

Springfield Council Meeting  
August 3, 2015  
7:00 PM

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

The July minutes were read. Council member Williams made a motion to accept the minutes and Council member Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Lackey said she did not understand why a new air conditioner system had been purchased for the school and not brought before the council or school board for approval. She said her understanding was the unit was working and had a leak but was repairable. Council member Lackey asked if there was an update on purchasing a new police vehicle that was mentioned in the July meeting. Mayor McCormick said she did not believe there was any discussion concerning that. Council member Lackey said she thought the fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event were donated. Mayor McCormick said people made donations toward the fireworks. 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 said the meeting scheduled for July 25 was not held due to scheduling conflicts. She asked for thoughts and prayers for Colby Hosey , the Murial Clark family, the Steve Cochran family, Dan Chavez, Mrs. Josie Williams, Mrs. Mary Catherine James and Billy Dyches. The Mayor said since Colby has been out due to illness, Mr. Chris Mock has come in to help out. She said progress has been made going through the ordinance book and the next workshop is tentatively scheduled for 5:30 PM September 14 prior to the council meeting. The Mayor added that a budget workshop would also be done. Mayor McCormick said business licenses are being gone over and reminded everyone that the S. C. Department of Revenue sends out a yearly gross sales report which is needed for the budget. She then read a letter received from a community action board requesting donations to send an HIV aids advocate to a conference in Florida. The Mayor said if anyone was interested she would be glad to give them any information they would need. She then gave the drought status information received from the Department of Natural Resources stating twenty eight counties in the state had been upgraded to the second level of drought or moderate and Orangeburg county is in that area. The Mayor said anyone is welcome to look at the listing she has.

Chief Logan gave the monthly Police Department report. He asked for thoughts and prayers for Officer Williams. He said there is a trip scheduled August 10 to take the senior citizens to the Charleston Aquarium. The Chief said he had handouts with information on the Our Town Our Kids project. He announced a speaker for the kids would be at the First Baptist Church September 10 at 7 P. M. The Chief said a trip for the kids has been scheduled to Edventure in Columbia August 22. He thanked all the sponsors who made donations to help with these projects. The Chief also reminded residents about four-wheeler and golf cart laws. Council member Lackey asked if anyone has been apprehended concerning break ins in town.

Chief Logan said he could not get into specifics about the break ins but asked everyone to keep their eyes open for any suspicious activity and document serial numbers, model numbers and important information on valuables. He reminded residents to fill out a property check request when leaving town. Chief Logan said to keep vehicles locked and having a security system sign in the yard is a good idea. He added that most break ins occur during the middle of the day and residents should change their daily routine. Mayor McCormick asked residents to pay attention to neighbor's homes and call the police if they see anything out of the ordinary.

Council member Cooper did the final reading of the Feeding of Stray Cats or Dogs Ordinance. He made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council member Temples 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Cooper did the final reading of the Destroying Squirrels Ordinance. Council member Cooper made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Council member Lackey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Council member Lackey said she wanted to say that Christopher Mock who is helping in the maintenance department was out in the 100 degree weather working and that he is doing a wonderful job and she thanks him. She added that she took bottled water to him.

Council member Temples made a motion to retain Judge Steven Morrone as the town's municipal judge. Council member Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands.

Mrs. Sylvia Hiers said a curriculum is being developed to send to local schools that will assist teachers in planning to bring students to the school to tour the museum. She said a major donor reception is also being planned as well as a fundraiser. Mrs. Hiers said damages in the school continue to be found and asked that the building be checked before a rental and after. Council member Lackey asked who is responsible for checking the building. Mrs. Hiers said who ever rents the school checks it. Council member Cooper asked for specific damages. Mrs. Hiers there is damage to the piano, holes in the walls before the leakage began, auditorium seats missing screws and damage to a stall door in the bathroom. Mayor McCormick asked if there is a specific time the damage is occurring such as the weekend or possibly when the school library is open. Mrs. Hiers said regardless of when the damage occurs or not everyone needs to check before and after each renter whether it is rented through the town or school. Council member Cooper asked if the stall door in the bathroom has been repaired. Mrs. Hiers said yes.

#### Public Comments:

A resident asked about a \$3500.00 expense in the Frog Jump account on the financial report. Mayor McCormick said this money went toward payment on the new air conditioner for the school. The same resident suggested showing more information on the financial report. Mayor McCormick said everyone is welcome to come to the town hall and she would be glad to answer any questions they may have about the financials.

A resident asked if any decision had been made about Mrs. Becky Steverson donating palmetto tree shutters to the small police station building in town. Mayor McCormick said no motion was made when she read the letter aloud in the July council meeting. Council member Temples made a motion to allow Mrs. Steverson to maintain the outside of the building. Council member Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed with a show of hands. Council member Williams said Mrs. Steverson also wants to help the old town hall look better and he would also be glad to help preserve the building. Mayor McCormick said records are stored in the old town hall so there would need to be a plan where to place them.

A resident said they had moved to Burgdorf lane in town and really love the town. The resident said he just wanted to say hello and also commend the Springfield Police Department for their help during a burglary at their home.

A resident commended the Springfield Police Department for checking on trespassers on their property. Mayor McCormick said she was very proud of the town and everyone who works together.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P. M.