

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
July 8, 2008
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council members Jerry Rice, Ken Jacobs, and Cindy Wheeler. Also present were Town Administrator Gary Deal, Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia, members of the media, and four residents/property owners.

Mayor Fennell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and noted that a quorum was present. Council member Rice offered the invocation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and there were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Richard Fennell asked for any changes to the June 10, 2008 public hearing minutes; and none were made. Motion made by Council member Cindy Wheeler to adopt the public hearing minutes as presented; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. Adoption carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the June 10, 2008 minutes for the regular monthly meeting; and there were none. Motion made by Council member Jerry Rice to adopt the minutes as written; motion seconded by Council member Ken Jacobs. Adoption carried by unanimous vote.

2. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Fennell asked for any other old business; and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia stated there was nothing to report.

2. Enforcement Committee

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal had nothing to report from the Committee.

3. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal reported that since last month's meeting, three permits had been issued to: (1) Crabbe Service, an electrical and HVAC contractor, to install wiring and a gas pack at 523 NC Highway 100 owned by Bruce Readling; (2) Louise Smith at 7243 Greens Road to have a laundry room and bathroom addition constructed; and (3) Southern Alamance Electric to increase amperage to the David Peterson residence at 920 Penn-Lo Drive.

4. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Gary Deal gave a status report on the public water system efforts toward the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), stating that Benchmark CMR, Inc. had completed gathering supportive data via the door-to-door surveys which encompassed 23 households. Gary Wilson of Benchmark also has been working directly with John Nantz at Guilford County Health and Environmental on substantiating the extent, whereabouts, and progression of water contamination.

Benchmark will assemble the information and work up the formal application for submission on July 21 or shortly thereafter. Gary Wilson will keep Gary Deal apprised of progress on the package for CDBG. Following submission, it then becomes a wait for CDBG to determine worthiness of the Town's needs and circumstances. If Town officials and representatives from Benchmark are invited to meet with CDBG, then chances are generally 90-95% favorable that grant monies would be awarded.

Finally, Town Administrator Deal announced that there would be a Recycling Meeting at the Agricultural Center on Thursday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested may attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. End-of-Year Report on CD Rates and Maturity Schedule

The Town Clerk provided a handout to the Council members (copy attached for the official record) documenting a chronology and the current state of Town investments as of the close of the fiscal year that ended June 30. More so, in conversation with the State Treasurer's office, the clerk learned that the Town is faring well in its investments with 2 out of 4 "no penalty" CDs and decent negotiated rates—even amidst a dim national economy.

In addition and in carry over from the June public hearing where the issue of types of investment vehicles for public funds—namely annuities—was in question, the Mayor and Council members were provided with General Statute 159-30 that specifies the options for municipal investments. More to the point, annuities are clearly not permitted.

2. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for items from Council members; and with no response, Mayor Fennell asked for Council member reaction to moving ahead with restoration of the Town Hall building. All members affirmed, and the Town Clerk will make contacts for estimates on the first priority—roof repairs.

3. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; none made.

4. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked for speakers from the floor; and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council member Jerry Rice for adjournment, and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. Motion passed unanimously; and the July 8 Town Council meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Whitsett Town Hall.

/s/

Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

/s/

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: August 12, 2008