

**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
DECEMBER 8, 2009
6:30 PM**

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 6:32 pm by Mark Brown.

The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troup #103.

Flowers made a motion to formally excuse Strickland from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Council:

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Bob Williams
John W. Wray Jr.

Staff:

Michael Brandt, Town Manager
Chris Anderson, Town Planner
Dana Luther, Finance Officer
William Hill, Town Attorney
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk
George Holub, Parks & Rec Supervisor

CONSENT AGENDA:

Brandt requested the addition of 16D Report on Summerfield Athletic Park.

Wray made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, including the meeting agenda, minutes of the November 10 and November 30, 2009 meetings, Closed Session Minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting, Financial Report, and Town Council Budget Amendment #4. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Appoint Cheri Pikett to Public Safety Committee

Flowers stated she and Barnes both interviewed Pickett and she would make an excellent addition to the committee. Flowers made a motion to appoint Cheri Pickett to the Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

B. Continued Discussion/Approval of Manager Oversight of Certain Committees Ordinance

Brandt stated the document had been amended based on council discussion during the November meeting. Flowers recommended adding "in a timely manner" to section b that says "The Manager shall bring forth all applications..". Brown feels this document is a good start and can be modified in the future if necessary.

Wray made a motion to adopt the Manager Oversight of Certain Committees Ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR (CEREMONIAL)

Brown read a proclamation honoring Becky Strickland for her service to the Town of Summerfield, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes:

Proclamation
Appreciation for the Services of Becky Strickland

WHEREAS, Becky Strickland has served as Council Member of the Town of Summerfield since December 2005; and

WHEREAS, Becky Strickland has put forth substantial effort toward improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Town of Summerfield; and

WHEREAS, Becky Strickland has served unselfishly in her capacity for the good of the Town of Summerfield, making sacrifices in personal and family ties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina, that Becky Strickland is hereby officially commended by this Town Council on behalf of the citizens of Summerfield for valuable service rendered to the Town of Summerfield in her official capacity of Council Member.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation be made part of the permanent records of the Town of Summerfield and that a copy of this proclamation be presented to Becky Strickland.

Proclaimed this the 8th day of December 2009.

Brown then read a plaque commemorating Strickland’s service to the town, and expressed his appreciation.

CALL RECESS TO RETIRE OLD COUNCIL:

Flowers made a motion to recess at 6:44 pm, seconded by Barnes, to retire the old Council, and for pictures and refreshments.

Brown called the meeting back to order at 6:59 pm.

SEAT NEW COUNCIL: OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Lawrence McSwain, District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Mark Brown and Council-elect Dianne Laughlin and John Wray. McSwain discussed the importance of the oath, noting there was a duty to self, supporters, opponents, and to all town citizens. He said there is no way to please all of the people, but each should strive to do his or her best. McSwain, Brown, Laughlin and Wray then signed the oaths with the signatures conferring all duties and responsibilities that come with council membership.

Luther and Hill were excused at 7:10 pm.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Wray made a motion nominating Barnes as Mayor Pro Tem, noting it is an important and difficult job, and Barnes has done well in it. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR (limited to 5 min. on non-agenda items)

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Founders’ Day: Brown stated the committee will meet December 10 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall to begin planning for the 2010 event.

B. Finance: The next meeting will be in January 2010.

- C. Historical:** Linda Southard said there was no December meeting planned as the committee toured Blandwood Mansion on December 4 instead of holding a formal meeting.
- D. Parks & Rec:** Sue Beeson said the committee met December 3 and is still in need of additional members.
- E. Public Safety:** No report.
- F. SYC:** Reece Walker thanked all for attending the Tree Lighting event and said they will be participating in the December 12 Stokesdale Christmas parade.
- G. Comprehensive Plan:** Flowers said the committee met the previous night to review the entire plan. The review has not been completed yet. The next scheduled meeting is January 4, 2010 6:45 pm and the open house is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2010 at Summerfield Elementary School.
- H. Athletic Advisory:** Brandt stated the committee approved the design for the concession building and has decided it would be better to wire for sound, rather than install speakers on light poles.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL

A. Approval of 2010 Meeting Schedule

Flowers made a motion to approve the 2010 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

B. Report on meetings or activities (if any)

Barnes attended a ribbon cutting at Golden Antiques and Treasures and said Mr. Golden has done a wonderful job rehabbing the building.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. Approval of Contract with D&Y for Athletic Park septic system

Brandt stated there were two bids, with D&Y coming in low at \$38,750. He noted there was an additional amount of \$1800 for rock that would need to be added in, bringing the new total to \$40,550. Brandt stated the budgeted amount was \$50,000. Flowers asked why only two bids were received and Brandt stated he expected more, especially in light of the current economy, but this is a specialized system and few companies have the expertise to do it. Flowers asked if there would be an additional cost for wiring; Brandt stated it was included in the price of the pump.

Flowers made a motion to approve the contract with D&Y for the Athletic Park septic system in an amount of \$38,750, with an additional amount of \$1,800 for rock. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

B. Approve submission of Stage 1 Adaptive Management Program for Existing Development; Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Strategy

Anderson stated all jurisdictions, about 30 to 40 municipalities, in the Jordan Lake basin must submit a plan. The state then has 6 months to review and recommend changes, then the town would have another 3 months to amend the plan based on comments by the state. Anderson said the Zoning Board made major modifications to the document prior to submitting to council tonight. Flowers said it was a very informative and interesting document and she now has a better understanding of the Jordan Lake issue. Barnes requested that it be sent to our state representatives.

Flowers made a motion to approve submission of the Stage 1 Adaptive Management Program for Existing Development; Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Strategy to the state. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

C. Report on meetings or activities (if any)

Brandt attended a budget and finance conference in Charlotte where there were dire predictions made about the retirement system, sales tax revenue and property tax revenue. Brandt and Luther will attend the North Carolina Capital Management Trust meeting tomorrow.

D. Report on Summerfield Athletic Park

Brandt stated due to it raining over 12” in the last two months there were only 15 work days, putting construction behind 4 to 6 weeks. The major grading is almost finished and then fine grading and installation of light poles can begin.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

A. Report on meetings or activities (if any)

Brown attended a mayor’s meeting in Archdale November 13 where there was discussion about commerce. Of particular interest was the fact that manufacturing is no longer in the top three for industry, which now includes agriculture, forestry, and tourism. Unemployment is predicted to rise to 11.2 to 11.5% statewide in the next several months. Brown also attended the Elected Officials Forum on November 16 at the Agricultural Center.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Wray thanked all meeting attendees and voters, and welcomed Laughlin to the council, noting she was deputy clerk during the time Wray was mayor.

Laughlin said she was humbled and honored to be elected to serve the people of Summerfield.

Barnes announced John Blust had a baby girl on December 1.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 7:38 pm by Flowers to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Mark E. Brown, Mayor

Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk