

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
November 11, 2008
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 11, 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 over 15 residents and interested parties.

Mayor Fennell called the Council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., and noted that a quorum was present.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the October 14, 2008 minutes for the regular monthly meeting; and there were none. Motion made by Council member Jerry Rice to accept the minutes as written; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

2. Adoption of Development Ordinance Amendment for Outdoor Storage

Mayor Fennell asked for a motion on this item. Motion made by Council member Jerry Rice to adopt the proposed amendment; motion simultaneously seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown and Council member Ken Jacobs. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Adoption of General Ordinance on Roadway Public Safety

Mayor Fennell asked for a motion concerning the new general ordinance; and Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance granting authority to the Sheriff's Office to protect roadway safety. Motion seconded simultaneously by Council members Cindy Wheeler and Jerry Rice. By unanimous vote, the general ordinance was adopted.

4. Ruling on Rezoning Request for 580 Highway 100 from RS-40 to Public & Institution

Mayor Fennell asked for a ruling on the rezoning request; and Council member Ken Jacobs readily made a motion that the parcel on Highway 100 be rezoned. Motion seconded by Council member Jerry Rice; and carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Fennell then, on behalf on the Town Council, welcomed Matthew Clapp and his parishioners to the neighborhood; and Mr. Clapp, in turn, thanked the Council for their decision and time. Likewise, members of the church thanked the Council for their acceptance, and giving the church a new home in Whitsett.

8. Any Other Old Business

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

Board Chairman Bob Maccia reported that Town Administrator Gary Deal and he had met with PTCOG to rework certain sections of in the Town’s Development Ordinance Book concerning “special-use” and “conditional-use” permitting.

In addition, Maccia stated that three Board terms expire at the end of 2008; and a recommendation for the 2009 Planning Board membership will be presented to the Town Council in December.

2. Enforcement Committee

3. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal stated that there was no Committee report; and no development clearance permits had been issued this month.

4. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Gary Deal reported that the Guilford County Solid Waste Committee—which includes representatives from the County and each municipality—had reconvened with the task of updating the 2006 Solid Waste Plan which requires revision every three years. A new plan should be available by April 2009 for Town Council review and approval.

Town Administrator Deal also reported that relative to PTCOG’s involvement and assistance in cleaning up the Town ordinances, he felt some of the confusion may be due to the Town ordinances not being on the computer; thereby having to resort to “cutting and pasting” methods to make changes, which breaks up the

continuity of pertinent code in applying what is in effect. Given this, Deal explained that he had asked Ginger Booker if the [old format] “floppy” disks with the original contents of the ordinance book still existed somewhere; and she was in the process of researching that.

Deal also mentioned, that if those disks cannot be found, he had asked the Town Clerk if she would be interested in working extended hours to enter the text on the computer. This would be monumental, yet very necessary to afford accurate changes and flow to Town ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and there were none.

2. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and there were none.

3. 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; and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. Motion passed unanimously; and the November 11 Town Council meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: December 9, 2008