

TOWN OF GREENSBORO
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
August 15, 2019

In Attendance: Mayor Reichart, Commissioners DeSimone, Knight, Mackey & Harrison, Nicole Armour, Jeannette Delude Lyndsey Ryan.

Public: Anne Marie Duld, Cindi Harrison, Brandan Cunningham, Richard Covert, Rick Faust, Kat Stork, Wayne Holmes

Workshop was called to order at 7:00 pm

Paper Street/School Street

Ms. Ryan stated that she has looked further into the issue of the land that is between Greensboro Heights and Cedar Run. It seems that at one time there was going to be a street there, but the town has taken no action to improve the area. If the town has not done anything to improve or maintain the area in 21 years then it then falls to the adjacent properties to the center line. Ms. Duld asked if that means they have the right to use it. Ms. Ryan stated yes, until he files litigation. Ms. Ryan stated that all adjacent property owners can file a quiet title and have their deed changed to incorporate that extra land area. Mayor Reichart stated that he would like for him and Ms. Ryan to meet with Paul, the property manager for Greensboro Heights, to explain all of this to him and also to address the disposal of the yard waste on the berm. Ms. Armour stated if it would make it easier, to tell him we have a yard waste pick up, and tell him to bring it to the edge of the property for the town to pick up. If not, it is a code enforceable offence. Mr. Covert stated there were several ordinances passed to abandon all paper alleys. Mayor Reichart stated that Ms. Delude contacted the Board of Education regarding the bus stop. They will not add stops in the development and stated the children should wait on the sidewalks inside the development until the bus arrives.

Mobile Treatment Center

Ms. Delude stated that she was contacted by Caroline County Department of Health about a Mobile Treatment Facility coming to town. It is an RV unit, it will have staff on board, but patients will see therapists and doctors via tela-health. This is for people that can't get to appointments due to lack of transportation and there will be no medication on the RV. This is specifically for treatment purposes for opioid addiction. A brief discussion took place on where they could park. The council felt it was a great idea, but would like to take a look at the RV first and thought the best place for them to park would be in the Town Hall parking lot since it was centrally located. Mayor Reichart stated that since this was based on the overdose data in our area, would we be privy to those stats. Ms. Delude said she would check into it.

Greensboro Goes Purple

Ms. Armour stated that she had this item added to the agenda to see what council wanted to do this year. Ms. Stork stated that they county's approach this year with working with the churches in the community and having them designate one Sunday as "Purple Sunday" and incorporating opioid addiction into their sermons. The county would just be focusing on outreach this year through banners and social media. Everything would be up on their Drug-Free Caroline Facebook page. She went on to say they did talk about it at the Park Board meeting and her recommendation was to have a town presence at the Multi-Cultural Festival promoting "going purple." Com. Knight stated that we should follow the county and not plan anything big. Com. Mackey suggested putting up a purple Christmas tree. Mayor Reichart stated that he felt it would be a good idea to set something up at the festival and to work with the county.

Employee Handbook

Ms. Ryan presented the most current handbook with all updates. She stated the substance of the handbook did not change, she removed the outdated, detailed process for the hiring and firing of employees, because all

employees of the town are at-will employees. She also removed the portion where employees can appeal to council, since council would have discussed it prior to an employee being terminated anyway. Those were the only big changes, other than that she just cleaned it up and made it more readable. Mayor Reichart asked how often they should be reviewing this and Ms. Ryan stated every 4 to 5 years or as changes arise. She stated she did also update the sexual harassment policy to incorporate new gender roles. The last update that was done was 2013. Mayor Reichart stated that when he reviewed it, it referred to a Safety Council. Ms. Delude stated that Ms. Armour has been assigned restarting that. A brief discussion ensued about training. *Com. Mackey motioned to accept and sign Resolution 2019-R-02 which adopts the new employee handbook. Com. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

GVFC-Rick Faust

Mr. Faust went over the stats for the month. He stated that the carnival did very well. He wanted to thank the town for their donation for the fireworks. He went on to thank Com. Harrison, Com. Mackey and Mayor Reichart for helping out. He also thanked Cindi Harrison for her help as well. He went on to say that their next event is the Tractor Pull schedule for September 7th.

Town Manager Report – Jeannette Delude

Ms. Delude read over her report which is attached.

Farmers Market – Ms. Delude stated that she didn't feel it would get very big this summer, but if it did or if it took off next year, we could always move the location to Ober Park. *Com Mackey motioned to move forward with allowing people to set up a small Farmer's Market on the weekend in the Town Hall parking lot. Com. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Ms. Delude stated that the Chief ask her to bring to council the idea of a Seleta Nichols Day. Council was receptive to the idea.

Council Comments:

Mayor Reichart stated that he wanted to open the floor to Ms. Stork to go over the ideas for Ober Park. Ms. Stork stated that the Parks Board met with Mayor Reichart, Ms. Delude, and Mr. Kibler at Ober Park the evening before. They came up with a long-term plan for the park with included a walking trail with exercise stations, demolition of the old back top and tennis courts, and the installation of tennis/pickleball courts. She stated that in order to start the process she would like to apply for the Community Parks and Playground grant. She stated it would be a phased project and she would like to apply for the grant for the first phase which would include the demolition and walking trail with some funding to cover a planner for the future phases. *Com. Knight motioned for Ms. Stork to move forward with applying for the Community Parks and Playground Grant. Com. Mackey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Mayor Reichart stated that they hotel is open but the ribbon cutting wouldn't be until sometime in September.

Com. Mackey just wanted to remind everyone that there aren't supposed to be any trailers, boats, or tractor trailers parked on the street in town and that the police department would be starting to enforce it. Also, in the code it states that if you have an open spot in your driveway, you cannot park a vehicle out in the street. He went on to thank council, employees, and voters of the town, he stated he will no longer let anyone jump on employees or council without him defending them. He wants people to understand that we are all doing our jobs and our employees are extremely dedicated to this town. He acknowledged the last two years have been the worst, and that he thanks everyone for toughing it out.

Mayor Reichart stated that the next Council Meeting would be Sept 5th.

Mayor Reichart stated we would have to go into Executive Session to discuss a personal matter relating to a specific employee.

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

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:03pm.

Council moved back into Regular Session at 9:11 pm.

Com. DeSimone motioned to move back into Regular Session. Com. Mackey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Reichart stated that in Executive Session they discussed a personnel matter relating to a specific employee.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:12 pm

Respectfully Prepared by

Nicole Armour