

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
June 8, 2010
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 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, Cindy Wheeler, and Lee Greeson. Also present were Town Administrator Gary Deal, Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia, 2 members of the media, and 8 area citizens.

Following the public hearing, Mayor Fennell called to order the Council meeting at 7:55 p.m., and noted that a quorum was present.

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 Fennell asked for any changes to the May 11, 2010 minutes; none made. Motion made by Council member Jerry Rice to accept the minutes as written; motion seconded by Council member Cindy Wheeler. Adoption carried by unanimous vote.

2. Adoption of Whitsett Town Budget for FY 2010-2011

Mayor Fennell asked Council members for any further discussion on the proposed \$115,890 budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Hearing none, Mayor Fennell asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget and adopt the budget ordinance for FY 2010-2011.

A motion was made by Council member Cindy Wheeler to adopt the 2010-2011 proposed budget as presented; motion seconded by Council member Jerry Rice. Adoption carried by unanimous vote.

3. Adoption of General Ordinance Changes on Nuisances

Mayor Fennell recommended to Council members that the definitive words of “furniture, refrigerators, stoves, and other appliances” be inserted in the ordinance accordingly, and that the extraneous words of “or course of conduct” and “annoyance” be deleted from the proposed [new] definition of the term nuisance.

With no discussion, a motion was made by Council member Cindy Wheeler to accept the recommended changes to the general ordinance; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1, with Council member Lee Greeson voting nay.

4. Adoption of Development Ordinance Amendments on Accessory Buildings

Mayor Fennell asked for any further discussion on the proposed changes to the ordinance on accessory buildings. With none, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown to accept the recommended changes as written. Motion seconded by Council member Lee Greeson; and motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion on Environmental Regulations Relative to Jordan Lake Rules

With no action yet relevant on the new environmental regulations covering the Jordan Lake Rules, Mayor Fennell moved along to a ruling on the future of recycling within the town limits.

6. Discussion and Decision on Recycling in Whitsett

Given the constraints of the newly adopted 2010-2011 budget, and considering the positive public comments on the town’s recycling drop-off site, consensus among all Council members was to stay with the bins at the Town Hall, until any problems arise. Town Administrator Gary Deal asked Council members if they were satisfied with the bins’ location; and all gave a nod.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown to continue the drop-off site; motion seconded by Council member Jerry Rice. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business to be discussed; there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia stated that with the June Board meeting having been cancelled, he had nothing to report.

2. Enforcement Committee

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal stated that no Enforcement Committee activity had taken place.

3. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal reported that since last month's meeting, no clearance permit certificates had been issued.

4. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Deal reported that at this past month's Solid Waste meeting, a roundtable discussion took place on universal trash pick up throughout the County at the interest of one particular County Commissioner who had resurrected the issue from year's back. The feedback, especially from the major trash contractors present, proved interesting; but with no firm future plans for such a system.

Town Administrator Deal then gave an update on the efforts of Pyramid Environmental Engineering, the firm representing the Whitsett Mini-Mart, to seek assistance from the State Tank Fund to pay for tap fees and household hookups for those residents within a 1500 ft. radius of the contaminated area at the intersection of highways 61 and 70.

Prior to Tank Fund coverage, Pyramid would need to secure 100% commitment by those residents to hook up to public water when it becomes available. Even though the majority of these households are beyond the scope of the currently planned water lines funded by DCA grant monies, the letters of agreement signed by each resident would be binding for later expansion of the water system. These letters of agreement would satisfy State requirement for use of UST funds and would bring future liability to zero.

Deal announced that these letters are now ready to be sent to homeowners, and Pyramid requested the Town's permission to proceed. But first, it may be wise to coordinate these efforts with Benchmark, the Town's contractor for administering the DCA grant. All Council members agreed this would be beneficial; and a motion was made by Mayor Fennell for Town Administrator Deal to contact Gary Wilson at Benchmark on this process. Motion seconded by Council member Lee Greeson; and motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; none offered.

2. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and there were none

3. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any speakers from the floor; and no one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Lee Greeson; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown. Motion passed unanimously; and the June 8 Town Council meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the Whitsett Town Hall.

/s/

Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

/s/

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: July 13, 2010