

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Minutes
September 3, 2013

Present: Robert S. Matheny-Mayor, Curtis Strickland, Beverly Clark, Don Bumgarner, Dale Beck, Rick Hardin-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Bobby Fitts-Finance, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Tim Hayworth-Police, Chris Ray-Public Works, Chris Perry-Fire, Eric Vernon-Attorney

Absent: Roy Collins, Greg Johnson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Matheny called for approval of the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one who wished to speak.

CONSENT

A. Minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 joint public hearing. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve the minutes of August 5, 2013. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 work session. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 closed session. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Finance

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve the tax report for June 2013. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve ordinance 2014-09. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Planning

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve resolution 2014-04. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

A. NEAS Transportation Study Update—Mike Rutkowski

Mike Rutkowski did a presentation to update the Board of Commissioners on the transportation study. One of the bigger suggestions was to install a round-about at 96 and 97 in the middle of town. It would help with calming traffic and to allow for adequate left turns for all vehicles including tractor trailers.

Mayor Matheny asked about the round-about and how many trucks avoid coming through Zebulon due to the problem of making left turns and would the round-about cause more truck traffic to come through town. Traffic counts were being conducted and they would know exactly where they were headed. Commissioner Strickland did not think that it would work well and asked for clarification. Mike Rutkowski said that a round-about was forever moving unlike a stop light where it required that a person stop and wait for the light to change.

B. Wags for Tags

Terri Stober gave a presentation about a program that she was a part of and stated that it paired up veterans with dogs that were rescued from kill shelters. She wanted to make the Board and our community aware of the program and what it offered veterans.

Commissioner Strickland asked if they utilized the VA to get perspective matches with the animals. Ms. Stober stated that they did work with the VA hospital in Durham as well as mental health hospitals and civic organizations.

NEW BUSINESS

A. General

Resolution 2014-03—Honoring Ellis Hankins with the NCLM

Lisa Markland presented that Ellis Hankins was the director at the League of Municipalities and was retiring at the end of the year. The staff at the League was trying to obtain resolutions or proclamations from all municipalities to present to him. Over the years Ellis had been very helpful to all the municipalities.

Mayor Matheny said that he had been an asset to municipal government in North Carolina and was very supportive of all that he had done throughout his 17 years as director. On a side note, the Mayor stated that he had been offered teaching positions at the School of Government, Duke, Carolina and State.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Beck to appoint approve resolution 2014-13. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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Easement Request from PSNC

Chris Ray presented that PSNC was requesting a 10' utility easement across the lower Vance St. parking lot. They would be expanding natural gas service to the downtown area. It would benefit the downtown merchants due to the fact that natural gas was about one third the price of LP gas. It would also be extended to the public works facility and eventually to the fire station. There would be an encroachment agreement entered into with PSNC as well.

There was some discussion about where it was coming from and where it was going to so that the Board understood where it would be available.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to approve the easement request to PSNC to install a gas main to expand the natural gas services to the downtown area. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

No Board Comments at this time.

MANAGERS REPORT

Bobby Fitts introduced Keyana Peoples to the Board. She was serving as the Accountant II and would be getting married at the end of September. She came from the State Auditor's office.

Mark Hetrick updated the Board on the new sign that was installed south of town.

Rick Hardin praised the new EMT program implemented at the fire department and the fact that due to having that ability they were able to help someone who was allergic to bee stings.

There would be no joint public hearing in September and the work session was scheduled for September 18, 2013.

Commissioner Bumgarner 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