

Springfield Council Meeting
December 15, 2014
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members present.

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

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

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Mayor McCormick asked Judge Steven Morrone to come forward and swear in the new Council members Lydia Lackey and Olin Williams. After Judge Morrone swore them in he congratulated them and asked everyone to work together as a team. Mayor McCormick wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She asked for thoughts and prayers for several families; Wallace Fulmer family, Tina Tedeton family, Eddie Johnson family and Eddie Guinyard whose father had passed away. The Mayor said there was a nice Christmas gathering for everyone who has worked together for the town. She said there has been a lot of cleaning up around town and thanked everyone involved with cleaning up or decorating the town for Christmas. Mayor McCormick said Atlantic Broadband had said they would get started around December 15 but had not heard anything back from them. She said she has talked with Mr. Harold Young, the Orangeburg County Administrator, concerning receiving water and waste water money. The Mayor said he told her hopefully this money would be distributed the end of January. She added that tax money should be coming in in January as well as business license and franchise money. Mayor McCormick then read the three bid amounts received for cleaning the mold at the old town hall. Council member Temples made a motion to accept the bid from Servpro of Orangeburg. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Council member Temples said all the police vehicles have been marked now and believes this is a good thing.

Council member Cooper said a leak at the senior center is being worked on. He added that the tree in the middle of town has been trimmed but unfortunately it would have to be cut down in the future. He said the tree has been cored and it has a good size hollow spot in the center of it. Council member Cooper said another coring will be done and any citizen is welcome to be present when this is done. He said the generators have been run and things are being checked to be ready if another storm should hit this winter.

Council member Lackey said the town ordinances need to go into effect. Mayor McCormick asked her if she had gotten her August packet because this was addressed in the minutes about the amended ordinance in question. The Mayor told her several workshops have been done and council was moving forward with them until they lost a full council. Mayor McCormick said the ordinances are adopted by title that are in the town's ordinance book. Council member Lackey said she has a problem knowing which ordinances are legal and which aren't.

She said she would like to see this completed. Council member Cooper said having the ordinance workshop before the council meeting was working well until they lost council members. Mayor McCormick asked the council to try to get together with a date to have an ordinance workshop.

Council member Temples said work has been done on the blue building and should be completed soon with the exception of sanding and painting the exterior. He added that he intends to work on the town's platform next. Council member Temples said he would also be working on a victim's advocate building in the future.

Council member Williams thanked everyone for voting for him. He said the town is looking good. He suggested putting hand rails on the town's platform. Council member Williams addressed several concerns about the police department: 1. Chief of Police should attend all council meetings. 2. Police vehicles should be marked. (He said this has been done and he can check this off the list and he appreciates this being done.) 3. Police vehicles should not be idling when the officers are not in them. 4. The way the officers drive the vehicles. 5. The officers driving the vehicles home over a fifteen mile radius. 6. The officers are not enforcing the state truck route signs. 7. Jake brake noise in town. 8. Asked that the cameras in the children's park be moved and they have not. 9. Have not seen any maintenance records on the police vehicles. Council member Temples said he would see that Council member Williams got the maintenance records. He told Council member Williams that the cars idling are due to the equipment in the vehicles and this affects it when the vehicles are cut off and on. Council member Williams expressed his concern about the pot hole on Louisiana Street. He said this has not been taken care of.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers reported that the Springfield Garden Club held it's Arbor Day Observance and a palmetto tree has been planted at the town entrance where one had died. She said Christmas decorations had been put up and the residential and business judging would be December 18.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers gave the school report announcing around \$2,000.00 was made at the Springfield Defends Fruitcake event on November 8. She said currently the improvement of the auditorium acoustics is being worked on. Mrs. Hiers added that the 2nd Annual Blue Grass Event will be held January 17. She said roof repairs would be done on the auditorium. Mrs. Hiers said the S. C. State Military Museum would be giving items to the school. She said school board member Robert Argroe removed the dead palmetto tree in front of the school. Mayor McCormick asked Mrs. Hiers to let her know when the school board and council meeting would be set.

Springfield Librarian Mrs. Linda Stutts reported that she is still looking to get the new computers for the library. She said anyone that would like to volunteer to do a story time at the library to let her know.

A resident presented checks to the Springfield Fire Department and the Springfield Garden Club and thanked them for all they do for the town.

A resident asked if a council meeting is canceled due to illness if they could know who is sick because if the council member is not in good health it may determine who they would vote for in an election.

The Springfield Fire Chief thanked everyone on the fire department and said he appreciated everyone's comments. Mayor McCormick thanked him and said she appreciated him attending the meeting monthly or quarterly to update the residents about the fire department.

A resident said there are several bulbs on the walking trail that are not burning. Council member Cooper said he is aware of this and it has been looked into. Mayor McCormick asked that people contact the town hall if they see a street light out.

Council member Cooper explained that a crew has been contacted about repairing the pot hole on Louisiana Street but it would have to be when they are in town and this will also save the town money.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P. M.