

Springfield Council Meeting
July 13, 2015
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P. M. with the Mayor and all council members present.

The SHS Board/Council minutes were read. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes and Council member Temple 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

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

Mayor McCormick asked if any council member had any questions or comments about the financials. 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 thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She then asked for thoughts and prayers for Colby Hosey , Wayne Lackey and Vic Carson's father. The Mayor said she would like to welcome her grandson that came into the world on the 16th and added that Shaney Davis who works at the bank had her baby July 13. Mayor McCormick read aloud the Notice of the Municipal Election which will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015. She also read a letter of resignation from Officer Randall Day. The Mayor read a letter that was put in the drop box July 10 from Becky Steverson concerning donating palmetto tree shutters for the small police station in the center of town and offering her services to maintain the exterior of the building as well as paying all expenses to make this happen if the town would be interested. Mayor McCormick read aloud a letter hand delivered to the town hall June 22, 2015 from the SHS Board announcing Janice Reyes and Olin Williams being added as directors on the board. The Mayor said the July 4th event was spectacular and a good crowd attended. She said the budget is being worked on and the council was welcome to come by and look at the first draft. The Mayor said in the near future some of the properties the town owns needs to be auctioned off due to some of the things not being used. Council member Cooper asked if this could be done by sealed bids. Mayor McCormick said sealed bids could be done also. Council member Cooper said there may not be enough equipment to warrant paying an auctioneer. The Mayor said she would like for the council to look at everything before a decision is made.

Chief Logan and Pastor Jared Pemper spoke to residents about the Our Town Our Kids program and taking the senior citizens on trips. The Chief said a trip to Edventure in Columbia has been scheduled for the kids and a trip to the Charleston Aquarium has been scheduled for the senior citizens. Chief Logan thanked several sponsors for their donations to these programs. Pastor Pemper said the places he has contacted about bringing the kids and senior citizens have been very generous and he is excited to be a part of the programs. They also said chaperones are welcome on these trips. Mrs. Mary Olive Pender thanked the Chief and Pastor Pemper for taking the senior citizens to the zoo and said everyone had a good time. She said she also wanted to say that the Springfield Cemetery looks good.

Council member Cooper commended everyone who helped with the July 4th celebration. He then did the 2nd reading of the Feeding of Stray Cats or Dogs Ordinance. He made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council member Lackey 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Cooper did the 2nd reading of the Destroying Squirrels Ordinance. Council member Temples made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council member Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Cooper suggested doing the final reading of the ordinances July 25 at 9 AM. All agreed to this. Council member Cooper said during the ordinance workshop all agreed to adopt Chapters 27 and 29 as is. Council member Temples made a motion to adopt Chapter 27, Alcoholic Beverages, as is. Council member Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Cooper made a motion to adopt Chapter 29, Noise Ordinance, as is. Council member Lackey 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Council member Lackey said only six children attended the Orangeburg County Food Program held at the school and it has been discontinued due to the county requiring ten children. She made a motion to correct Section 28.2.3 of the Annexation Required to Secure Water and Sewer Ordinance to read Orangeburg County Clerk of Court instead of Lexington County Clerk of Court. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Lackey made a motion to correct Section 30.06 of the Drought Management Plan and Response Ordinance to read Town Clerk, P. O. Box 31, Springfield, S. C. 29146, 803-258-3152, instead of Marti Powell, Clerk-Treasurer, P. O. Box 428, Springfield, S. C. 29555 843-386-2069. She added that Sections 30.09 and 30.10 be deleted. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Lackey asked how many police officers the town has. Mayor McCormick said three. Council member Lackey questioned Mayor McCormick about making executive decisions. Mayor McCormick asked if she had her Municipal book. Council member Lackey said yes and she had called and spoke to Bill Taylor at the Municipal Association concerning this. She added she had also looked this up on the internet. Council member Lackey said out of consideration for the council she felt things should be discussed and then a decision should be made. Mayor McCormick asked if she was talking about the town's platform. Council member Lackey said she was talking about anything. Mayor McCormick and Council member Temples said the platform had been discussed. Council member Lackey asked about the floors at the school. Mayor McCormick said several council members met with Mrs. Sylvia Hiers and Mr. Charles Ray Brown concerning the floor repairs at the school.

Council member Williams said as far as making an executive decision things were discussed but no vote was taken. He said the Mayor had made the final decision. Council member Lackey said the last one was concerning repairing the roof at the school. Mayor McCormick said this had been discussed with some of the school board members and due to the fact that it was continuing to pour down rain the roof needed to get repaired quickly. Council member Cooper said he would classify that as an emergency. Mayor McCormick said the board members had already talked to the company about making the roof repairs but she wanted them to get there as quick as they could. The Mayor said when she called the company about repairing the roof they said they had spoken with a school board member.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said one half of the roof repair bill has been paid. She said town projects are being worked on to promote unity.

Mayor McCormick asked for continued prayers for School Librarian Mrs. Linda Stutts. Pastor Pemper said she was doing good and attended church last week.

Council member Williams made a motion to go into executive session concerning a personnel matter. Council member Cooper 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Executive session was held from 8:06 P. M. until 8:48 P. M. Mayor McCormick said there was no vote or action taken in executive session. She asked if there was any discussion or anything that needed to be brought up. Council member Cooper made a motion to accept resumes for a municipal judge. Council member Williams 2nd the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Mayor and council agreed to run an ad in the paper for the municipal judge position for the next two Sundays. Mayor McCormick said the next council meeting would be August 3. Mayor and council agreed to have an ordinance workshop at 5:30 P. M. on August 3 also. A final reading for the Feeding of Stray Cats or Dogs Ordinance and the Destroying Squirrels Ordinance was tentatively scheduled for July 25 at 9 A. M.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:52 P. M.