

**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL METTING
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 1, 2010
1:30 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 1:34 Pm by Mark Brown.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Council:

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

Staff:

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

Wray made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which consists of the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Request from Guilford County School Board to Drill a Well in Summerfield Community Park

At issue is the contention that the location of the proposed well will be at odds with the location of the proposed VFW memorial. Hill noted the property or area in question is controlled by Summerfield Community Center, Inc. not the Town of Summerfield, therefore, the Town of Summerfield has no legal standing in the issue. The negotiations must be made with Summerfield Community Center, Inc. He further noted the VFW monument is deemed a park improvement, whereas a well is not.

While the VFW presentation was not on this agenda, Brown asked Danny Nelson to go ahead and present it now, and recommended it be added to the March 9, 2010 agenda for official consideration.

Danny Nelson spoke on behalf of the VFW:

“The VFW post 7999 has spent more than two years developing our plans for a permanent monument for veterans. Now after groundbreaking, fundraising began and displaying our artist rendering for fundraising efforts and within a couple of days of signing a binding contract to begin construction on our monument on our dedicated site we learned of Guilford County Schools needs to revisit our site for test well drilling. Our veterans are certainly accustomed to making sacrifices. After much consideration and discussion we are once again willing to make another sacrifice. These are our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and perhaps great great grandchildren that each of us has fought and died for to afford them the freedoms and the right for education. It is in this case our duty to stand up and make this decision. We are willing to surrender our site in the grove of trees to allow the Guilford County Schools to proceed with their project on the condition that we are granted the alternate site on the East side of the Summerfield Community Center parking lot. We request this council approve this site with NO DELAY so we can continue with our project and meet our projected July 4th dedication. We cannot afford to waste time again haggling over sites. Our post lost five members last year. We simply do not want to bury another comrade without them seeing this monument completed. Therefore we need a solid commitment from this council and Guilford County today. It is our understanding that the town of Summerfield fully supports and is committed to this memorial for the good of the community we therefore request a public confirmation that we will be granted this alternate site that was discussed as an option between the town manager and myself last week. From Guilford County we need a solid commitment from Mr. LaRowe that he will work on our behalf to get the county to offset the added expenses incurred by our accommodation of their needs. Given the short notice regarding the county’s need to test on our dedicated site in the grove of trees we have not had the time or opportunity to obtain estimates for

preparing and building on the alternate site. Because of the physical issues involved by changing sites there will be additional expenses that will well exceed our projected budget.”

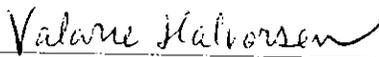
Brown thanked the VFW for accommodating the school system. Hill stated council had the option of making a motion for a non-binding resolution of approval.

Williams made a motion for approval of a non-binding resolution of the proposed VFW monument site east of the Community Center parking lot. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Town Council, Wray made a motion to adjourn at 1:46 pm. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk