

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Minutes
January 5, 2015

Present: Robert S. Matheny-Mayor, Curtis Strickland, Beverly Clark, Don Bumgarner, Dale Beck, Glenn York, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Greg Johnson-Parks & Recreation, Bobby Fitts-Finance, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Dennis Brannan-Police, Chris Ray-Public Works, Chris Perry-Fire, Julie Spriggs-Planning, Eric Vernon-Attorney

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Matheny called for approval of the agenda but stated that it needed to be amended to add B under New Business to allow for Chris Perry to update the Board on the final ISO rating report.

Commissioner Bumgarner made a motion, second by Commissioner York 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 Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 special called meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 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 October 2014. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve ordinance 2015-12. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Fire

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the re-appointment of Sidney Perry to the Firefighters Local Relief Fund to expire on January 31, 2017. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Representative Darren Jackson came forward and thanked the Board for allowing him some time on the agenda to let them know that he was interested in the Town of Zebulon's Legislative agenda.

Mayor Matheny stated that the Board had sent forward their selection on the NCLM Advocacy Goals and the NCLM adopted 19 of the 25. Specifically the Town was interested in HB 1147 to amend the use of the fee in lieu for transportation and parks. Rep. Chris Malone and Senator Chad Barefoot were working hard on it last year and there was unanimous support from the Wake County Delegation. Rep. Jackson said that he had spoken with Rep. Chris Malone and the bill would be put forward again.

Rep. Jackson asked about the privilege license tax bill and how that was affecting the Town and said that there might be a possibility of replacing it. Mayor Matheny said that it did not have a huge impact for the Town approximately \$20,000 but was a concern. The term "will make you whole" was a concern considering that fact that was what was said with the hold harmless funds which were received when the inventory tax was removed and the legislature took that away so the Town was no longer being made whole. Adding a sales tax that was distributed on a per capita basis doesn't benefit the Town as much as it should if they were making us whole.

There was discussion about possibly putting a cap on what could be charged to any particular business. The Board was ok with placing a cap on the amount that could be charged. Mayor Matheny said that was ok with the NCLM as well.

Commissioner Beck asked what Representative Jackson saw as important items coming forward. He stated that reform of the tax system was one, distribution of sales tax to being on a per capita basis again; the lottery distribution was discussed and internet sweepstakes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance

Audit Contract

Bobby Fitts presented that it was time to renew the audit contract with Joyce and Company and stated that it would be for a three year period and that there was a great working relationship with that company and they were also the auditors for Wake Forest, Knightdale, Selma and Morrisville.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner York to approve the audit contract with Joyce and Company. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Fire

ISO Report Update

Fire Chief Chris Perry presented that they had received the final report on the ISO inspection and the inspection was in two parts, inside the corporate limits and in the county or outside the corporate limits.

The goal was to keep the rating of a Class 3 within the corporate limits and get a rating of Class 6 in the county or outside the corporate limits. The other municipalities with an ISO Class 3 were Cary, Apex, Raleigh and Morrisville. Nationally there were less than 7% with a Class 3 or better so the Town did wonderful and there were less than 4% within North Carolina that had a Class 3 or better.

There was a significant improvement in the County which ended up being a Class 4 which was excellent and far exceeded their goal.

With the class ratings received there could be a significant savings that added up to approximately \$400,000/ year across the board.

There was discussion about the additional fire station and how that would have affected the ISO Class rating and Chief Perry stated that a new station would not have made a difference in the Class 3 rating in Town and would not have caused the County rating of a Class 4 to be a Class 3. To build a new station it had to be a joint effort with the County since they paid a portion of all costs that would be incurred at that station. The County has said that they were not interested in building a new station in Zebulon at the current time since there were no additional funds available to contribute to such a project.

The Board thanked the Chief and the other firefighters for their hard work and dedication to making the inspection a success as well as the work that they did for the citizens of Zebulon and Wake County.

BOARD COMMENTS


Mayor Matheny read a letter of thanks from the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce for all the hard work that was put into the Christmas parade by the Town of Zebulon staff.

MANAGERS REPORT

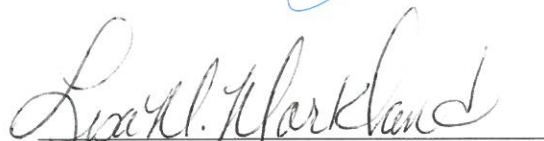
Sidney Perry stated that Town offices would be closed on January 19 for the Martin Luther King holiday. The first Citizen's Academy was scheduled to begin on February 17th and people could sign up until February 2nd. The Board retreat would be held on February 24 at Cattails.

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

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Date


Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

SEAL


Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk