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**MINUTES OF THE  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
FEBRUARY 9, 2010  
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 6:31 pm by Mark Brown.

The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Council:**

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

**Staff:**

Michael Brandt, Town Manager  
Dana Luther, Finance Officer  
William Hill, Town Attorney  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
Chris Anderson, Town Planner

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Flowers asked that Consent Agenda Item Appoint Founders' Day Committee Members Denise Templeton and Mamie Brown be moved to 11F, under Business From Manager.

Barnes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda *as amended*, including the meeting agenda, minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting, Closed Session minutes of the January 12, 2010, Financial Report, and Finance Officer Budget Amendment #2. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brown announced there was information available on the table about the 2010 Census.

Flowers announced a silent auction on Saturday February 13, from 12 to 6:00 pm at Golden's Antiques. This event is a fundraiser for the VFW monument.

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

Senator Phil Berger introduced himself and stated the legislature had a short session coming up. He offered his assistance to the town on any issues or bills.

Don Wendelken, 3406 Windswept Dr, stated changes would be coming to the town due to the new roads and urged all to be prepared for a major facelift to Summerfield.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC Hwy 150 W, spoke of cronyism, stating in his opinion, there was much of it going on in Summerfield.

Terry McLean, 6180 Lake Brandt Rd, responding to Crawford, noted she had resigned from the SYC more than a year ago.

**CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD ON FY 2010-2011 BUDGET**

Jeff Johnson, 6106 Bascom Dr. stated Summerfield, as well as others, was facing a lot of uncertainty due to the economy and the state is looking to push their financial burden to local governments. While Summerfield is in an enviable financial position, he urged council to strive to preserve the fund balance and fund what was truly needed only.

Beth Kaplan, 7979 Highfill Rd. agreed that there is much uncertainty. She asked council to look towards the future and to take careful consideration of the Comprehensive Plan in budget planning.

Don Wendelken spoke about the bad financial situation the state government is in.

Flowers asked about additional budget public comment periods and Brandt responded they will be on the March and April agendas.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Founders' Day:** Brown said the committee has met once and this year's Founders' Day will be the 14<sup>th</sup> annual, to be held May 15.

**B. Finance:** Luther said the next meeting is February 15. The committee will discuss budget planning, budget calendar, manager oversight of committees, and ball fields.

**C. Historical:** Linda Southard stated the next meeting is February 25.

**D. Parks & Rec:** Sue Beeson said the next meeting is February 11. The committee will discuss events planning. All are welcome to share ideas and volunteers are needed.

**E. Public Safety:** Ron Marshburn said the committee met January 20 and discussed the following: budget, Auburn Woods/Wilson Farm road closing request, and trail signs for the Strawberry Rd area trail. The next meeting is February 17.

**F. SYC:** Williams, reporting on behalf of Reese Walker, stated they were looking forward to Founders' Day.

**G. Comprehensive Plan:** Flowers said the January 26 Open House was attended by over 300 citizens and commended staff on their advertising efforts, and committee members on their hard work and dedication. The next meeting is February 23 to review citizen feedback and adjust the plan as needed.

**H. Athletic Advisory:** Brandt said the committee met in early January and decided on the building colors. He also noted the weather has caused significant delays in the work therefore the opening has been pushed back to September 6.

Flowers asked about negotiations field use and Brandt responded he Luther and Hill would be meeting later in the week to review a draft policy which would be brought back to council.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Brown read the proclamations, which are hereby incorporated into these minutes:

#### **A. Women in Construction Week**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Women in Construction has for 44 years distinguished itself as the voice of women in construction; and

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Chapter has unceasingly promoted the employment and advancement of women in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the construction community, represented by the Piedmont Chapter, has been a driving force in fostering community development through renovation and beautification projects, promotion of skilled trades careers, educational programs, and a positive vision of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Chapter has sought to achieve successful results for the Piedmont Triad Region in a cooperative spirit with other organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark E Brown, Mayor of the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina, proclaim that the Piedmont Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction and its many dedicated volunteers are recognized for steadfast work on behalf and support of women in construction, and do proclaim the week of March 7-13, 2010 as "Women in Construction Week", and encourage our citizens to congratulate the organization on its many accomplishments.

Proclaimed this the 9th day of February 2010.

### **B. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with MS, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career and unravel the fabric of families; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that in our state more than 10,000 people are affected by this devastating disease, and multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged 20 through 40, attacking them in the prime of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have been committed throughout the years to heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating and disabling disease, and raising millions of dollars to find the cure for MS and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of client programs; and

WHEREAS, research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, much remains to be done, and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease; and

WHEREAS, finding the cause and developing a method of prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all Americans and North Carolinians should support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark E Brown, Mayor of the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim that the week of March 8-14, 2010 be declared as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week", and commend this observance to all our citizens.

Proclaimed this the 9th day of February 2010.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Case #01-10 Map Error Correction RS-30 to LB.** The parcel is located at 7401 Summerfield Rd., Bruce Township, Guilford County tax map 01-0037 block 0906, parcel 009, being at the northern corner of the intersection of Pleasant Ridge Rd and Summerfield Rd. The parcel is owned by James R. and Gayle M. Smith and is approximately .52 acres.

Anderson described the case, stating the RS-40 zoning should actually be L.B. The Zoning Board unanimously recommended the correction. He stated the owner is Gayle Smith, but the applicant is the Town of Summerfield.

Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm.

#### Proponents

Gayle Smith, 2701 Lunsford Rd, stated she purchased the property in the mid 1990's and it was used as a design firm and retail store. She noted the location has always been used for business, prior to her purchase it was an antique store and prior to that, a service station. Smith was very surprised to learn that it was zoned RS-40, and requested council approval of the map correction.

With no other speakers, Brown closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm.

Flowers made a motion to approve Case #01-10 Map Error Correction RS-40 to L.B. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

## **BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

### **A. Update from Kimley-Horn re: US 220 widening project review**

Brandt stated the Signal Warrant Analysis looked at 3 intersections and found the standard was not met to warrant a traffic signal at Summerfield Rd North, may be warranted in 2025 at Joseph Hoskins Rd, and does appear to be warranted at Summerfield Rd South. He noted this review was done based on the older NCDOT traffic studies and would be re done when the new traffic studies become available. He will discuss this with NCDOT.

Flowers asked about the Hamburg Mill Rd intersection and Brandt replied it is not in Summerfield.

### **B. Update regarding MPO membership**

Brandt stated the 5 towns had made the request to have individual seats on the board and the MPO made an offer of one seat to be shared by the 5 towns. He asked council their pleasure on accepting the offer, or pushing for one of 3 options. Barnes feels that the issue is about representation for the citizens of Summerfield and Option 3, which suggests a seat to each town with a population of 5,000 or more that requests it. Flowers and Wray agree.

By consensus, Brandt was directed to move forward with negotiating for Option 3.

### **C. Discuss/approve repair to Historical Marker – Bruce Cemetery**

Following a brief discussion, it was decided by consensus to gather more information and then bring this back to council.

### **D. Approve Fund Raising Program for Founders' Day**

Brandt discussed proposed changes to this year's Founders' Day event designed to generate more revenue, including the following: higher rate for tent space, requiring food vendors to remit 10% of gross sales, selling t shirts, hosting movie or ball game the night before, and offering sponsorships.

Following a brief discussion, Barnes made a motion to approve the Fund Raising Program for Founders' Day. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

### **E. Appoint Denise Templeton and Mamie Brown to Founders' Day Committee**

Brandt stated Templeton had experience running a Chamber of Commerce and would be a great addition to the committee, as well as Brown, who had served as a volunteer for the event in the past.

Flowers made a motion to appoint Templeton and Brown to the Founders' Day Committee. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

### **A. Discussion of Manager Evaluation Form**

Numerous changes were discussed. By consensus, discussed changes will be made and the form will be brought back to council for approval in March.

### **B. Speakers from the Floor Policy**

There was discussion about allowing speakers to talk about agenda items as well. Flowers previously thought it was prohibited by statute, but since it is not, feels that citizens should be able to talk about agenda items and she would like to hear their thoughts prior to voting on issues.

Laughlin mentioned that the town did have a Speakers From the Floor Policy.

It was decided by consensus to review the policy and bring this item back to council in March.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Brown read the reasons for entering into Closed Session as follows:

**A) consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6);**

**B) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public board in negotiation: 1) the price and other material terms of a contract; or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease;**

**C) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.**

Barnes made a motion to enter into closed session at 8:41 pm. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Anderson was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Barnes made a motion to return to open session at 9:15pm. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

Barnes said she had received a citizen complaint about trash on the roads and recommended that Summerfield explore a cleanup program, such as Big Sweep.

By consensus, it was decided to continue the Town Facilities discussion from the February 4 Special Call meeting following the February 15 Budget Workshop.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 9:22 pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

  
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Mark E. Brown, Mayor

  
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Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk