

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Minutes
April 5, 2010

Present: Robert S. Matheny-Mayor, Curtis Strickland, Beverly Clark, Don Bumgarner, Roy Collins, Dale Beck, Rick Hardin-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Emily Lucas-Finance, Sidney Perry-Fire, Greg Johnson-Parks & Recreation, Chris Ray-Public Works, Eric Vernon-Attorney

Mayor Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rich Warner of 214 E. Horton Street Zebulon came forward and stated that the house located at 301 E. Horton Street needed to be addressed. It was in disrepair, with graffiti on the windows, and was just an eye soar to the neighborhood.

Charles Blackley of 305 E. Horton Street Zebulon stated that he had been trying to sell his property and it was very difficult to sell with that property located beside it. People do not want to purchase his property with the eye soar next door.

Mayor Matheny directed staff to look into what could be done and investigate the problem and bring it back to the Board or provide a memo on the case at a later date.

CONSENT

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010 Board retreat. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve the tax report for December 2009. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve the tax report for January 2010. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve Ordinance 2010-37. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve Ordinance 2010-38. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Brandon Smith—Rotary Million Meals Program

Brandon Smith was not present to make a presentation.

Ramona Davis—Beautification Committee

Ramona Davis presented that they would like to have the Board of Commissioners endorsement their group as a beautification committee.

Mayor Matheny explained that it would not be a formal arm of the Town of Zebulon it would just be an endorsement of the efforts of the group to improve the downtown area.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to endorse the efforts of the group. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

General

Stormwater Program

Emily Lucas updated the Board on the stormwater program that was discussed at the retreat.

Emily stated that they had 18 months or until July of 2011 to submit a permit to the State for the Stormwater Program and it had to outline the six components that the Town would do in its program.

Wake County would be doing the inspections and planning for new development.

The plan would be to update the mapping system of the storm drainage system which would cost \$50,000. Also, think that they need to get an engineering firm involved to get through the technical data and write the permit that DENR would need to analyze the permit and that would cost approximately \$15,000.

How to fund the program would be something that Town would need to figure out since the program was mandated. At the retreat staff proposed implementing a fee that would be included on the Wake County tax bills since it would be the easiest for the Town with a high collection rate. However, Wake County would not be willing to collect a fee for the Town at this time. Raleigh also did not want to take this on for the Town as well.

For the Town to bill the fee software would have to be purchased and that would cost approximately \$20,000 and ongoing maintenance each year. Also have to factor in the billing costs of postage and printing.

Staff was currently recommending that they build into the general fund budget the cost of the stormwater program. It would equal approximately 1.5¢ on the tax rate but staff would not want to recommend or implement a tax increase for the program at the current time.

Mayor Matheny said that the numbers did not seem the same as previously presented. Emily explained that the change in numbers from the retreat was due to the fact that the numbers presented at the retreat were based on the fact that Wake County would collect the fee.

Mayor Matheny explained that he had already contacted the legislators about getting the legislation for the Town of Zebulon.

Commissioner Beck said that he did not like the fact that it was mandated but not funded.

NEW BUSINESS

General

Ordinance 2010-39—Amendment to 130.01—Alcohol on Municipal Property

Rick Hardin stated that staff was recommending that the ordinance be amended that would allow for consumption of alcohol on town property with the written approval of the Town Manager. The amendment would cover all town properties including the community center.

Commissioner Strickland asked who would be responsible if someone was served alcohol on town property and then got into an accident. Rick Hardin explained that the person renting the facility would be responsible and their insurance would cover it.

Commissioner Bumgarner made a motion, second by Commissioner Collins to approve Ordinance 2010-39. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

East Wake TV22—Papers to become a non-profit

Rick Hardin presented that the managers of the four communities had discussed EWTV becoming a non-profit to get away from having the finances on the books of the Town of Knightdale. The papers would incorporate and make them a non-profit.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve EWTV22 becoming a non-profit. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Agenda

Mayor Matheny stated that he asked that the item be placed on the agenda. He explained that previously the Board had agreed to being a party of legislation that would go county wide instead of individually.

The list provided came from the Wake Mayor's Association and was asking if the Board wanted to go along and adopt the list.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to adopt the legislative agenda presented by the Wake County Mayor's Association along with the Mayor continuing to discuss with the legislators to implement a fee for stormwater. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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Finance

Offer to Purchase Parks & Recreation Property

Emily Lucas presented that on March 23, 2010 William Parrish on behalf of LNP, Inc. presented an offer to purchase the Parks & Recreation property located on East Vance Street for \$75,000.

The appraised value of the property from 2008 was discussed along with the old water plant property. There was considerable discussion about the numbers for asbestos abatement at the office building.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Beck to reject the offer of \$75,000 from LNP, Inc. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about bundling the old water plant and Parks & Recreation office and about setting a minimum price that would be considered for the properties

Staff would bring information back to the Board at the work session for consideration.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Bumgarner stated that mulch deliver was good and praised staff for their good work.

Commissioner Strickland asked about pine straw being too close to buildings and if ordinances needed to be adopted to limit that. Sidney Perry said that they could look at it but did not think it was something that was needed currently.

MANAGERS REPORT

Emily Lucas reported the following line item transfers.

Parks & Recreation:

Moved \$550 from materials & supplies to computers for purchase of a replacement computer.

Moved \$250 from group insurance to insurance to cover property, liability and WC costs.

Sanitation:

Moved \$1,400 from materials & Supplies to tub grinding to cover tub grinding and repair of ground costs.

Police:

Moved \$950 from radios to computers for reallocation of JAG funds.

Rick Hardin introduced Jim Furr as the new attorney that would be taking Roger Knights position with the Planning Board.

Rick reported that the owners of Triangle East Shopping Center would begin making repairs to their parking lot within the next several weeks.

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There would be a joint public hearing on Monday, April 12th, Stars in the East was on Thursday at 6:00pm and the Open House at Five County Stadium was Tuesday from 5-8.

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

Date

Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

SEAL

Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk