

Springfield Council Meeting  
February 2, 2015  
7:00 PM

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

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

Mayor McCormick said the financials are included in the Council member's packages and they are not required to be read aloud. She asked if all the Council member's prior questions had been answered and if there was any problem with the financials not being read aloud. All Council members agreed. Mayor McCormick said the financials are as they stand.

Mayor McCormick asked for thoughts and prayers for the families of Mr. Wayne McCormick, Pastor Jared Pemper, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mr. Ed Crim, Mrs. Sheryl Peters, Norway Chief Scott Ward, Mr. Frankie Merkle, Mr. Wilbur Love and the Willie Robinson family who lost their home in a fire. Mayor McCormick read aloud a thank you card from the Springfield Garden Club to the town. She then reminded all Council members to file their economic interest statement. The Mayor said a letter had been received from the Orangeburg County Sheriff's office requesting to be on the March council meeting agenda to educate residents about available services. She said Dylan Lee will be working for the town through a program offered by Orangeburg Consolidated District Four to receive two elective credits. The Mayor said evaluation sheets will be completed on him and she hopes the town can continue to use this program in the future to help students.

Chief Terry Logan asked to go into executive session. Council member Cooper made a motion to go into executive session and Council member Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed with a show of hands. Executive session was held from 7:17 P. M. until 7:30 P. M. Mayor McCormick said no votes or decisions were taken. She said there was discussion.

Council member Williams made a motion to accept the ordinances for truck routing and jake brake noise. Council member Temples 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed with a show of hands. Mayor McCormick said when it is typed up it would be added to the ordinance book once council has the full reading on it.

Council member Cooper said well number one had been replaced but it is not on line yet due to waiting on water analysis to come back. He said Serv-Pro had scheduled to come Wednesday to clean the mold at the old town hall. Council member Cooper said a tree arborist had come out to look at the oak tree in the middle of town. He then read a letter from the arborist recommending the tree be removed. Council member Cooper said he would like to schedule a public meeting to get input from the citizens of the town and get the garden club involved. He made a motion to keep the ordinance regarding the advertising limitations in town. Council member Temples 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed with a show of hands. Council member Cooper made a motion to defer the ordinances pertaining to building codes and fire protection to the county. Council member Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Council member Cooper made a motion to keep

the cemetery ordinance as is. Council member Temples 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Council member Cooper made a motion to keep the municipal court ordinance as is.

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Council member Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Council member Cooper said the public hearing concerning the oak tree would be February 17 at 6:30 P. M.

Mayor McCormick said they had gotten through twenty ordinances during the workshop prior to the council meeting.

Council member Lackey said the animal control ordinance is basically with Orangeburg county. She then explained the ordinance pertaining to shooting squirrels in town. She also explained the ordinance pertaining to the feeding of stray dogs and cats. Council member Lackey said the ordinance about disobeying posted rules in town parks needs to be corrected from reading town of Lexington to town of Springfield. She then asked if the council should be voting on the police cars that are for sale. Chief Logan said the vehicles had originally come from State Surplus and it was simpler for them to sell them for the town. Council member Lackey said her biggest concern was that this should have been brought before council and the public prior to deciding to sell the vehicles. Mayor McCormick said there had been discussion about this and she had tried to call Council member Lackey and ask her to come meet with her with any questions she may have and Council member Lackey stated she did not want to talk to her about anything. Council member Lackey said that was last month and she could not come at that time. She added that the cars had not been discussed.

Council member Temples said while repairing the museum more deteriorated boards have been found and weather permitting more work will be done on it. He said once the work on the museum is completed he would be working on the town platform.

Mayor McCormick said she and the town clerk would be meeting with the county concerning the one cent money next week.

Captain Matthew Williams of the Springfield Fire Department gave the Fire Department report. He added he and Jonathan Davis had completed a training course and Dylan Lee and Eric Cooper are currently in a training course.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blue Grass event was a big success and made \$2043.00. She said about \$75.00 sponsorship money is still out there but would be turned by the end of the week. She said contractors are looking at the needed repairs in the auditorium. Mrs. Hiers said the school board with the communities' assistance has generated over \$4,000.00 to be used for urgent repairs. She said other events will be scheduled to raise money for the school and she thanked everyone that helps with the school events. Mayor McCormick asked when the next meeting would be between the school board and the council. Mrs. Hiers said there are some items the board would like to discuss before they schedule a meeting with council.

Public Comments:

A resident asked about FEMA coming in donating blankets, water or other items during a disaster. Mayor McCormick said FEMA came in after the last ice storm and assessed the damaged and compensated the town. Chief Logan said FEMA does not usually step in until there is an emergency. He said he has been working on an emergency plan with Billy Staley of Orangeburg county.

A resident asked when Atlantic Broadband would be available in the town. Mayor McCormick said she would make a call and follow up on this.

Mayor McCormick thanked the Fire Department, Mrs. Sylvia Hiers and everyone who assists with the school, the town employees making the town look good and council for everything they do.

Ron Baxley introduced himself as the new Times and Democrat correspondent.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P. M.

