

Springfield Council Meeting
February 3, 2014
7:00 PM

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

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

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

Mayor McCormick welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the town employees and residents for working together during the recent icy weather and asked everyone to continue to check on people. The Mayor said if anyone knew of someone who has no heat to contact the Town Hall or Chief Logan. She added the Town Hall or possibly the Springfield School could be used for someone to stay if they had no heat. Mayor McCormick asked for thoughts and prayers for Mrs. Susie Hare whose husband passed away recently. She announced the town hall would be closed on President's Day, February 17. The Mayor said she had spoken to Mrs. Hattie Wood's family and a date has not been set for the dedication naming the Senior Citizens building after the late Mrs. Wood. Mayor McCormick recognized and welcomed Mr. Charles Rushton representing Aiken Electric Co-op. to the council meeting. She announced a Frog Jump meeting would be held February 4 at 6:30 P. M.

Officer Robert Merkle gave the monthly Police Department report. He also reported that the person who had been knocking on resident's doors and requesting money had been arrested and taken to jail.

Council member Cooper said eight trees in town had been cut down and tree limbs have been trimmed costing \$2500.00. He said Ms. Beth Richardson with Clemson Extension had come to Springfield and given advice concerning the tree cutting. Council member Cooper advised residents to pick up a map from the town hall to determine the highway right of way at their homes. He added that the SCDOT does have the final say so concerning this. Council member Cooper announced a compromise had been reached concerning the south fork of the Edisto River being used for irrigation for a potato farm. He said everyone could read more about this at edistofriends.org and encouraged them to read about the proposed bill #5970.

Council member Temples said he plans to replace the windows and the rotted boards at the blue building as soon as weather permits.

Council member Josie Williams asked if bids had been gotten for cutting the trees in town. Council member Cooper said bids were not gotten since the cost was less than \$5,000.00. Council member Josie Williams asked if the boards that need replacing at the blue building were damaged due to termites. Council member Temples said the boards had just rotted and no termite damage had been found.

Council member Olin Williams asked if the mold at the old town hall had been looked at yet. Mayor McCormick said the town is working on this and had someone coming to look at the mold but the weather had detained them. She added that when this problem is corrected then the possible renting of the building would be discussed again. Council member Olin Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss expenses and a personnel matter. Council member Josie Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands with the exception of Council member Cooper and Mayor McCormick. There being a three to two vote Mayor McCormick and council went into executive session at 7:21 P. M. and came out at 8:08 P. M. Mayor McCormick stated a personnel matter was discussed and there was no vote taken or decision made. All council members agreed.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Springfield Garden Club will hold a spaghetti supper and bingo night March 8 at 5 P. M. She also said the club had put daffodil baskets out in town. Council member Cooper asked Mrs. Hiers when the next Garden Club meeting would be held. She said February 6 at 7 P. M. at the museum. Mrs. Hiers said the Blue Grass event brought in \$2,220.55 and there were plenty of volunteers at the event. She added estimates are being gotten for floor repairs to be done at the school. Mrs. Hiers announced people have been asked to donate artifacts to the school on February 23 from 2 to 5 P. M. She said if they are not able to bring the donations arrangements would be made to have them picked up. Council member Cooper asked Mrs. Hiers when the next school committee meeting would be held. Mrs. Hiers said she did not have the date but would let him know. She asked Mayor McCormick and council to come to the school and do a walk through with her. Council member Cooper suggested the Mayor and council members meet with the school committee prior to the March council meeting to make sure everyone is on the same page. Mrs. Hiers asked if February 10 at 1:30 P. M. would be a good time for the Mayor and council to meet at the school. Mayor McCormick asked that the school committee members be there also. All agreed to meet at that time.

Mayor McCormick announced she had received a letter from Orangeburg Consolidated School District asking for signage recognizing Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Varsity Football team as state champions. Council member Olin Williams made a motion that the town do this and Council member Cooper 2nd. All agree with a show of hands. Mayor McCormick said the next council meeting would be held March 3, 2014.

There were no comments from the public or press.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P. M.

*Amendments

*Council member Cooper stated the proposed bill concerning the Edisto River should be amended to read proposed bill #S970 not proposed bill #5970.

*Mrs. Sylvia Hiers and Council member Victor Cooper asked to amend the minutes to read there was not a meeting held at the Springfield High School on February 10 between the Mayor, Council and School Committee Members. Mrs. Hiers and Council member Cooper said only a walk through at the school was done on February 10.

