

Springfield Council Meeting  
April 13, 2015  
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members present.

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

Mayor McCormick asked if any council member had any questions about the financials. Council member Lackey asked who Raul Parrila was. Council member Temples said he was a painter he had hired. Council member Temples made a motion to accept the financials and Council member Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands with the exception of Council member Williams and Council member Lackey.

Mayor McCormick asked for thoughts and prayers for the sick which includes Mr. Jimmy Hutto, Mr. Daniel Chavez and Mrs. Billie Powell. She said Mr. Bill Taylor with the Municipal Association dropped off information in the town hall's drop box during lunch pertaining to classes which are offered and it was the same information received by council members in the mail. The Mayor said as soon as a third bid is received for the water/wastewater position they will be read out in the council meeting and at this time Mr. Jay Kates with Water Systems is assisting the town during this transition period. Mayor McCormick said the Frog Jump went very well and thanked everyone who supported it. She said Frog Jump Chairman Lloyd Morgan was unable to attend the council meeting but hopes to have financial detail in the May meeting. The Mayor said Tony and Debbie Livingston are the owners of the new Horizon station which is now open and the town would be using them. Mayor McCormick said the State Office of Victims Assistance is scheduled to come back and meet with her and the Police Department on April 15. She said she spoke with Mr. Heyward Livingston concerning the \$8,000.00 dollars requested for the Frog Jump and the town received \$4,000.00 and he explained that some of the things written and presented did not meet the guidelines. The Mayor said he said there were actually three or more municipalities that did not receive any assisted funds at that time. She said he would be sending a copy of the guidelines to her. Mayor McCormick read a letter of resignation from Officer Robert White. She thanked Officer White for his service. She said Tim Cornelison is continuing working on the town's yearly audit and reminded everyone about business licenses. The Mayor said the Police Department is offering a mentoring program for ages eleven to seventeen and print outs are available at the town hall about this. She then read a letter received from Mrs. Becky Steverson concerning transportation for Springfield citizens. The Mayor said there was an ad in the paper pertaining to this. Mayor McCormick read an invitation to participate in the Blackville Music and Arts Festival parade. She said she would take any recommendations if council is interested in participating. She read a letter from Orangeburg County explaining the enforcement of the new building and community development ordinances. The Mayor said there must be two readings of the ordinances and the adoption. She asked the clerk to make copies of the ordinances and get to the Council members so they could read over them. Mayor McCormick said the auditor and officials of Orangeburg County asked her to remind everyone that all accounts using the town tax identification number are to be mailed directly to the town hall as well as any of the requested funds for projects.

Officer Randall Day gave the Police Department report. He also said some letters concerning animals running at large have been sent out for their protection as well as citizens. Officer Day said four wheelers should not be driven on the side of the road and golf carts must be driven by licensed drivers only and must have proof of insurance. He concluded cautioning citizens to be very careful when burning yard trash.

Council member Cooper commended everyone involved with the Frog Jump and the work on the town platform. He said he felt council should consider purchasing a plate tamp for repairing utility cuts instead of having to line up getting the asphalt and getting Livingston and Company to put it down. Council member Cooper said the prices he has gotten are roughly around \$1,000.00 for a new piece of equipment.

Council member Lackey said her understanding is the Department of Transportation will not cut the tree down in the middle of town and she feels the town cannot afford to have it cut. Council member Lackey made a motion that the tree not be cut until further notice. A 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was not made. Mayor McCormick said this would be tabled.

Captain Matthew Williams of the Springfield Fire Department gave the monthly Fire Department report. He said they did excellent on the Yeti Cooler raffle.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said the school board is continuing to get bids for repairs to the auditorium and improving the acoustics in the auditorium. She said there had been two clean up days with volunteer help. Mrs. Hiers said the School Board is getting their order of business together to call for a meeting with town government because they have a lot to discuss. Mrs. Hiers thanked everyone for their continued support.

Mrs. Linda Stutts said things are going as usual at the library. She said the summer reading program would begin the first week of June.

Council member Cooper made a motion to go into executive session. Council member Temples seconded the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Executive session was held from 7:27 P. M. until 7:51 P. M. Mayor McCormick said the discussion in executive session consisted of a personnel matter with part time and full time employees and no vote or action was taken. She then asked if there were any questions or discussion that was discussed in executive session that needed to be brought to a vote. There were none.

Before going into public comments, Mayor McCormick reminded everyone of following the public comments procedures.

Public Comments:

A resident asked if there was a cost to repair the town platform. Council member Temples said there was a cost. The resident said they had told the Mayor a source offered the money to repair the platform as long as the resident would be over the project. Mayor McCormick asked the resident who the source was and where the money was coming from. The resident said they would not answer that because they might want to go back to that source for help again. Council member Lackey asked if perhaps the source may want to remain anonymous. The resident said there may be a question about that. Council member Temples asked the resident if the source would donate the money now. The resident said they did not believe they would.

A resident expressed their concern about the town purchasing pine straw and fireworks out of town when these things could be purchased locally. Council member Williams said he supports the businesses in town to help keep the town alive. Council member Temples said you have to look at the difference in the cost of things sometimes being cheaper outside of town.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P. M.