

Springfield Council Meeting
May 4, 2015
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members present.

The April minutes were read. Council member Williams made a motion to accept the minutes and Council member Temples 2nd 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 said she felt expenses needed to be cut due to the profit and loss statements showing \$100,000.00 in debt and the majority of the town's income has come in. Mayor McCormick thanked Council member Lackey for the notation. Council member Temples made a motion to accept the financials and Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands with the exception of Council member Williams and Council member Lackey.

Mayor McCormick said she would like to amend the agenda due to Lloyd Morgan not being able to attend the council meeting. She said there was a death in the JDA family and he needed to go to the visitation for the Robert Rimes family. The Mayor asked for thoughts and prayers for the families of Mrs. Betty Bookhart, Mrs. Betty Ann Porter, Mr. Ken Willis, Mrs. Gail Tune, Mr. Joseph Nettles, Mr. Skeeter Bolen, Wilson Millhouse, Jr., Mrs. Edna Pontoon, Mr. Bobby Hutto, Sr., Mr. Phillip Still, Mrs. Dianne Dukes' mother Mrs. Teresa Hughes and Mrs. Kathleen Fanning. Mayor McCormick recognized and thanked the Fire Department as it was National Firefighters Day. She said the yearly financial audit is coming along and also the audits have been done for the Victim Services and the State. The Mayor said we have not received a report from them yet but the findings will be posted on their websites. She said the auditors were very nice and informative. She added she appreciated them coming and sharing a lot of information that has been needed for a while. Mayor McCormick announced that there is a mobility awareness month.com and there are several people in need of van accessibilities. She said there is Julia McMaster from Columbia and Cathy Parnell from Barnwell. The Mayor said she handed out a leaflet and an e-mail from Mr. Bill Taylor who is with the Municipal Association in reference to employee compensation to council members and hopes the information would clarify some things.

Police Chief Logan gave the Police Department report. He then said golf carts cannot be on a main highway and the speed limit has to be thirty five miles per hour on a secondary road. He added that you must have a golf cart permit, proof of insurance and be sixteen years old and a licensed driver. The Chief said a golf cart cannot be driven at night. He said four wheelers are not allowed to be driven on the side of the road. The Chief said a four wheeler used for farm use must have a triangle on the back of it. Chief Logan said he was happy to introduce Crystal Williams who would be working as a reserve officer for the Springfield Police Department. Mayor McCormick then swore in Officer Williams and welcomed her.

Council member Lackey asked Council member Temples what the status of the victims advocates house was. Council member Temples said painting has been done on the outside but he is waiting for clarification in regards to the victims advocates money before getting any bids for more work to be done. He added that unfortunately the money cannot be used for some things he wanted to do to the house.

Captain Matthew Williams of the Springfield Fire Department gave the monthly Fire Department report. He said that it being National Fire Fighters Day he wanted to ask everyone to say a prayer when they see firefighters come by. Mayor McCormick said the firefighters are appreciated.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said a blue grass event is scheduled for June 20 and volunteer work days are also being scheduled. School Board Member Charles Ray Brown said there is a leak in the roof at the school and they are waiting on the roof company who has done work before to come.

Council member Temples made a motion to go into executive session. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Executive session was held from 7:36 P. M. until 8:01 P. M. Mayor McCormick said there was no vote or action taken in executive session. Council member Temples made a motion that the town hire Mr. Jay Kates with Water Systems for the water/wastewater operator position. Council member Cooper seconded the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Mayor McCormick welcomed Mr. Kates. Council member Williams made a motion to hold a meeting between the Springfield High School Board Members and the Springfield Council Members one hour prior to the June 1st council meeting. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Cooper suggested doing an ordinance workshop when all council members would be available. Mayor McCormick asked the clerk to remind her about this.

Public Comments:

A resident who is a school board member said they would have to check with the other school board members to see if they would be able to attend the meeting. Mayor McCormick said the meeting would remain scheduled until she heard from the resident.

Mayor McCormick thanked everyone for supporting the town and said the town had come a long way in the past years. She said it is appreciated very much.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P. M.