

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Minutes
March 23, 2011

Present: Robert S. Matheny-Mayor, Curtis Strickland, Roy Collins, Beverly Clark, Dale Beck, Don Bumgarner, Rick Hardin-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Emily Lucas-Finance, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works

Stormwater Management Program

Chris Ray presented a PowerPoint presentation that was a follow up to the presentation at the council retreat. He explained that the Town was responsible for items one—public education, two—public involvement, three—illicit discharge detection and six—pollution prevention and staff was planning to meet those requirements in the following manner.

Public education would be done by flyers, website, clean water educational partnership; Public Involvement we want to have a volunteer group that wants to improve stormwater quality; Illicit discharge would be the inspection and cleaning of the stormwater system, street sweeping and finally, pollution prevention with inspection of property and good housekeeping programs.

Chris explained that if the Board had no questions or changes staff would like to ask that they call for a public hearing for the April 20th work session and to call for volunteers to come to that meeting as well. He said to set the date for the public hearing they would need to adopt resolution 2011-11.

Commissioner Strickland asked what the volunteers would do. Chris stated that they could do stenciling, litter sweeps and said that they would be looking for groups like the Boy Scouts, civic groups or individuals. It would be anything that would help improve the quality of water and educate them. Chris continued by saying that staff would guide them, provide materials and proper work zones would be set up. Commissioner Strickland said that he would like to be a volunteer for this group.

Commissioner Bumgarner made a motion, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve resolution 2011-11 calling for public hearing on the stormwater management program.

Chris went on to explain the Nitrogen Buy Down Ecosystem Enhancement ordinance and staff would like to ask the Wooten Company to help complete the process in developing the ordinance. He said if the Board wanted to do that he would get with the Wooten Company to get a proposal that could be brought back to the April 20 work session. The Board agreed to look at a proposal and then make a decision.

NEW BUSINESS

General

Resolution 2011-10—Opposition to Legislation

These bills would limit the ability of all local governments to provide broadband infrastructure to its citizens and all have been asked to adopt a resolution opposing H129 and S87.

There was discussion about the fact that Time Warner, Century Link and AT&T did not want to provide to some of the areas, approximately 50 percent, that did not have the service but did not want others to provide it to them either. Commissioner Strickland stated that he was at a meeting that showed that there was stimulus money that could be used to install that infrastructure.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to adopt resolution 2011-10. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2011-12—Investigate Sufficiency

The resolution would direct the Clerk to investigate sufficiency on a voluntary annexation request by the Boys and Girls Club.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve resolution 2011-12. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire

SAFR Grant

Emily Lucas presented that the Fire Department had applied for the grant which was for Staffing for Adequate Fire and emergency Response from the federal government. In the grant they applied for three entry level firefighter positions. The grant would fund the positions 100 percent salary and benefits for two years and then the Town would have to provide for the third year. Since Wake County paid for 50 percent of all staffing of the Zebulon Fire Department that would be a way to get personnel now and then be ready to transition to the new fire station when it was built in the near future.

Emily continued by stating that part of the grant was to have Board approval that they would be willing to follow the requirement of keeping the person for at least the third year. The Town should know in a month or so if they received the grant and then would have 90 days to hire and that would put the Town right at July 2011, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The Board agreed by consensus on the grant.

Finance

Ordinance 2011-30—Grant for a Community Recycling Day

Emily Lucas explained that the Town had received a \$5000 grant to conduct a Community Recycling Day which would be held on May 21 at the Municipal Complex. The ordinance was to recognize the money received from Wake County for the program.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Collins to approve ordinance 2011-30. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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Sale of Town Buildings

Emily Lucas stated that on March 22, 2011 the contract between the Town and William Parrish to sell the vacated buildings owned by the Town ended. Staff wanted to know if the Board wanted to continue to have Parrish Realty represent the Town in the attempt to sell the buildings. Staff would recommend staying with them for at least six months or through the end of the calendar year.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to renew the contract with Parrish Realty to go through December 2011. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Non-Profit Funding

Emily Lucas reviewed the requests for funding by non-profit agencies. Those making a request were United Arts Council, East Wake Education Foundation, MLK Breakfast, Hospice of Wake County, Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, TRACS, Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ladies & Gentlemen Youth Program.

After much discussion the Board decided to fund the following groups:

United Arts Council	\$1000
East Wake Education Foundation	\$1000
MLK Breakfast Committee	\$ 500
Zebulon Chamber of Commerce	\$1000
Shepherds Care Medical Clinic	\$ 500—to be used toward the customer cost
TOTAL	\$4000

MANAGERS REPORT

Rick Hardin stated that there would be an art exhibit open house on Thursday March 24 in the Town Hall lobby, there would be a Friends of Wakelon meeting on Saturday March 26.

Opening day of baseball would be April 7 and their open house would be April 5.

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

Date

Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

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Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk