

Town of Springfield
Special Meeting
June 9, 2014
6:00 PM
Town Hall

A special meeting was called to order at 6:01 P. M. with the Mayor and all Council members present with the exception of Council member Temples and Council member Cooper. Mayor McCormick asked Council members Olin Williams and Josie Williams if they were aware of what the meeting was about. Both council members said they were.

Mayor McCormick announced the special meeting had been called to clear up any questions or comments concerning the Springfield High School and who served on the school board. She said questions could be answered during the meeting or at the next council meeting tentatively scheduled for July 7. Mayor McCormick then asked Mrs. Sylvia Hiers to recognize the Springfield High School board members who were present. Mrs. Hiers introduced Mr. Charles Ray Brown, Mr. Richard Phillips, Mr. Robert Argroe and herself as the board members. She also said Mr. Timmy Barr is a board member but was not present. Mrs. Hiers gave a brief background on the board members and the school. Mayor McCormick thanked Mrs. Hiers and said Council member Cooper would be attending this meeting but was running late and Council member Temples would not be there due to not feeling well. The Mayor said the main reason for the meeting was to let everyone know who was on the school board and if anyone had any questions for the board. Council member Josie Williams had no questions. Council member Olin Williams asked if the town was trying to take over the school and if the town is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Mayor McCormick said the town owns the Springfield High School building and pays such things as the electricity bill and insurance and some maintenance and upkeep. The Mayor added that Mrs. Hiers has worked diligently and raised a lot of money for the school. Mrs. Hiers said money is raised for maintenance and upkeep of the school and gave several examples of this. Mrs. Hiers said the school board was created in the year 2000 by Mayor and Council and is self-perpetuating. She said the job of the board was to raise money, restore the school and be responsible for how it was used. Mrs. Hiers said over 1.5 million dollars has been raised for the school and sizeable grants have been received and each one requires an audit. Mayor McCormick said a lot of people have come together in different capacities to work for the school and is proud of it and hopes it will carry on as it has. She said if there were no more questions or comments from council she asked the board members to comment or ask any questions. Board member Richard Phillips said the school has a lot of potential and he doesn't live in town any longer but his heart is still here. He added he felt everyone here is after the same thing. Mrs. Hiers said she is very grateful to be on the monthly council agenda and anything that goes on at the school is everyone's business. She added that regular events are held at the school and invited everyone to attend. Mrs. Hiers said Mr. Joe Thomas has already reserved the school for a gospel singing November 23. She added that the Patriot Military Motorcycle Riders who

are from all over the state requested the Springfield High School be their headquarters. Mayor McCormick said there are three calendars for scheduling school events. She said Mrs. Hiers, Mrs. Joyce Bolin and the town clerk have these calendars. Mayor McCormick said she would like to clarify that the auditors Mrs. Hiers deals with are the grant auditors and the town deals with their own auditors. She added that the school is under the town's tax identification number and the town has to be able to answer questions concerning the finances of the school.

Public Comments:

A resident asked what the qualifications are to become school board members. Mrs. Hiers said back to the year 2000 people in the community showing interest, people who have given their time, money or placement of artifacts are taken into consideration. She said a good place to start would be to do a walk through at the school and get its background and if anyone is interested to let a board member know. The same resident who attends the church services being held at the school said a window in the auditorium is rotten and needs repairs. Mrs. Hiers told her this would be looked at.

Mayor McCormick asked if there were any other questions or comments pertaining to the school. She said anyone could present in writing to the board members questions or concerns and they would be addressed in the July 7 council meeting. The Mayor said she appreciated everyone attending the meeting.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.