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**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
JULY 13, 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 6:30 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
William Hill, Town Attorney
Dana Luther, Finance Officer
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA:

Brown suggested adding agenda item 11. Receive Petition and Schedule Referendum, and removing 15. Closed Session.

Barnes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, including the meeting agenda, minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting, and Closed Session Minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting, Financial Report, Finance Officer Budget Amendment #5, and Town Council Budget Amendment #11. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brown announced two events in Summerfield Community Park: Movie in the Park-The NeverEnding Story on Saturday July 17 at 8:00 pm, and Music in the Park-The Hot Wires on Sunday July 18 at 6:30 pm.

PROCLAMATION – Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Brown read the proclamation, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes:

WHEREAS ticks carrying the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* that causes Lyme Borreliosis, commonly known as Lyme disease, continues to spread across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Public Health now encourages physicians to consider the clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease in residents who may be infected with the bacteria, contracted within NC; and

WHEREAS, the number of reported cases of Lyme disease among residents of North Carolina continues to increase, yet the Centers for Disease Control estimates that on average there are ten missed cases for every case reported; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose because it imitates other conditions and no reliable laboratory test can prove who is infected or bacterial-free, which often leads to misdiagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early indicators of infection include flu-like symptoms, characterized by chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches, and swollen lymph nodes; and weeks or months later, patients with untreated or under-treated Lyme disease can suffer from serious, permanent and sometimes life-threatening damage to the brain, joints, heart, eyes, liver, spleen, blood vessels and kidneys. For this reason it is imperative that all who develop this disease receive immediate treatment; and

WHEREAS, the best solution to the threat of Lyme disease is to educate people about the seriousness of the illness and the need to practice personal preventive techniques when engaging in outdoor activities, such as frequent tick checks, use of tick repellent and proper tick removal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark E. Brown, Mayor of the Town of Summerfield proclaim July as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and commend this observance to all our citizens.
Proclaimed this 13th day of July 2010.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR (limited to 5 min.)

Anne Nusskern, 7507 Addison Dr. spoke against constructing a new Town Hall facility, stating it goes against the Comprehensive Plan common objectives of keeping the rural charm and limiting government.

Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Dr. derided the use of "outrageous personal attacks" and says she is opposed to hiring a "party tsar" and increasing taxes and supports democracy and the change of form of government referendum.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC Hwy 150 W asked about delays in ball field construction and if penalties were being charges. Brandt replied that the delays were due to rain, which is an "act of god" and therefore no penalties were being pursued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Finance:** Luther stated the committee would not meet in July. The next meeting is August 16.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard, Chair, stated the next meeting was scheduled for August 26.
- C. **Parks & Rec:** No report.
- D. **Public Safety:** No report.
- E. **Athletic Advisory:** Brandt stated grass sprigging was complete on the three baseball fields and the multipurpose field would be sprigged next. The grand opening is scheduled for September 11.

UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

Summerfield Youth Council: Reese Walker said the group served dinner at Camp Carefree on June 19, and annual elections would take place in August.

RECEIVE PETITION AND SCHEDULE REFERENDUM

Dwayne Crawford stated the Board of Elections had certified that the required number of signatures had been met to allow the change of form of government issue to be on put on the November general election ballot and requested that council vote to do so. Crawford presented documents to the clerk for filing at Town Hall. Flowers asked how it would read on the ballot and Hill stated the language was statutory and would be something along the lines of "Shall an ordinance be passed requiring the Town of Summerfield to operate under the mayor-council form of government? Yes or No". Brown proposed a motion for consideration: "Council shall call a special election on the question of whether to adopt the proposed change, to wit, should the Town of Summerfield amend its charter to operate under the Mayor-Council form of government, with a special election to be held November 2, 2010." Hill recommended adding "and also give the public notice according to state law." Flowers asked if there was a choice and Hill stated the petition could be challenged, but he recommends against it.

Barnes made the above motion, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.

Hill was excused at 7:07 pm.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. Update on new Personnel Policy Manual

Brandt discussed the proposed changes. Following brief discussion, it was decided by consensus that council would review the changes and the policy would be brought back for consideration in August.

B. Update on Summerfield Community Park well sites

Brandt stated that based upon reports and other information he received, he ordered testing for the two existing town wells at SCP for petroleum and radium contamination. The first well drilled by the Board of Education (Amphitheater well) found levels of radium in excess of that allowed for the potable use of the well. Town staff was verbally told that benzene was found in the second well (VFW well); however after reviewing well tests provided by the school, there is no indication that the contamination exists. The Board of Education is not going to use either well drilled at SCP, and have offered the wells to the Town and the Community Center. At this time there is not an immediate need for either well, but either or both could be used for irrigation or other uses. Staff is requesting Council input into whether the wells should be closed or capped and maintained for possible future use. Approval by the Community Center Board was granted for usage of the 2nd well.

Barnes made a motion to accept the wells from Guilford County Schools and to cap them for future use. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

C. Update on Historic Landmark Designation for Summerfield Gym

Brandt stated staff and the Historic Committee chair met with the contractor regarding the nomination of the Gym for the National Register of Historic Places. Concerns regarding position of the Board of Education and timeline for approval were discussed. The Board of Education, as a public body, cannot prevent nomination of buildings or structures owned by them. Therefore no action by the Board of Education is required to continue with the process. Due to the large number of applications and limited staff at the State, the application will not be reviewed for final approval until February 2011 at the earliest. However, since the building is on the study list it is already granted certain protections from structural changes and demolition.

D. Consideration/Approval of contract with Glenn Harbeck Associates, Inc.

The contract is part of the implementation of the Summerfield Comprehensive Plan and includes development of a Unified Development Ordinance and a Special Area Plan for Summerfield Rd. Flowers asked if the vote could be divided as she is opposed to the Special Area Plan.

Following brief discussion, Wray made a motion to approve the contract in its entirety, with Glenn Harbeck and Associates Inc in an amount not to exceed \$215,000 for development of a Unified Development Ordinance and a Special Area Plan for Summerfield Rd. The motion was seconded by Williams and passed 4 to 1. Flowers opposed.

E. Report on meetings or activities (if any)

Brandt attended a MPO meeting.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL

A. Consideration/Approval of Audit Contract

Luther noted the contract was for \$9025 with a discount of \$1000 if she completed the financial and audit report. Wray made a motion to approve the Audit Contract with Rouse, Rouse, Penn and Rouse in an amount not to exceed \$9025. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

B. Consideration/Approval of Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

Flowers made a motion approving the agreement. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

C. Report on meetings or activities (if any)

Barnes attended an MPO meeting, Piedmont Triad Partnership meeting, and a PART meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

A. Update on Piedmont Triad Airport Authority Draft Master Plan

Brown asked if council would like to schedule a presentation from PTAA. It was decided to view the videotaped presentation if available.

B. Report on meetings and activities (if any)

Brown attended the June 16 Town Hall Day sponsored by NCLM.

C. Need for Alarm System at Summerfield Athletic Park

Brown stated there is a need to install alarm systems at the concession stand and maintenance building. Brandt said there may be contingency funds available to cover the cost, however he does not know what the cost will be.

By consensus, Brandt was directed to gather cost information and report back during the August meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Barnes feels the use of the term "party tsar" is inappropriate and a misnomer.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 8:04 pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk