



David Spencer, Mayor
Tammy Kelleles, Town Manager/Clerk

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Town of Greensboro
Town Council Meeting
September 5, 2024

In attendance were Mayor David Spencer, Commissioner Brelia, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Noon, Town Manager Tammy Kelleles, Chief of Police Lenox Trams, Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham, Assistant Town Attorney Carly Landolfi via Zoom.

Residents in attendance were Chris Mason, Paula Turner, Ken Burk, William Schaffner, Linda Scheeman, Terri Christopher, Kevin Parks, Donna Clay, Pastor Doug Morely, Bob Martell, Connor – Star Democrat, Rick & Cathy Schwabb

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Pastor Doug Morely

Approval of August 15, 2024, minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Noon to approve the minutes from August 15, 2024, as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrison.

Town Manager Kelleles asked to allow the Historical Society to speak to the council and residents. All agreed.

- Cathy and Rick Schwabb from Caroline County and Ridgely Historical Society spoke of moving the cabin currently located on Sunset Avenue in Greensboro to Marblehead Farm in Ridgely. The Historical Society has no plans for it and has someone interested in it. They will speak to the Greensboro Historical Society as well about the move.
- Mayor Spencer asked about the property in town, and they said the Historical Society owns the land and there is a brick building also on the property currently used for storage.
- Mr. & Mrs. Schwabb also invited everyone to the last open house of the Ridgely Train Station this Saturday from 10 -1.

Public Security

Mayor Spencer spoke about the Town being down to one officer and asked for the public's opinion.

- Mrs. Kelledees gave council the current calendar and names of the deputies, as well as the scenarios/options. The mayor explained that we currently have officers on duty here as overtime at the cost of \$75 per hour (cost coming out of the pay allocated for Officer Smith).
 - Paula Turner wanted more information and numbers
 - Chris Mason said that “we already pay the county”
- Mayor Spencer gave the following options:
 1. We continue our own PD
 2. We work in conjunction with Caroline County Sheriff's Department
 3. We enter into a contractual agreement with Caroline County
 4. We have no agreement with anyone
- Mr. Bill Schaffner asked what specific responsibilities the county has to the town under the options?
- Paula Turner asked if there could be another special meeting to discuss
- Kevin Parks spoke about the county already paying us a differential to help with the Police Department
- Brandon Cunningham asked if we are looking to be a fully staffed department, and Chief Trams replied that we are and it was discussed that the decision has not been made.

Department Reports

Town Manager Tammy Kelledees gave the following report:

- She, Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Fowler met at Kinnamon Meadows with DL Horton and the engineering company. The revised sediment control program has been approved. They are anticipating storm water management to begin work in 3-4 weeks. DR Horton plans to start building around mid-November. Due to the storm water issues, they are going to start building on the opposite side of Parkland.
 - Commissioner Brelia asked about flooding and Brandon replied that a catch basin will be added and a swale to tie in about ¾ of the way down to control the flow.
- Mrs. Clay has concerns about property lines and Tammy is going to try to sit down with the engineers to get more information. (some was given to Mrs. Clay prior to the meeting)
 - Chris Mason asked if once this is built if there will be an HOA and the answer is yes.
- Letter of intent has been submitted to apply for the “Enough Grant” (Engaging Neighborhood Organization, Unions, Governments and Households) which is an initiative to end child poverty and increase economic mobility. If selected the first tier is partnerships to help us to create programs (food and security).
- Public Hearing for Goldsboro sewer rates will be held at the Greensboro Community Hall at the September 19, 2024, meeting.

- DBF has finished the copper inventory and will be soon finalizing that report that gets submitted. This is mandated by the EPA. Once we get the information back, we will start sending it to residents letting them know that people may need to come onto the property to look at the lines. There will be some grants, or it may be the responsibility of the homeowner to repair/replace.
- Terri Christopher asked about grants for the elderly.
- We have been selected for top 5 of the BEST OF THE BEST in the following categories:
 - Whoville – Seasonal and Local event
 - Car/Show Musicfest – Family Festival
 - Basketball program – Youth athletic
 - Voting starts next week so she asks anyone who enjoys these things to vote. We will be posting a link.
- She, Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. Parks will be graduating from the Academy of Excellence for MML on September 22, 2024, at the University of MD.

Mrs. Kelledees gave the following report for **Planning and Zoning**:

- There was no meeting in August
- Several residents that want to subdivide
- Looking at building permit applications and documentation needed for that in preparation for Kinnamon Meadows.
- Jaime and Brandon have been doing rental inspections.
 - Dave clarified that it is for her safety.
- There is a house in town that has outbuildings filled with people. Affidavit has been submitted to court. Once signed the inspector, Ms. Fowler and/or Mrs. Weaver and Chief Trams will go in and look
- Court on 9/10 for the vehicles on Sunset

Mrs. Kelledees gave the following for **Community Outreach**:

- The car/show Musicfest was incredible. \$6417.60 profit to go to the basketball program and sensory equipment for the parks. Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. Weaver put a lot of work into it and deserve a big THANK YOU.
- Cops and Bobbers and Kids in the Park Day is 9/28. Derby in the morning starting at 8 and park fun at noon.
- Preparing for the coat drive
- Whoville – we will be starting on that soon. Dates begin Thanksgiving weekend which includes one night for Greensboro residents only.
- Greensboro Connects – the food pantry will be receiving items from both Save-a-lot and Dollar General.
 - Safe Station will also be there each week
- Working on grants for the road at Choptank River Park
- She has submitted a grant for additional funding on including equipment at Jesse Sutton Park
- Looking at more grants for amenities, streets, sidewalks, and children’s sidewalks by the school

Chief Trams gave the following report:

- Be aware of the fraud with someone pretending to be Elon Musk
- Urges residents to use the following numbers for Police
 - 410-482-6771 for non-emergency Greensboro
 - 410-479-2515 for Caroline County non-emergency
 - Those calls will alternate between the County and the State Police if he is not on duty
 - Emergency – **Dial 911**
- Concerns about 110-1 Maple and the use of the generator. We can NOT ask them to move it inside because of carbon monoxide poisoning. He checked into a noise ordinance, but it does not cover generators. He was advised to use the Counties rules and that requires a decibel meter. Several calls have been made to Social Services and other agencies about the welfare of the child there.

Public Works Supervisor Brandon Cunningham gave the following report:

- Had to cut several yards that were code enforcement violations.
- Brush and bulk pick up were done.
 - The mayor asked if we knew how much tonnage and Mr. Cunningham replied that he is waiting on a bill from Breeding's for that.
- He thanked all the volunteers and public works for their help with the Car Show/Musicfest. Over 250 cars registered. It was a great show for the music. They had about \$24600 in monetary donations as well as over 20 donations for raffles with over 70 sponsors. Shout out to his wife, Katie for her help.
 - Mayor Spencer asked if we could put out list of sponsors and Brandon said yes and that they were also announced during the live feeds on the radio for the day.
- Whoville is coming up and we need volunteers. Working on going to rope lights so the field mice don't eat them.
- Best of the Best Nominations – he feels it is great that we are nominated in several categories for the top 5 and encourages all to vote
- Chief Trams spoke of the volunteers from the recovery house and the great job they do and are always willing to help with events. Thank you to Jim Bruce from GVFC for recruiting them.
 - Mayor Spencer said that Mrs. Weaver is trying to call people for code violations before sending out the letter and people are more receptive.

GVFC

- Mr. Cunningham spoke of the Tractor Pull this weekend and encouraged people to attend and noted that the first one of the year had to be cancelled due to the weather.

Public Comment

- Mr. Bill Schaffner is concerned that citizens feel they need more transparency, so he suggested the following:
 - Have grant applications and submission copies available for the public

- Give citizens copies of reports
 - Whoville – make a list of volunteers needed and contact local churches and youth groups
 - Noise – generator – ask them to put it in an enclosure
- Donna Clay – Mrs. Kelledees already answered some questions, but she talked about the paper alley and property lines. Ms. Landolfi (Assistant Attorney) suggested the quiet title action and surveyor got property lines.
- Paula Turner – referenced dogs and shock collars to represent her feelings with the Town Council and employees.
- Chris Mason – had a 2-hour meeting with Mrs. Kelledees and Mrs. Ryan and hopes to see the town working with citizens. Wants a 3-yr business plan for going forward for the terms that are left and wants to know what we are going to do with any extra money.
- Kevin Parks spoke about comments that insinuated he was getting a break on permits/inspections because of Mrs. Parks working in Town Hall. He explained the process. Chief Trams escorted Mr. Mason out for foul language.

Council Remarks

- Commissioner Breli – October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Caroline County Emergency Management chose that as their charity to raise money. The profits will go to Aaron’s Place from the sale of T-shirts or donations. He reminds us that Aaron’s Place is not only a food pantry but also a homeless shelter and resources for mental health and social services. They are a local charity that supports a lot of the county. (the link will also be added to our website)
- https://www.customink.com/fundraising/miracles-are-remembered?utm_campaign=mobile-campaign-page-share&utm_content=miracles-are-remembered&utm_medium=messaging&utm_source=text
- Commissioner Noon – He went to the car show and thanked Brandon, Amanda and all employees for a great event. The Musicfest was excellent, like your own personal concert. Trea Landon will be famous one day and he performed for us.
 - He let it be known that Christina is not here due to a death in the family and that she generally does not miss meetings.
 - He wants residents to know that the council is listening, trying to be transparent and to look at every area outside of the box.
 - The negativity is old. “How can we rebuild our town if we stay negative?” He asks that everyone listen to each other and be respectful.
- Kevin Parks spoke about the “talk of the town” and it potentially costing him \$30,000 on the sale of a house and those that talk on that page are actually bringing their town down.
 - Mayor Spencer said he is afraid to say anything and that they are doing the best they can. He also said that for those of you who don’t think they care or are trying, “shame on you.”
 - Commissioner Harrison said that “negativity breeds negativity” and they are all concerned about what goes on in their town.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting and move to closed session at 7:29 pm by Commissioner Harrison. Motion was seconded Commissioner Noon.

The council voted to revise benefits for particular employees.

Motion to adjourn closed session at 7:49 pm was made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Parks.