

Springfield Council Meeting
June 9, 2014
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members except Council member Temples.

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

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Mayor McCormick said after checking with the council members prior to the meeting the agenda would be amended to add Frog Jump Chairman Lloyd Morgan. She then asked him to come forward to give the 2014 Frog Jump financial report. Mr. Morgan thanked the Mayor and Council. He said the last report he had given was in 2012 and apologized for not being able to attend the council meeting in 2013 to give the Frog Jump financial report due to his father being ill. Before going over the report, Mr. Morgan said the weather was awful which had a lot to do with the amount of money raised. He then presented the report. Mr. Morgan asked that anyone having questions or issues about the Frog Jump to attend the meetings which begin January 2015 and express their problems or concerns. He said all help is appreciated. Council member Cooper thanked Mr. Morgan for all he does for the event. Mayor McCormick thanked Mr. Morgan for giving the report and all his hard work. Mayor McCormick read a letter from Mixx Blend Social Club which is a non-profit organization announcing they will be having a back to school bash August 9 at the small museum from 9 A. M. until 1 P. M. She urged people to come out and participate. The Mayor asked for thoughts and prayers for Council member Bill Temples, Mr. Joey Counts and her father-in-law Mr. Neville McCormick. She then read a letter of resignation from Mr. Jeremy Whitaker who has moved out of town and can no longer serve on the election commission.

Police Chief Terry Logan introduced Butch Farnum and Charles Gaines who are volunteering their time to the Police Department. Officer Robert Merkle gave the monthly Police Department report. Chief Logan added that a driver safety check point was done on June 5 and this would be done on a monthly basis.

Mayor McCormick announced that \$7,989.26 has been received from the 75% federal portion of the FEMA monies. She added the 25% from the state has not been approved yet.

Council member Cooper said 12 bulbs were replaced on the walking trail light poles before the Frog Jump and three may need work. He also said he hoped to get asphalt put out on Louisiana street in the next couple of weeks.

Council member Josie Williams said a committee had been formed to report areas in town that may need repairs or maintenance. She said the committee members are herself, Renae Bowman, Vic Carson and Reggie Edwards. Council member Josie Williams asked Council member Cooper for an update on the walking trail light poles that need repairs. Council member Cooper said a bucket truck would be needed to do the repairs and he is working on that. Council member Josie Williams offered the committee's help with needed repairs to the platform and little museum. Mayor McCormick addressed several concerns and questions Council member Josie Williams sent her in a letter. The Mayor said no one had reported to the town clerk that the little museum was not clean when they rented it. She said as far as she knew the tables and chairs were in the little museum and this had been checked by Hugh Fort who said there were seven tables and about forty chairs. Mayor McCormick said Serv-Pro would be coming on June 10 to give an estimate on cleaning the mold in the old town hall. Council member Josie Williams asked if the town's second rental property next door to Officer White could be rented in the future. Mayor McCormick and Council member Cooper said it had been discussed about using it as a possible Victim's Rights building. Council member Josie Williams asked if the rooms where elections are held could be cleaned. The Mayor said this could be done.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported the Springfield Garden Club had put out American flags. She said two contractors had looked at the floors at the school to submit bids for repairs. Mrs. Hiers said several things are needed at the school such as two water coolers, a flag, window repairs and an elevator.

Mayor McCormick made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter with all town employees that were present. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

The Mayor and Council come out of closed executive session at 9:01 PM with no vote taken. Mayor McCormick asked if there was a motion as far as employees' salaries. Council member Josie Williams made a motion to give John David Steverson a \$1.00 an hour raise. Council member Olin Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Mayor McCormick stated she has been discussing the budget and is going to make cut backs as far as hours and part time work. She said she will be discussing this with department heads.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:03 P. M.