

JONESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 14, 2016

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1.) CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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3.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES (TAB 1)

February 8, 2016 regular meeting.

4.) CONSIDERATION OF URBAN ARCHERY SEASON RENEWAL (TAB 2)

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has contacted the Town about renewing the Deer Urban Archery Season for 2017 (Jan. 14 – Feb. 18, 2017). In order for the Town to continue our participation in the Urban Archery Season in 2017 we must notify the NC Wildlife Resources Commission by April 1, 2016.

5.) REQUEST TO SHARE COSTS – YADKIN NAVIGATOR (TAB 3)

In 2014 the Town and the Tourism Authority shared the cost of a full page advertisement in the Yadkin Navigator. A full page ad costs \$750 which would be shared evenly (\$375 each). This is the same price as it was in 2014. I understand that the TDA Board will consider this request at their next meeting as well.

6.) DISCUSSION OF ELECTION YEAR CHANGE (TAB 4)

At our January Council meeting we discussed the possibility of changing our municipal elections to even number years to coincide with federal, state and county elections. At that time the Council directed the Town Manager to reach out to the other towns in the county to see if they would be interested in joining with us in this effort. We have now heard back from all the towns and Boonville and East Bend are interested and would like to investigate further. Yadkinville has declined.

Perhaps the best way to move forward at this point would be to ask each town to appoint one or two representatives to meet to discuss further and to work out the details. We may also need to include someone from the Board of Elections (and others?).

7.) **SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT** (TAB 5)

During last year's session the NC General Assembly changed the Statute (NCGS §160A-385) that describes the method that Town Councils utilize to receive citizen input on Zoning Ordinance amendments and rezonings. Prior to the change to the Statute, a percentage of residents living in close proximity to the property to be rezoned could submit a protest petition which would trigger the requirement of a $\frac{3}{4}$ super majority of the Town Council members to vote in favor of the amendment or rezoning in order for it to become effective. This provision is currently included in Section 4-1.2 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

The change to the Statute disallows such protest petition requirements in local Zoning Ordinances and the resulting $\frac{3}{4}$ super majority requirement for approval. Instead any resident or property owner may now submit written comments to the Town Clerk who will forward those comments to the Council. A simple majority vote of the Council will be all that is required to approve the amendment. The Statute also contains a provision that allows Council members to abstain from voting on such amendments if the Council member so chooses.

Prior to any amendment to the Zoning Ordinance the Town Council must hold a public hearing to hear public comment on the proposed amendment(s). A copy of the House Bill as well as a copy of the proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance is included in the packet for review.

8.) **AUDIT CONTRACT** (TAB 6)

The audit contract with Canon & Co. is included for the Council's consideration. The Town accepted bids for this service in 2014 and awarded the contract to Canon & Co. for a period of three (3) years. The bid set this year's cost for the audit at \$15,700.

9.) **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION** (TAB 7)

The Dragonfly House Children's Advocacy Center has requested that the Town proclaim April as Child abuse prevention month. Council will find the proposed proclamation behind Tab 7.

10.) **AWARD OF BID – SURPLUS PROPERTY** (TAB 8)

Chad and Bobby Colbert submitted the high bid of \$2,500 for the Town property located along the east side on Mayberry Road at NC Hwy. 67. In order to complete the sale the Town Council must formally award the bid to the Colberts.

11.) **AWARD OF BID – FILTER WORK AT WATER PLANT** (TAB 9)

The work on the filters at the water plant as Tim Collins described at a previous meeting has been approved by the State and we have secured two bids to complete the project. The low bidder is Carolina Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$7,065.95.

12.) **AWARD OF BID – VAULT ENCLOSURE AT RAW WATER INTAKE** (TAB 10)

The Town has received two bids to repair / replace the vault structure at the raw water intake point. The low bidder is Carolina Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$9,963.21

13.) **LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT** (TAB 11)

The Jonesville Public Library Committee met on March 3, 2016 and completed its review and provided a recommendation to the Council. The final notes and recommendations are provided behind Tab 11.

14.) **RESOLUTION STATING OPPOSITION TO “NON-DISCRIMINATION”
ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE** (TAB 12)
INFORMATION ITEMS

15.) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

(TAB 13)

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet behind Tab 13.
The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

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