

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Minutes
March 7, 2016

Present: Curtis Strickland, Beverly Clark, Dale Beck, Don Bumgarner, Glenn York, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Greg Johnson-Parks & Recreation, Bobby Fitts-Finance, Tim Hayworth-Police, Mark Hetrick – Planning, Chris Ray-Public Works, Chris Perry-Fire, Eric Vernon-Attorney
Absent: Robert Matheny - Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner York to approve the agenda. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present that wished to speak.

CONSENT

A. Minutes

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 work session. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Finance

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the tax report for December 2015. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the financial statements. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. General

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the quarterly reports for the Planning and Fire Departments. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Planning

Weaver's Pond Final Plat Approval Phase 2C

Mark Hetrick gave an update on approval of the final plat for Weaver's Pond Phase 2C which consisted of 21 lots along Weaver's Pond Drive and Golden Plum Way. He continued by stating

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that they had received all the necessary documents and the Planning Board was recommending approval of the final plat.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Beck to approve the final plat for Weaver's Pond Phase 2C. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2016-08 was to accept dedication of the roadway and storm drainage for Weaver's Pond Drive and Golden Plum Way.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to adopt resolution 2016-08. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Comment Period on the Budget FY 2016-2017

Non-Profit Requests

Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner read the procedures that would be followed for those non-profits requesting funding during the upcoming budget process and those that wished to make general comments on the budget. Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner stated that they would begin with the non-funding requesters and then the general comments at the end.

Keri Christensen with Interact explained that their program was the only domestic violence and sexual assault provider in Wake County. Ms. Christensen shared the services Interact provided and stated that they saw over 8,000 victims last year and were requesting \$1000.

Commissioner Strickland asked how they were funded and it was explained that they were primarily funded by donations and grant funding. There was discussion about following up with the person and how that worked.

Kim Haselhuhn with Kindred Spirits Farm presented that they provide a program with horses on their farm that would give them life skills that help them to cope in the day to day. They were planning to begin a veteran's program.

Commissioner Strickland asked how those that used the program got involved with Kindred Spirits and Kim stated that it was mostly word of mouth and some with the school system. What was the success and how did the follow up. Kim stated it was a six to eight week program and she said that she would be in contact with the parents in normally a month, six months and then again in one year.

Kim Hasselhuhn said that all of her funding was through private funding from those using the facility and donations.

Denise Nowell with the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce presented that they would like to expand the programs and explore a new relationship with the Town that would focus on economic development for the Town. Currently, there was no specific dollar amount being requested but the goal would be to strengthening and retaining existing businesses, have focus groups, add new businesses to the community that the Town wants to see come to town, fun new

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programs to draw attention to the downtown and creating programs for the downtown to include an economic forecast perspective conference in October.

Raquel Dexter a parent with the East Wake Education Foundation was a mom with three small boys that utilized the programs offered at the center. She stated that she attended two to three times per week and the staff provided story time, arts and crafts, playtime and those were programs her children would not have unless they went to Raleigh and that was not the best option for them. The program was close since it was located in Wendell and it served new born to five year olds. The staff took a personal interest in the children that attend and know them by name.

Commissioner Strickland asked what the hours of operation were and Raquel explained that for the families it was 9:00am – 1:00pm but the facility was open later than 1:00pm.

Annie Jean Moore was present to request funding for the Martin Luther King Breakfast that was sponsored by Zebulon First Baptist Church and held at Zebulon Baptist Church. The event was free to the community and is always well attended.

Larnell Phillips with Shiloh Temple stated that he was asking for funding for their community outreach day that was held each year at 118 Oak Street in August. They distribute book bags with school supplies, have food, games and there was a good deal of support from area pastors.

Commissioner York asked how long they had been doing the project. Pastor Phillips said that it had been going on for six or seven years.

Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign up. There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner York thanked staff for the work done to prepare the retreat and work done.

Commissioner Strickland said that it was budget time and wanted to encourage the citizens to come by Town Hall and provide comments and feedback and once the budget was assembled to come and look at it.

MANAGERS REPORT

Joe Moore stated that the Mayor was not present due to the fact that he was in Washington DC representing North Carolina.

March 11 pictures with the Easter Bunny at the Community Center from 4-6pm

March 12 is the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Hall Campus beginning at 10am

March 15 is Election Day and he encouraged everyone to get out and vote and the polling place that was normally held at the Rotary Club would be at the Community Center.

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Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner York to adjourn. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Date

Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

SEAL

Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk