

MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2013

REGULAR MEETING 7:00pm

Mayor Pro-Tem and all Council Members present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting September 9, 2013 and Council Member Lewis seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING REQUEST

The applicant has requested that this item be pulled from the agenda at this time. Due to the fact that we have published the notice in the newspaper and notified the adjacent property owners of the hearing, the Council may wish to go ahead with the public hearing and table an actual vote on the rezoning request until a later date.

Council Member Moore made the motion to table any rezoning decisions at this meeting and Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – NORTH MINERAL SPRING DRIVE

Since the closure of North Mineral Spring Drive the Town has commissioned an engineering firm to review the conditions of the roadway and retaining wall. The preliminary findings documented evidence of *“deterioration and condition issues to warrant closing the roadway until geotechnical investigations of the fill material and a repair/replacement plan can be developed and implemented.”*

Town staff has received a bid of \$4,200 to conduct the geotechnical investigation including soil borings and produce a survey and drainage plan. These plans will allow us to know the true extent of the damage to the roadway and retaining wall and what will be required to correct the situation.

Town staff delivered a letter to all the residents of North Mineral Spring Drive and Pinnix Street notifying them of the situation and inviting them to attend this public hearing so they could let their feelings be heard about the possible continued closure or eventual reopening of the street.

Council Member Moore made the motion to allow the Town Manager to obtain one more bid for the geotechnical investigation and out of the two bids, hire the lowest bidder to detect the extent of the damage to the wall, Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

Eddie Dean Matthews – open, because Shaw Street is receiving too much traffic. When I call the police they come too late. The police need to come early in the morning.

Danny Matthews – open, too much traffic, police needs to come early to catch people speeding.

Dorothy Simmons – open, lives at the curve and very upset about the speeding, not being told what was going on with the road.

Susan Cheek – close, have lived here 6 years, road is unsafe and I support the need for hiring the engineer to find out what needs to be done to the road. Unsafe for my kids also.

James Dudley – open or close the roads are in dire need of some work done to them. The issue is common sense and money needs to be set aside to get them fixed. Example: If a fire truck, first responder goes up the road, where does the ambulance going to go...common sense.

Mary Burcham – open, the road is over 100 years old and we have never had these issues. I am also opposed to the privilege licenses, especially since we are the only Town that has them.

James Money – open or close, too much traffic and very dangerous. Not enough patrol on the streets and speeding almost causing head on collisions. You will need to spend money on River Road if you close Mineral Springs, at least widen the road because the drainage work did not help, only a quick fix. The children at play signs do not work, people do not read them. People drive on the wrong side of the road, and at a high speed.

Claudia Palmer – who brought this issue to the Board? It was a citizen complaint....

Angela Pickett – we need an engineer on our road also (River Road) if a complaint is all the Towns needs.

Mack Bowers – open or close, too much traffic, inconvenient but also nice to be closed...cutting through seems to be a problem and it might help if the Town looks into speed bumps.

Alex Winters – open, not happy at all and too many people using River Road.

Donald Bryant – Open or close, I live on Cedarbrook and we all have speed issues. When I call the police and they come out the people slow down. It works for me.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke at the public forum period.

PLANNING BOARD VACANCY

Long time Planning / Zoning Board member Weymoth Chambers recently passed away, creating a vacancy on the Planning / Zoning Board. Mr. Chambers represented the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) area outside the Town limits. State law governing Planning/Zoning Board representation directs that the makeup of the Board be proportionate to the population of the Town as compared to the ETJ area. In order to maintain this proportionality, the person to fill this vacancy should live outside of the Town limits, but within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

At the recent Planning / Zoning Board meeting the members of the Board recommended the

following be considered for appointment.

Kent Steel
Greg Pardue
Susan Porter
Carrie Martin
Nickie Wagoner
Jenny Case
Michael Reeves

Council Member Moore made the motion to recommend Greg Pardue to sit on the Planning/Zoning Board and Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TO REVIEW ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The North Carolina ABC Commission requires each local government to designate a specific person or position to review local ABC permit applications. The Town of Jonesville needs to designate someone regardless of how the ABC referenda turns out next month because Yadkin County has approved the sale of unfortified wine county-wide and, therefore, store within Jonesville may be permitted to sale wine. The Town Manager position would seem to be the most appropriate since that person is expected to be knowledgeable about zoning, business licenses, etc.

Council Member Lewis made the motion to allow the Town Manager to review ABC permit applications and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

REQUEST TO JOIN YADKIN COUNTY IN PROMOTING A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL YADKIN COUNTY

In September the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of a clean and beautiful Yadkin County. The resolution seeks to promote beautification, education and cleanup efforts around the County. The County has designated \$1500.00 toward this effort and has requested that each Town in the County provide a 10% match (\$150.00) to help in this goal.

Council Member Lewis made the motion to approve the \$150.00 to the County for cleanup and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

TOWN CLEANUP

Council Member Wall asked staff to include an agenda item about Town cleanup.

The eye sores around Town were discussed. Some included grass growing within sidewalks, old

vehicles sitting on properties with no tags, sprucing up the area where the welcome to Jonesville sign is and adding a flower garden program to our area. Old run down homes were brought up and the idea of discussing our code enforcement plan.

The Town Manager replied the budget has funds for a Town cleanup in the fall or spring. Tim Collins replied that fall or early spring would work better for his department.

The Town Manager replied that we needed to have a scheduled workshop next week to discuss rewarding of the bids for the Greenway bridges, so we could also include a Town cleanup discussion and plan. Council Member Moore invited Edna Martin to the workshop to discuss beautification within our Town.

Council Member Lewis addressed his concern about the library again. Each Town has a nice library but Jonesville and ours is used the most. One idea would be for the Town to donate or lease for \$1.00 the Jonesville Fire station. Even though it would only give us 12 parking spaces it could be renovated for around \$100,000 and the police department could use the upper bay for storage. We can discuss more in detail at the workshop. Also we need rocks on the Greenway for a wash out.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Council Member Green made the motion to go into close session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 5-0.

Council Member Moore made the motion to go back into regular session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 5-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Moore made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Lewis, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette

