoline in the August financials was for one or two months. He also asked if it was for the Police Department and/or Maintenance Department. Council member Temples questioned what appeared to be a \$25,000.00 year to date deficit on the financials. Mayor McCormick explained to Council member Temples that expenses are constant and income is not. She told him that the books reflect accurate amounts but the town's yearly budget runs from July to June. Mayor McCormick told him if he would come to the Town Hall the clerk would be happy to help him with his questions concerning the financials. Council member Temples expressed concern about properties in town needing cleaning attention. Mayor McCormick told him he could contact Orangeburg county and request that the properties be looked at. He then asked if money from the Victim's Rights account could be used to fix up houses or the old town hall. The mayor said there are certain guidelines that must be followed concerning the account. She said she would be glad to get that information to him. Council member Temples stated hiring John David Steverson to work for the town was a good choice.

Council member Hattie Wood said the senior citizens would not be taking a trip to the apple farm this year. She said they would be taking part in donating toys to the children at the Augusta Burn Center.

The W. E. Bennett Park committee reported that with the cooler weather they would be getting some things done.

Public Comments:

A resident stated she understood \$15,000.00 had been received from Orangeburg county to help with repairs to the Senior Citizens Center roof. Mayor McCormick stated this had been mentioned several times in prior council meetings and she continually looks for funds for the senior citizens as they are the back bone of the community.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p. m.

