

TOWN OF GREENSBORO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2019

In Attendance: Mayor Reichart, Commissioners Mackey, Knight and Harrison

Staff: David Kibler, Nicole Armour, Chief Lee, Bill Lesmerises, Randy Robinson

Public: Cindi Harrison, Brandon Cunningham, Amanda Weaver, Rebecca Cleveland, Joseph Cleveland, Brandon Cleveland, Brooklyn Cleveland, Elizabeth Prichard, William Schaffner, Kristen Chouinard, Derek Korell, Amber Korell, Christina Robinson, Ashley Burl, Jeff Ludwig, Alice Winstead, Abby Andrews, April Kinnish, Ethan Delude, Scott Delude, Rene Swafford.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Reichart asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Reichart stated that he needed to add Kinnamon Meadows to the agenda under Old business.

Com. Mackey motioned to accept the minutes from the June Town Council Meeting and Workshop and the July Workshop Meetings. Com. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Jeff Ludwig – Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Ludwig presented the Caroline County Hazard Mitigation plan (presentation attached) and asked that the town accept the plan as the town's plan.

Resolution 2019-R-3

Mayor Reichart read the resolution to accept Caroline County's Hazard Mitigation Plan as the town's mitigation plan. *Com. Mackey motioned to accept and sign the resolution. Com Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Ashley Burl – Citizen Concerns (Presentation Attached)

Ms. Burl started her presentation saying that she was bringing the citizens concerns to the town council as a whole. Residents that have not wanted to come forward for fear of retaliation from the town. One of the main questions was what was the difference between a meeting and a workshop. Mayor Reichart stated that normally public wouldn't speak at a workshop; however, if a resident requested to be put on the agenda they weren't denied, but workshops are generally to work on town business or projects, and the first meeting of the month we a business meeting. Ms. Burl began her presentation which showed the consensus of the concerns being communication, water bills, and the trash/recycling issues. In a slide it showed a personal attack at the Town Manager. Mr. Delude stated that if they were going to slam an employee or council member, they should be able to be present to defend themselves. Mayor Reichart stated that if there were complaints against any employees that it needed to be addressed in writing to the department head or council, and asked Ms. Burl to skip any future slide that list employees' names or titles. Ms. Burl stated that these concerns were compiled through a Google Docs survey and that it isn't a reflection of her personal feelings. At the end of the presentation Ms. Burl reiterated that communication was a two-way street and that we all need to do our part. Mr. Cleveland asked how this survey was distributed. Ms. Burl stated that she was invited to a Facebook group and it was posted in there. Mr. Cleveland stated that if the Facebook group was for the residents of Greensboro, then everyone should be invited and should have had the opportunity to take the survey, not just the 35 residents that completed it. He went on to say he trusted his town officials to make the right decisions for the town, that is why he voted them into office. Ms. Swafford then interjected and reminded council that they operate under Robert's Rules of Order and that the audience should not be addressing the speaker, that the speaker is addressing council; not the audience. Com. Harrison stated that he wanted to address the making

meetings more comfortable. He went on to explain that the historical society is moving to the old police department, and our meeting hall will be moved to where they are now to accommodate larger crowds and make meetings more inviting. Com. Mackey stated that he only wanted to add that he has been on council for 16 years, and in the end, the truth will come out.

Christina Robinson – Trash and Water Bill Issues

Ms. Robinson introduced herself. She asked when the new trash contract was discussed and approved. Mayor Reichart stated that it was at the last meeting. Ms. Robinson stated that she took an online training and stated that she felt that we were in violation of OMA since we do not have a closing statement when going into Executive Sessions, but instead using vague explanations. She went on to say she wanted to know how much trash will go up the next budget year, and feels the council needs to be honest and transparent with the public. She then stated that she planned to have the council investigated for illegally going into closed sessions. The council thanked Ms. Robinson for her time.

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No one was present.

Planning & Zoning – Kevin Reichart

Mayor Reichart stated that he and Com. Harrison attended the last meeting to discuss how council and P & Z can work together.

Parks Board – Cindi Harrison

There was nothing to report.

Public Works-Dave Kibler

Mr. Kibler stated that we received the MDE Maintenance Grant for meeting the standards at least 10 months last year. He recommended saving the money for capital projects for future maintenance. That money isn't guaranteed every year, and he felt it was best to put it in savings at this time. He went on to say that on July 25th a dump truck ran over a meter pit on Mill Street for the second time. The first time was in February and they were written a letter stating that if it happened again that they would be charged for the repairs. At this time, it looks that they could be charged upwards of \$900. He has the Police Department making contact with the tenant to let them know they can't park there anymore. He wanted to publicly recognize the Public Works employees. There was a water leak on Church street on Friday and they were able to have the repair done within 2 hours and did not have to interrupt water service to the area at all. Mr. Kibler stated that before he went any further with this issue, he did want to make a point to let council know that he has accepted a conditional offer for a position with GHS. He went on to explain there is an old sewer line that runs from the industrial park to Bernard that needs to be replaced. Council asked if it was an active line, and Mr. Kibler stated that it was. It will cost the town \$13,000 since it runs below the railroad tracks. Mr. Kibler stated that if GHS gets their license in September then they are going to start building right away and are looking to be fully operational within 6 months. Ms. Ryan stated that she can not find any easements for the line and we may run into legal issues. She could look into easement by implication or just ask Baldwin for the right of way since it would behoove him to do so for any future connection we would need.

Com. Mackey motioned to put MDE grant funds into savings for future capital improvements. Com. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Police-Chief Eric Lee

Chief Lee stated that Kids in the Park day was a success and plans to make things bigger and better for next year. He went on to say the carnival went very well with only 2 minor incidents. He thanked Public Works for all their help with the Police Department move. He went on to state that the PD will be educating themselves better on the Town Code, so that they can start enforcing it. He went over the July stats for the department. Chief Lee stated that Officer Webster is no longer an employee with the

Greensboro Police Department. He then went over SA Riley's report in his absence. He stated that they would be doing a Child ID program on Sunday at 5 and encouraged everyone to bring their kids out.

Administration – Nicole Armour

Ms. Armour read her report into the minutes. (Attached)

Town Manager - Jeannette Delude

No report due to Ms. Delude being on Medical Leave.

Old Business

Kinnamon Meadows Drainage - Ms. Ryan stated that she talked to Debbie Pfiel and she advised her that it would be cheaper to contact Bob Palmer since he was originally on the project. It would cost \$4,500 for Bob to go over the plans and inspect the roadway. Com. Mackey asked if we could get that money back from the bond. Ms. Ryan stated, yes, if it was not built to specs.

New Business

None

Bills

Bills were reviewed.

Com. Mackey asked why the LGIT bill was so high. Ms. Armour stated that it was the commercial package we pay every year.

Council Remarks

Com. Mackey stated that he wanted to apologize to everyone about the trash, he felt that council was misled by the owner of the company about his capabilities. He also wanted to point out that everyone worked very hard to ensure that trash was still picked up every week. The council thought they were doing something good and saving the town some money. He hoped we could all work through this.

Com. Mackey motioned to move into Executive Session. Com. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:17 pm.

Council moved back into Regular Session at 9:50 pm.

Mayor Reichart stated that the council sought legal counsel on a personnel matter, that they discussed the social media/1st amendment policy, and they sought legal counsel on an invoice in Executive Session and no action was taken.

Com. Mackey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Com. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully Prepared by: Nicole Armour