

**MINUTES OF THE  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
SUMMERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
January 25, 2006  
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 the meeting to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Mark Brown.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mark Brown, Mayor	Michael Brandt, Town Administrator
Dena Barnes, Mayor ProTem	Dianne Laughlin, Town Clerk
Carolyn Collins	
Bob Williams	
Dwayne Crawford	
Becky Strickland	

Mayor Brown explained that Eric Handler's interview has been moved to Thursday night to allow more time for each interview and Marshall Hurley withdrew from the interviews; so the Roberson Haworth & Reece firm would be the only interview held tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS: (Interview for Summerfield Town Attorney):**  
**A. 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.....Roberson Haworth & Reece, PLLC**

Representatives from the firm were James C. Lanik, Beth Koonce, and Bill Miller.

Lanik gave an overview of their firm and its eleven members and stated he would be the person from the firm to represent the Town.

Mayor Brown, Council members and the Town Administrator asked questions of Mr. Lanik, Mr. Miller and Ms. Koonce about other firm members, contracts, franchise service experience, general municipal law, zoning and planning experience, state law knowledge and updates, client development, professional organizations, Guilford County and Summerfield Ordinances, any conflicts of interest, availability, code enforcement, mediation and billing rates.

Beth Koonce stated her father was the Mayor of High Point and that she held a sign for him.

There appeared to be no conflicts of interests with property or client interests.

In closing statements, Lanik stated they are looking to expand and that they have depth and breadth to bring to the Town of Summerfield. He also reported that the

other towns they represent, Archdale and Jamestown, are agreeable with the firm also representing Summerfield.

Lanik reported he will be present at the February 7<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting as interim Town Attorney.

Strickland stated she recommended this firm to represent the town on an interim basis by way of her research, that she has no personal affiliation with them.

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

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Mark Brown, Mayor

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Dianne Laughlin, Town Clerk