

Town Council Meeting Town of Greensboro 10.06.22

In attendance: Mayor Kevin Reichart, Comm. Robert Harrison, Comm. David Spencer, Comm. Amanda Weaver, Comm. Pete Brelia, Town Manager Tammy Kelledes, Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham, Community Outreach/Main Street Coordinator Angel Perez, Administrative Clerk Vanice L. Myers, Rich Covert -GVFD, Jeff Christopher-GPD, Pastor George Simmons, Cathy Spencer, Donald and Jamie Ratliff, and Christina Robinson.

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Kevin Reichart at 6:00 p.m. on October 6, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of September 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Spencer made a motion. Commissioner Brelia seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting minutes approved.

Christina Robinson

Mrs. Robinson introduced herself stating that she resides at 520 W Sunset Ave and that she had purchased two ducks. Prior to purchasing the two ducks, she consulted with an ex-Mayor and ex-Council person who advised her that she was allowed to have up to 4 fowl. She also stated that she spoke to someone at Town Hall who advised her the same so she thought it was ok to purchase the two ducks. Mayor Reichart explained Ordinance 2021-O-1 which indicates chickens and not ducks. He apologized for the misinformation that she received prior to her purchase. Mayor Reichart asked how long it would take for her to remove the ducks from her property and she stated that she would have animal control come on 10.07.22 to pick them up. Commissioner Spencer explained to her that if she wanted to dispute the issue further, she would have to file paperwork in District Court. He also appreciated her calmness regarding the issue.

James & Donna Ratcliff

Mr. Ratcliff introduced himself and wife and advised that they reside at 101 Roe Ave. Mr. Ratcliff thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to come speak about the issue of the ducks that his neighbor has. He explained how the fecal matter from the ducks was damaging

his yard and getting on the paws of his dog and tracked inside of their home. He thanked the Mayor and Council for listening to both sides and for their time.

Invocation by Pastor George Simmons.

Committee and Department Reports

<u>Town Manager</u>

Mrs. Kelledes speaks to Council regarding Mass Notification and wanted to know their opinion on whether we should keep it. Mayor Reichart, Comm. Spencer and Comm. Brelia provided their input and stated that they think we should keep the program.

Mrs. Kelledes asked for RSVPs for the Farm to School Gathering at Greensboro Elementary on October 12th. She is looking for RSVPs by October 10th.

Fall Maryland Municipal League Conference is October 9 - 11. Mrs. Kelledes advised that she will be attending along with Dawn Parks, Angel Perez and Brandon Cunningham.

Mrs. Kelledes had orientation for the Public Management Program and her first retreat is October 17 - 21. She will be unavailable from 9am to 4pm on those days and cannot be interrupted. She will have a retreat every other month and the months that there are no retreats they will have a luncheon.

<u>Police Department</u>

Officer Jeff Christopher provided statistics for September to the Mayor and Council which are as follows:

- 33 Traffic stops
- 61 Violations
- 3 DUI's
- 0 Parking violations
- 297 Calls for service
- 12 Incident reports
- 8 Arrests
- 14 Criminal charges

Public Works

Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham provided information that his team has performed which is listed below:

- Grass Cutting
- Filled pot holes
- East Lift Station completely cleaned out and muffin monster installed by Bilbrough Electric

- Getting trailer outfitted for TV Pipeline Camera
- Final 3 REEB beds are being emptied
- Started inventory and light check for equipment for Whoville
- Goldsboro Grinder Pumps as of today, two additional failures (Fairhaven and Cartwright). Both had lots of wipes and Fairhaven also had a lot of grease. Freemire did an E One swap on Fairhaven and will be out tomorrow for Cartwright. Home on Cartwright also has a panel issue going on.
- Construction started in Ober Part today. Fence put up to keep traffic out of construction area

Parks Board and Community Outreach/Main Street

Community Outreach/Main Street Coordinator Angel Perez reported the following:

- Parks Board meeting was on 10/5/22 and they discussed goals, parks and capital projects and events in the parks. They also reviewed and adopted Bylaws. The team also reviewed FY23 budget and will recruit additional board members.
- Greensboro Connects has four new agencies, which are:
 - Greensboro Judy Center
 - His Hop Ministries
 - o M&T Bank
 - MD Health Connection
- Caroline Goes Purple
 - Angel Perez read the proclamation on behalf of the Caroline County Commissioners
 - Town of Greensboro will lead the Caroline Goes Purple 2023
- Town website focus group met on September 26th. The focus group will work on the website appearance and organization
- Scavenger Hunt going on from September 15th thru October 15th. Involves the help of five local businesses which are: Greensboro Pharmacy, Truist Bank, Ashley Insurance, Gray's Gas and Tenchi.
- Community Basketball approved for \$11,830 with two seasons. One season from February thru March and the last season April thru May
- Planning Greensboro Farmer's Market 2023

Planning Commission

Comm. Harrison stated that not much has changed and nothing more to report. Mrs. Kelledes stated that the meeting they had regarding the progress of Kinnamon Meadows went well. It seems like everyone is on the same page. There is hope that it will be ready for the Planning Commission by November to December the latest.

<u>GVFD</u>

Mr. Covert reported that the Fire Department had a good turnout for their tractor pull. They had 1,276 paying attendees and that does not include children under 6 because they were free. They will be having another tractor pull on 10/29 that will benefit Shriners and looking for volunteers. Gates will open at 1 and event will be over around 10pm. The day will start with the antique cars from 12pm-4pm and then Lucas and Interstate Oil will start from 6pm-10pm.

Mr. Covert also advised everyone that the drive-in movie will be this Friday beginning at Dusk. Movie playing will be Nightmare before Christmas.

Safehouse is currently installing cameras and the project on the parking lot is still going well.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

A. Homestead Tax Credit

Tabled.

B. <u>Ethics Ordinance – 2022-O-06</u>

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF GREENSBORO TO REPEAL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REENACT CHAPTER 6 OF THE GREENSBORO TOWN CODE TO PROVIDE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ETHICS PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPOINTEES TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO

Mayor Reichart asked for an Introduction of Ethics Ordinance 2022-O-06. Commissioner Harrison introduced the Ordinance.

C. Employee Manual

Mayor Reichart expressed that he had questions but he left his paperwork home; therefore, could not remember exactly what he wanted to ask. Comm. Spencer had questions regarding the following sections:

- 116 should change Town Clerk to Town Manager
- 202 Vacation benefits, he believes some adjustments should be made. Comm. Brelia also gave some input on this topic as did Comm. Weaver
- 207 Military Lave Comm. Spencer provided feed back and Comm. Weaver and Brelia suggested having some input from Attorney Lyndsey Ryan
- 507 Emergency Closing Comm. Spencer suggests that it be reviewed again

- Overtime and Flex Time should be explained more in the manual
- Tabled for 10/20 workshop to go over

<u>Review Bills</u>

No remarks.

Town Council Remarks

Remarks opened to the floor

Mr. Rich Covert-GVFD let the Mayor and Council know that the Fire Department had a major leak but was never warned about a leak. He was asked if he got any notification, and he advised no. It was then asked of Vanice if she received any notification and she responded that she had not gotten any reports. PW Supervisor Brandon Cunningham advised that he just received a report from August of issues with meters the other day so the company now called Veolia is reporting information to us late and not in a timely manner.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion at 7:38pm to adjourn the meeting for the evening. Commission Weaver made a motion. Commissioner Brelia seconded the motion.

There was no need for a closed session.

Respectfully submitted by Vanice L. Myers.