



**AGENDA OF THE  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN HALL  
MARCH 29, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA:  
A. MEETING AGENDA**
- 4. DISCUSS RESIGNATION OF JACK DWAYNE CRAWFORD**
- 5. ADJOURN**

**MINUTES OF THE  
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**NOTE: The official minutes are a CD recording of the meeting. The following is a summary of the events of the meeting.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mark Brown.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Council:**

Mark Brown, Mayor  
Carolyn Collins  
Becky Strickland  
Bob Williams

**Staff:**

Michael Brandt, Town Administrator  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
William Hill, Town Attorney

A motion was made by Bob Williams to formally excuse Dena Barnes from this meeting because she is out of state. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Collins, and carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Carolyn Collins to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Bob Williams, and carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS RESIGNATION OF JACK DWAYNE CRAWFORD**

Bill Hill stated the Town of Summerfield Charter does not address this situation, so State Law must be followed in this case. According to State Law 160A-63, Town Council must fill the vacant seat and the remaining term of office. Hill discussed the options available:

- Select the individual with the next highest vote tally from the most recent municipal election.
- Request citizens to submit applications to be reviewed by the council (in open session) and choose from the applicants.
- Appoint a former council member to fill the vacant seat.
- Any other method chosen by Council.

Hill further stated there will be three council seats open in the next election, and a Special Election will need to be held at that time to fill the remaining 2 years of the now vacant seat. Individuals seeking elective office will be required to notify the Guilford County Board of Elections as to which seat they intend to run for, and will only be eligible for that seat, either the regular four year term Council seat, ***OR*** the remaining 2 years of the seat vacated by Dwayne Crawford. Hill reiterated that the Council must decide how to proceed until the November election by choosing one of the aforementioned options to fill the seat.

The requirements include being a resident of Summerfield, be at least 18 years of age, have no felony convictions, and be a registered voter.

Bob Williams stated there was the possibility of losing a very good candidate if he or she ran for the now vacant seat and came in second.

Becky Strickland asked if it would be clear on the ballot that it was for one seat only, with a two year term. Hill responded affirmatively, adding that that section would be marked "Special Election".

Brown stated he had spoken to Dena Barnes by telephone and she was in agreement with him on recommending taking citizen applications to fill the seat.

Strickland also agreed with this method.

Brown suggested reviewing the applications in open session and then making a decision.

Strickland asked if there would be a public hearing, stating the voters should have a say in who fills Crawford's seat, as they were the ones who voted him into office.

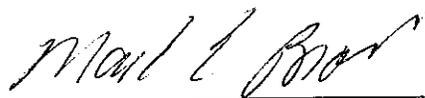
Collins likes the idea of selecting the next highest vote receiver from the last election, but is agreeable to accepting citizen applications. She recommended acting quickly to fill the seat, as it is budget time.

Brown suggested having Michael Brandt develop an application form as soon as possible and notifying the news media. He stated it will be announced and discussed at the next Council meeting, along with a deadline to apply, with a decision being made during the May Council meeting, or a Special Call meeting.

Collins recommended selecting a replacement by May 1.

A motion was made by Collins to use the citizen application method of replacement, to direct Brandt to develop an application to be approved by Council and out to the public within ten days, and to make a selection on or before May 1, 2007. The motion was seconded by Bob Williams, and carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made to adjourn by Carolyn Collins at 7:46 pm. The motion was seconded by Bob Williams, and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk