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**Town Council Meeting
Town of Greensboro
September 19, 2024**

In attendance: Mayor David Spencer, Commissioner Pete Brelia, Commissioner Bob Harrison, Commissioner Joe Noon, Commissioner Christina Robinson, Town Manager Tammy Kelledees, Chief of Police Lenox Trams, Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham, Community Outreach/Main Street Coordinator Amanda Weaver, Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan

Residents: Kenny Burk, Chris Mason, Donna Ratliff, Donna Clay, Jim Pratt, Kim and Jason Ernest, Tom Chandler, Paula Turner, Tim Dalton, Rick Faust, TJ Jones, William Schaffner, Dana Price, Kim Carlson, Robert Mantell, Kevin Parks, Jeanette DeLude, Jamie Yeager

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made to approve the 9/5/24 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Pete Brelia. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harrison. All in favor.

Public hearings – Goldsboro sewer rate increase

Motion made by Commissioner Noon to open the public hearing for Ordinances 2024-O-5 and 2024-O-6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson. All in favor.

- a. **ORDINANCE 2024-O-5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CHARGE OWED BY THE TOWN OF GOLDSBORO FOR GOLDSBORO'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, DEBT SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE GREENSBORO WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL BAY RESTORATION FEE OF \$60.00 PER SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND \$5.00 PER MONTH PER EDU FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS**
- b. **ORDINANCE 2024-O-6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO ESTABLISHING A SEWER RATE FOR THE 25 CAROLINE COUNTY PROPERTIES WITHIN THE GOLDSBORO SEWER SERVICE DISTRICT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBORO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114.97 AND TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL BAY RESTORATION FEE OF \$60.00**

PER SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND \$5.00 PER MONTH PER EDU FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS

Attorney Ryan gave an overview of the ordinances which were entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2013.

- Chris Mason asked how Goldsboro’s residents are notified. Mayor Spencer replied that Greensboro sets the ordinance and has a public hearing then Goldsboro goes through the same process.
- Goldsboro Mayor Jamie Yeager asked for the reason for the price increase, and it was explained that the cost of operations and everything has gone up. It was also discussed about the elderly and concern for those unable to afford the increase.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Commissioner Noon which was seconded by Commissioner Robinson. All in favor.

Mayor Spencer asked for a vote on the two ordinances.

Motion made to approve Ordinance 2024-O-5 as written made by Commissioner Noon and seconded by Commissioner Breliia.

Roll call of votes:

<i>Commissioner Breliia</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Commissioner Harrison</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Commissioner Robinson</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Commissioner Noon</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Motion made to approve Ordinance 2024-O-6 as written by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Breliia.

Roll call of votes:

<i>Commissioner Breliia</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Commissioner Harrison</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Commissioner Robinson</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Commissioner Noon</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Donna Ratliff – questioned the drain on Roe Street. Discussion on the road being put in wrong and the issue is between Rauch Engineering and Brambles. Attorney Ryan said she will investigate. It may come down to the two contractors and the homeowner or the Town and the contractors.

Department Reports

Town Manager Tammy Kelledes gave the following report:

- Kinnamon Meadows – No resolution yet. The engineer is trying to set up something up with residents
- Utility bills were to go out on the 16th, but because of prior issues, we are trying to be certain that they are correct before sending.
- Updates to the employee manual and town charter which have been sent to council for review
- Property on Main that has had issues is still being worked on. The Fire Marshall ordered a cease and desist. There is an ongoing investigation.

Planning and Zoning has one new building permit and have been doing rental inspections 3x per week.

- New hire – Julie Porter for the part-time position has started

Community Outreach/Main Street Coordinator Amanda Weaver gave the following report:

- She will have Car show/Musicfest numbers at the next meeting
- Fishing Derby and Kids in the Park on the 28th, free with food trucks.
- Coat drive with GES and Aarons place on November 8. Looking for volunteers. There will be a day and night shift and will be held at the GVFC hall.
- She has been working on letters of recommendation for high school students
- Working on the “ENOUGH” grant – which is to find the root of poverty in small towns and try to fix. There are multiple community partners working on MOUs for that.

Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan gave the following report:

- Road use maintenance agreement for road entrance for WWTP will be on the next agenda

Chief of Police Trams gave the following report:

- Deputies have been filling in while we are actively recruiting.
- A graph of calls handled will be provided at the first meeting of the month.
- He has several police department applications and is in conversation with MD PD training commission on two of the applicants. He asks that everyone be patient because he is looking for qualified people and wants the best for the town and will not hire anyone just to fill the seat.
- The final contract for the speed camera monitoring system has been reviewed by the attorney and is ready for signatures. Once signed, State Highway will be contacted for signage, then hopefully the company will get started in the next few weeks.

Mayor Spencer wanted to clarify that with the sudden resignation of our officer, we are left with only Chief Trams and have an agreement with the county for deputies on overtime to help fill in time.

Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham gave the following report:

- Doing routine things
- Helped Susquehanna with UV bulb cleaning
- Bulk pick up
- Rental inspections
- Grass cutting for code violations
- Paint curb on Main Street
- Started filling potholes (until dump truck broke down). Will resume when fixed.
- Cut back low-lying limbs (complaints from a few bus drivers)
- State Highway has been fixing storm drain in front of Gray’s Gas as well as clean up on Sunset and 313. There are potholes on E Sunset that we have also contacted them about.
- Been in contact with the new owners of the historical cabin on W Sunset that is moving to Marblehead Road and when they move it, we will assist in closing the road for the move.

Mayor Spencer clarified that we have no control over that building and the Historical Society is handling it.

Commissioner Brelia asked about a schedule for Whoville, and it was explained that the dates were moved to start the last weekend in November and the following two weekends.

Mrs. Weaver spoke about the water bills and that there is a schedule being included. The bills are due at a specific date then there is a 15-day grace period. Once grace period ends, there needs to be a payment agreement signed

by the end of the grace period. She explained that we have tried very hard to accommodate everyone. She said that once the bills are completed, she will post more on the website. Commissioner Brelia asked for a schedule to be added to each billing quarter for residents.

Commissioner Robinson asked Mr. Cunningham about Granby Street and he replied that they were filling pot holes when the dump truck tore up and will resume when fixed.

GVFC President Rich Covert gave the following report:

- Thank you to everyone that came to the rodeo and tractor pull. For the Tractor pull we had over 1450 paying adults and about 200 kids so about 1700 people.
- Kevin Parks thanked Brandon Cunningham for helping to sell beer at the event.

Mayor Spencer thanked the Fire Company for their cooperation with using the facility.

Public comment

Chris Mason

- Asked Chief Trams if the price included the cameras for the speed camera system and it does. He also thanks Chief Trams for his service.
- Asked for updates on the house in town in reference to no permits and asked if they are getting fined by the day. Council responded that it is under investigation and there is other agencies involved.
- Said a couple of ministers have reached out to him asking about churches and getting free water/sewer. Attorney Ryan said she has investigated it but there are legal ramifications.

Donna Clay

- Paper alleys. Mr. Pratt presented some documents to PZ then they went to circuit court. Discussion on the property adjoining Kinnamon Meadows. Attorney Ryan said the town does not get involved in property disputes and it becomes a dispute amongst neighbors. Town Manager Kelledees said she will set something up between the residents and Baldwin.

Tom Chandler

- Said that he has lived in town for 25 years and it was explained by the realtor that the paper alley was owned by the town. Attorney Ryan explained that the Town never took ownership of the paper alleys. She understands that residents are upset in reference to Kinnamon Meadows and suggested the property owners go forth with the property disputes.

Paula Turner

- Said Brandon needs to add critter catcher (groundhog/possums) to resume
- She asked about the property across the street from her and Mrs. Weaver replied that she has sent notices, but they keep getting returned, so she must follow the process.

Tim Dalton

- Spoke of gentrification and to put pressure on the contractors to fix Roe Street.

William Schaffner

- At the last meeting he had made suggestions on certain things and spoke about communication. Commissioner said she was not here so asked what he was referring to. One of the things is suggesting reaching out to local churches and the high school for help with Whoville.
- Reports to hand out. Mayor Spencer asked what reports specifically he would be interested in and he replied the department reports. Mr. Spencer said that may be cost prohibitive and the town attorney said we can attach a copy of the reports to the minutes when posted.
- Asked for a report on fees and fines that the old WWTP operator had cost the town
- Asked if there was enough time to get the speed camera contract signed tonight and it was explained that the town attorney had already reviewed it, so yes, it is good to be completed.

Kevin Parks

- Asked how much cost the Town has spent on lawyer fees, town employee time and any other expense in reference to Chris Mason.

Kim Ernest

- Permits –spoke of an incident a couple years ago with a neighbor and her fence. She questioned why permits are required when there is no HOA. Attorney Ryan said that this is to be sure the Town Code is being followed. Attorney Ryan did ask that she provide a copy of the survey so we can look at it.
- Asked for a schedule of fees to be available on the website.

Council Remarks

Commissioner Noon – none

Commissioner Robinson thanks everyone for patience that those that reached out to her.

Commissioner Harrison thanked the employees for their hard work and all the emails for things that have to be dealt with.

Commissioner Brelia thanked everyone for coming and being patient and that the wheels of government turn slow.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Noon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Parks