

Springfield Council Meeting
April 7, 2014
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members except Council member Temples.

The February minutes were read. After discussing the minutes should be amended to read the proposed bill number for edistofriends.org is bill #S970, not #5970 and there was no meeting held between council and the school board committee on February 10 at the Springfield High School; only a walk through was scheduled, Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the February minutes and Council member Olin Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

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

The March financials were read. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the March financials. There was no 2nd motion made to adopt the financials. Mayor McCormick stated the March financials are as they stand.

Council member Cooper made a motion to amend the agenda to add Bubba Toole, Fire Chief of the Springfield Fire Department. Council member Josie Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Mayor McCormick asked everyone to remember Council member Temples who is in Providence Hospital in their thoughts and prayers. She also asked to remember the families of Jeanette Fogle, Allen Etheredge and Dorothy Williams. The Mayor added that Tony Bowman is home from the hospital and recovering. Mayor McCormick thanked everyone that helped in any capacity during the ice storm. She said all the council members, town employees, fire, police and sheriff departments pulled together and it is very much appreciated. The Mayor said SCDOT contracted people to pick up the storm debris in town. She said residents were informed they could dump the debris from the storm at the town's ballfield if they wanted to. The Mayor added the contractor has picked up the debris at the ball field and if anyone had any questions concerning left over debris to please contact the town hall. Mayor McCormick said Mr. Jimmy Murden with SCDOT has done an excellent job working with the town. She informed everyone that Town Clerk Susie Dyches had attended a FEMA meeting to begin the town's reimbursement application process for ice storm expenses. The Mayor said at this time the amount of refund is yet to be determined. She said during the storm the town's generators were used to back up the well and lift station and they were manned 24/7. Mayor McCormick said all in all it was a success story for Springfield. She said there was a walk through done at the Springfield High School on February 10 and asked Mrs. Sylvia Hiers to let her know when the next school board meeting would take place so all could have the actual minutes from the meeting. The Mayor announced the next council meeting would be May 5 and asked Mrs. Hiers if a meeting between council and the school board members could be scheduled then. Council member Cooper suggested the meeting between council and the school board members take place after the council

meeting. Mrs. Hiers said she would get with the school board members about this. Mayor McCormick said for clarification there will actually be an official meeting taking place after the May 5 council meeting between council and the school board members and minutes would be taken so council could bring information back to the public in the next month's council meeting. Mrs. Hiers agreed but said she would check with the board members before committing on a time to meet.

Chief Terry Logan gave the monthly Police Department report. He also thanked everyone for their help during the ice storm. Chief Logan said the police officers worked many hours to make sure that residents were safe. He announced he was working with Emergency Services Director Billy Staley on an emergency plan for the town and hoping to have it completed by the end of June. Chief Logan stated the Springfield Police Department hosted the 1st Circuit LEN meeting at Mid-Towne Café in March. He said with the upcoming Frog Jump Festival the police department would be working just as they have done in the past years.

Mayor McCormick said Frog Jump Festival Chairman Lloyd Morgan could not attend the council meeting to talk about the festival due to being detained at a church meeting.

Springfield Fire Chief Bubba Toole gave the fire department report. He thanked everyone for their help during the ice storm. Chief Toole announced that his new Assistant Fire Chief is Kenny Hutto and he also has two new Captains, Matthew Williams and Jonathan Davis. Chief Toole concluded saying the ISO rating will stay the same.

Council member Josie Williams asked if repairs had been done at the blue museum building. Mayor McCormick said the work has not been done yet due to Council member Temples being ill. Council member Josie Williams asked if anything had been done about the mold at the old town hall. Mayor McCormick said the man from Augusta that was scheduled to come did not show up and possibly getting Serv-Pro is being discussed. Council member Josie Williams reported that 8 of the 15 lights on the walking trail are out and some of the lights in the park are hanging down creating a safety issue. Mayor McCormick suggested a committee be formed to see that things like this are taken care of. Council member Olin Williams made a motion that a committee be formed. Council member Josie Williams 2nd the motion and all agreed with a show of hands. Council member Josie Williams said she would work with residents on repairs and maintenance in areas of the town. Council member Josie Williams asked about street light repairs. Mayor McCormick said if residents would get the pole number and call the town hall the clerk would report the problem to SCE&G. Council member Josie Williams asked about property upkeep in the town. Mayor McCormick said residents may call Orangeburg county concerning this or call the town hall and the clerk would call the county since this falls under the county ordinance that was adopted. Council member Cooper said an ordinance workshop needed to be scheduled. Council member Josie Williams said she had met with Mr. Jimmy Murden with SCDOT about getting road repairs in town done. Mr. Murden said SCDOT is still cleaning up for the Frog Jump but would do what repairs he is allowed to do as soon as he could. Council member Josie Williams volunteered to give monthly updates on the progress of maintenance and repairs in town.

Council member Olin Williams said former Council member Tammy Lee had discussed getting the town's platform completed when she served on council. He asked if this could be done before the Frog Jump festival. Mayor McCormick said the town could try.

Council member Olin Williams said he would like to explain to the citizens that he could not accept the financial reports due to information being whited out. Mayor McCormick said she believed it was explained that it is salaries and that is why she printed out Section 30-4-40, matters exempt from disclosures. Council member Olin Williams said he has an issue with council's financial copies being whited out. Mayor McCormick asked that this be noted.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Springfield Garden Club had a successful spaghetti supper. She said the Frog Jump flags have been put up and the country store is being planned. Mrs. Hiers said electrical work is being done at the school and floor estimates are coming in. She reported the Patriot Riders had to reschedule their visit for June and the Orangeburg DAR met at the school April 1. Mrs. Hiers announced the drop off of artifacts for the museum has been rescheduled for May 4. She added that if people could not bring their donations they could call and someone would pick the donations up. Mrs. Hiers said on February 10 two council members attended the walk through at the school and were updated on the history. She said there are two upcoming rentals for May at the school.

Springfield Librarian Linda Stutts reported that a fax machine has been installed at the library. She said the fax number a person uses must be local or toll free and the cost to use it will be \$1.00 a page which is set by the Orangeburg library. Mrs. Stutts also reported that the library now has access to continuing education courses on line and can be used at home or the library by anyone with a library card. She announced the summer reading program will start June 6 until July 26 and includes infants through adults. Mrs. Stutts encouraged everyone to participate in the program.

Public Comments:

A resident said that it is a pleasure going to the Springfield Library because Mrs. Stutts is very accommodating.

A resident said there are potholes on the road on Skyland Drive. Council member Josie Williams is to check on this.

A resident questioned the purchase of the latest police vehicle being paid for out of the victim's rights account. Mayor McCormick said a letter was sent out to council concerning this. The resident said this should have been brought before council. Mayor McCormick said this would be noted. The same resident asked what Light-N-Up was that was also paid out of the victim's rights fund. Police Chief Terry Logan told the resident that he is the victim's rights advocate and this was for the lights to be installed in the latest police vehicle.

A business owner asked that he be notified ahead of time if the street had to be closed off for anything. Mayor McCormick said every effort would be made to do this. The same business owner asked how much 1cents sales tax the town receives. Mayor McCormick said it is across the board for the entire county of Orangeburg.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:16 P. M.

