

TOWN OF GREENSBORO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2019

In Attendance: Mayor Noon, Commissioners Wake, Reichart and DeSimone, and Mackey.

Staff: Sgt. Ray, Jeannette Delude, David Kibler, Nicole Armour, Cpl. Lee, Bill Lesmerises

Public: April Kinnish, Joseph & Rebecca Cleveland, Bob & Cindi Harrison, Joey Williamson, Shawn Schmitt, Ron Deel, Dave Blizzard, Gary Wyatt, Shawn Starkey, Bishop Marvin Jenkins, Christina Robinson, Ethan Delude, Scott Delude (Sign-In Sheets on file)

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

Comm. Reichart motioned to accept the minutes from the January Town Council Meeting and Special Meeting. Comm. Mackey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Noon swore in Eric Lee as Corporal of the Greensboro Police Department.

Mayor Noon then swore in Glenn Ray as the Sargent and Acting Chief for the Greensboro Police Department.

Mayor Noon stated that they had started the hiring process for a new Chief of Police. It has been posted with MML, in the Star Democrat, and the Times Record. The Town will be creating and outside interview panel to conduct all interviews.

Mayor Noon wanted to give Mr. Deel a moment to speak since he was scheduled for the January workshop which had been cancelled. Mr. Deel stated that he was not going to continue to be “beat a dead horse” over the sewer and water bill. He came tonight to publicly apologize for the disrespect he had given to the Mayor and Council. Com. Mackey stated that it took a stand up man to come to a meeting and apologize the way he did. The entire council thanked him for doing so.

GVFC-Shawn Starkey

Mr. Starkey stated that the fire company wanted to thank the town for the continued support they have given and for the check they presented to them at the banquet. Mayor Noon and Com. DeSimone apologized for their absence from the banquet.

Planning & Zoning – Kevin Reichart

Com. Reichart stated that the committee has begun the initial process for the comprehensive plan review, and that Ms. Delude would be going into it further in her report.

Mayor Noon stated that he heard rumors that a Dollar General could be coming to town. Ms. Delude stated that someone has been in contact with her, but it is preliminary, and she thinks they are still trying to work out a deal with Mr. Kinnamon for the property next to the Exxon station.

Parks Board – Rick Faust

Ms. Harrison stated that the committee is still working on the Fishing Derby.

Public Works-Dave Kibler

Mr. Kibler stated that there was not much to report. All of the properties in Goldsboro have been hooked up to the system. We are looking at wrapping up the project in April, once the hot patch plants reopen.

Mayor Noon thanked Mr. Kibler for serving as Town Manager for a week while Ms. Delude was on vacation, and for handling everything he had to handle for that week.

Police-Sgt. Glenn Ray – Acting Chief

Sgt. Ray stated that there wasn't much to report that the public doesn't already know. He went on to state that even with everything going on there was still police work being conducted, and he gave the monthly stats. He went on to explain that Cpl. Lee has received his temporary certification, and the Ridgely Police Department has helped out so much with his field training and weapon certification. RPD is doing all of this at no charge to the town. Mayor Noon stated that we needed to send an official thank you to them. Mayor Noon asked how things were going with the budget. Sgt. Ray stated that he will need a completely updated operating system for the PD. He has gotten a quote from BDK which includes 4 new desktops and 4 new laptops, along with installation. The cost would be approximately \$13,000 and we do still have that in state aid. They were told by the department that did the redaction for the body cam that their system is very susceptible to viruses and spyware.

Town Manager - Jeannette Delude

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Bills

Bills were reviewed and approved. Com. Mackey asked when our trash contract was up, and Ms. Delude stated she would have to find out.

Mayor Noon asked for the sign in sheet.

Bishop Marvin Jenkins of God Ministries Church stated that the church had been in town since 2002. With recent events going on around town, this board has voted to move the church out of town. He wanted to approach council in hopes that he could take something positive back to them, possibly changing their minds. The church usually holds an LEO appreciation day, but it was pushed back this year due to what was happening in the community. They are still proceeding with it, and Sgt. Ray should be contacted by a representative from the church soon. Bishop Jenkins then went into the water/sewer bills and how he felt it was unfair for the church to be charged the minimum due to the church not using a lot of water. He was also concerned that the town couldn't automatically charge his credit card every quarter. Ms. Delude explained the cost of setting up that kind of service and how it would be difficult since bills change from quarter to quarter and they aren't always the same. Mayor Noon stated that they would revisit this at the workshop this month. Mayor Noon also asked him if he would give thought about serving on the advisory board. Bishop Jenkins stated that it would depend on the time he would have to put on it, that he possibly could, and if not he would be able to definitely recommend someone for it. He stated that the LEO appreciation day will also be for the public and help educate them on how they should conduct themselves when they have police interaction.

Christina Robinson stated that she was not there to talk about the Anton Black case, but to ask some questions of council. She asked several questions to council and some were not able to be answered due to the ongoing personnel matters. (A recorded copy of the questions and answers can be obtained through FOIA request.) Ms. Robinson thanked the council for their time and stated that she would talk to them more on the 21st. Ms. Delude did correct a question from Ms. Robinson when she referred to the 29 Use of Force "complaints" filed "against" PFC Webster in 3 years. Ms. Delude explained that those were

actually reports that Mr. Webster filled out. Officers that use any type of force during an arrest have to fill out a Use of Force report, no matter how minimal it is.

Council Remarks

None

Mr. Deel questioned the difference between a regular meeting and a workshop and Mayor Noon explained the difference.

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

Council went into Executive Session at 7:31 pm.

Council moved back into Regular Session at 9:13pm.

Mayor Noon stated that the council made the decision in Executive Session to keep Officer Webster on administrative leave until all the investigations are complete. Council also decided to hire the Sheriff's Department to help out with police coverage in the town until we were fully staffed again. Ms. Delude and Sgt. Ray will meet to figure out how much coverage and the hours we may need them. Council also decided that since Sgt. Ray is Acting Chief, he should be compensated as such until a new Chief is hired and Sgt. Ray's services are no longer needed in that position.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Prepared by: Nicole Armour