

WOODRUFF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The regular city council meeting was held on Monday, April 27, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The agenda for the meeting was faxed to the local media and posted on the bulletin board at city hall the week prior to the meeting.

Members of Council present were: Mayor Brad Burnett; Mayor Pro-tem Mattie Norman; Council members Toni Sloan, Tony Kennedy, Kenneth Gist. Council member Arnold was absent due to a death in the family and Council member Smith was sick.

Mayor Burnett called the meeting to order and led the group in a brief devotional.

The minutes of the March 30, 2009 meeting were passed as written unanimously on a motion by Council member Gist with Council member Kennedy making a second to the motion.

The minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were passed as written unanimously on a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Norman with council member Gist making a second to the motion.

First on the agenda was the re-appointment of Minette Lewis to the PRT Committee. A motion was made by Council member Gist with Council Member Kennedy making a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Robert McMath was next on the agenda seeking appointment to the Woodruff Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Burnett asked for a motion. The appointment was not made due to lack of a motion.

Caroline Head was requesting to be appointed to the Woodruff Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Head was asked to make a mission statement. She is current Property Manager for Woodruff Arms Apartment and felt she wanted to participate in community government. Mayor Pro-tem Norman made a motion to appoint Ms. Caroline Head to the Woodruff Zoning Board of Appeals. Council member Gist made a second to the

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motion. The vote was unanimous.

Under Old Business the second reading of the Amendment to the 2008-2009 Budget was discussed. Council member Kennedy made a motion to accept this Ordinance on second and final reading. Council member Sloan made a second to the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Manager's report was next on the agenda. Mr. Steese reported to Council that the city had received the Aid to Subdivision and the Duke Power Franchise payment today. Mr. Steese is constantly working with department heads to keep their budgets in line and they were working hard to comply.

Mr. Steese read the Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Directors Report on the Clean Up Week.

The Fire Department worked a fire at the Ferguson's Funeral Home over the weekend. Clear Springs and Poplar Springs Fire departments assisted in extinguishing the fire.

The local EMS's truck blew a gasket and Spartanburg loaned them an ambulance to tide them over until they got their ambulance back.

Cavins Street Pump Station went out over the weekend and its going to cost approximately \$6,000 to repair it by getting the pump rebuilt.

The Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of getting our lights and poles back up at the field behind city hall.

The city received \$28,460 CTC funds to repair local sidewalks. Council needs to submit a list to Mr. Steese of sidewalks needing repair.

Christmas in Action will be coming in October to aid senior, low to moderate income families or handicap families for repairs to their homes. The Chairperson spoke at Rotary on Tuesday and is working

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out plans with the Baptist Association to get in touch with senior and their memberships to help spread the word about the project. The organization will be able to do everything except heating and air. The house must be owner occupied.

If council members have any ideas about using the park facilities to help the city get income from the facilities to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the facility, please get in touch with Mr. Steese. The contract with the County will expire in October 2009 and they have made no attempts to extend the contract. The city has no equipment to drag the fields, chalk the fields, repair fences or do scheduling for the facility. Council was asked by Ms. Davies if they had considered partnering with the American Legion for the fields. They had been interested in supporting a Pony League.

Mr. Steese will have the engineering results by the next council meeting. Mr. Steese did not feel that HMS will be able to complete the two studies for the \$7,000 allotted for this process due to extensive tests having to be done on the roof of the auditorium.

Ms. Karen Davies thanked council and the city for their support during the Stone Soup Story Telling Festival last weekend. It was not as well attended as anticipated but they had not held it for a couple of years, therefore attendance was down. The group was having a meeting this week to critique the Festival and see how it could be improved upon for next year.

Mr. Steese reported that Woodruff had a tour group from Charleston in town last week. They visited the auditorium; Dixie Page introduced them to the Timord Library and told about it; then they were invited to go uptown and shop or look around. The group remarked that it was a nice tour and they would plan to come to the upstate again.

The regular meeting next month will be May 18, 2009 since the last Monday in the month is Memorial Day.

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With no further questions Council member Kennedy made a motion to adjourn with council member Gist making a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.