

Springfield Council Meeting
April 22, 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 January minutes were read. Council member Lee made a motion to accept the January minutes and Council member Wood 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

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

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

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

Mayor McCormick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She said the Frog Jump was successful, spring is here and all is going well. Following the agenda the Mayor asked small business owner's Mrs. Lanie Armour and Mr. Vic Carson to come forward. A presentation was given by them about the upcoming Fourth Friday event that businesses in Springfield would participate in staying open until 8:00 PM for citizens to take advantage of. They stated if the event is successful businesses would continue to hold the Fourth Friday event through the summer. A list of businesses participating was distributed. Information about the event is to be posted on the town's website and anyone interested in participating was asked to contact Chad Armour at Springfield Farm & Garden. Mayor McCormick thanked Mrs. Armour and Mr. Carson for attending the meeting and giving their presentation. She then asked everyone to remember the families of Tommy Fulmer, Wilson Hart, Earnest Coakley, Clarence Fort (Hugh Fort's Father) and Eva Mae Williams (Mother of John David Steverson and G. W. Williams). The Mayor also asked that the sick in the community be remembered including Mr. George Baxley and Mr. Thurmond Johnson. She announced an event called Paint the Town Yellow would be held April 27. Mayor McCormick said this event is headed by Laquanda Hart who suffers from endometriosis and wants to bring awareness to the community about the disease. She asked that anyone interested in participating in the Endometriosis Walk could register at the museum at 9 A. M. as the walk would begin at 10 A. M. The Mayor shared a letter stating Chief Terry Logan had recently been appointed to the South Carolina Guard by Governor Haley holding the rank of Second Lieutenant. She then said the Frog Jump went well and asked Frog Jump Chairman, Lloyd Morgan, to speak on the event in the May council meeting. Mayor McCormick read a letter received from Senator Tim Scott in Washington D. C. acknowledging efforts making Springfield a better place to live, work and visit. She stated volunteers are still needed to serve on the Municipal Election Commission and asked anyone interested to contact the Town Hall.

Captain Robert White gave the monthly Police Department report. He added the Frog Jump went well and no arrests were made by Springfield Police but other agencies assisting during the event made eight arrests.

Council member Wood said the alarm at the Senior Citizens Center had been repaired and they appreciated it.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers gave the school report stating a gospel sing and a beauty pageant are events that will soon be held at the school. She added the Frog Jump pageant held in March did well. Mrs. Hiers said a group of motorcycle riders and a DAR group had toured the museum. She said the sponsorship donation from the Kirby Brown family has been completed. Mrs. Hiers added repairs are being done to the school roof and electrical repairs are needed in the future. She concluded stating that a hostess is at the school daily from 10 AM until 2 PM and if anyone is interested in volunteering at the school to contact her or the town hall.

Springfield Branch Librarian, Mrs. Linda Stutts, reported the book circulation at the library remains the same as last year but the use of the computers had increased. She also said the reading of stories to the children who visited the library from the Neeses Head Start Program had ended but would start again in September. She thanked each individual by name for volunteering for this. Mrs. Stutts also thanked Mrs. Sylvia Hiers and Mrs. Becky Steverson for donating books to give to these children. She said donations of slightly used or new books for the children during next year's program would be appreciated.

Public Comments:

A resident complained about several things concerning the police department. Mayor McCormick asked Officer White to contact Chief Logan and ask him to get in touch with the resident.

A resident asked when the One Cent Water/Sewer Improvement monies would be available. Mayor McCormick replied that she had not received a definite date but understood it should be available around September.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P. M.