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June 23, 2009

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
JUNE 23, 2009  
6:30 PM  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

**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 6:31pm by Mark Brown.

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

**PRESENT:**

**Council:**

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

**Staff:**

Michael Brandt, Town Manager  
Blair Carr for William Hill, Town Attorney  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
George Holub, Parks & Rec Supervisor

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

By consensus, agenda item 6E Discussion of Movies in the Park Agreement will be removed from this agenda and will be heard during the July 14, 2009 meeting.

Barnes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda *as amended*. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barnes announced that State Representative John Blust is engaged to be married.

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL**

**A. Discussion of Summerfield Road Property**

Brown began by stating he was made a corporate member of the Fire Department in 1997. He said the Fire Department is interested in the Summerfield Road property for use as a septic repair field. Wray spoke of an email about donating the property to the Fire Department in exchange for no tax increase. He is against donating or selling the property as the property is suitable for a Town Hall building and such a building will be needed in the future, recommends keeping the property unless/until a more suitable one is found, and feels that now would be a bad time to sell based on current market conditions.

There was discussion about the following: locating Town Hall beside a burn tower, traffic from Fire Department vehicles, mowing costs, the future need for a larger Town Hall facility, and interim uses for the property.

Barnes made a motion to table the issue and bring it back for discussion during the January 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Wray and passed 4 to 1, with Strickland opposed.

**B. Request to use Town Seal**

Brandt stated the request by Gladys Scarlette was to use an image of the seal on the back cover of her book, which will be a collection of articles about Summerfield that have been published in the Greensboro News & Record. Following a brief discussion about the use of a copywrited image, Flowers made a motion to approve the use of the seal for the book as described in the request. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

**C. Discussion of Manager/Committee organizational responsibilities**

Following much discussion about responsibilities, organization, reporting, chain of command, duties, and authority, by consensus, council directed Brandt to develop suggestions and recommendations for presentation at a future workshop.

**BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

**A. Discussion / approval of audit contract**

Brandt recommended remaining with Rouse, Rouse, Penn & Rouse, with a cost of \$1960 for preparation of financial statements (to be discounted by \$1000 if Luther does the paperwork) and \$6640 for the audit itself.

Barnes made a motion to approve the audit contract as specified in the contract dated May 20, 2009. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

**B. Update regarding construction of Summerfield Athletic Park (SAP)**

Brandt stated erosion control will cost about \$50,000 more than originally planned but there are other areas for savings which may negate the cost difference, and said a final contract will be brought to council in the near future. He also gave information about the following: well progress, value engineering, electrical plan, concession building, and septic system. He expects construction to start July 14.

**C. Approval of allocating \$3,500 from donations made to Parks and Recreation for purchase of audio/sound equipment for events at amphitheater and other town events**

Brandt stated this money came from a \$5,000 donation intended to be used toward the amphitheater. Following a brief discussion, Williams made a motion to approve the allocation contingent on approval from the donor, and if there is a problem, to revisit the issue in July. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

**D. Update Council regarding Summerfield Elm. School well/septic sites**

Brandt stated there were two proposed sites, one behind the playground and the other across the lake. The southern one looked promising but is about 15 feet short, the northern one will require a lot of line to get the water back to the school. He feels that they may want to discuss the town well site near the amphitheater. There may be a possibility of sharing this site, with the school paying to cap the town well and the town being granted perpetual rights to the new well. There was also discussion about septic areas. Brandt stated he would meet with the school system the following day and would have more information following the meeting.

**E. Discussion of Movies in the Park Agreement (*moved to July 14, 2009 meeting*)**

**F. Report on meetings or activities (if any)**

Brown attended a PTCOG meeting on June 17. Brandt said there was an MPO meeting tomorrow, during which he will ask about Summerfield board representation, and noted he was working with NCDOT on setting up a meeting about the 220 widening.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 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)
- 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 8:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

Barnes made a motion to return to open session at 9:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS (if any)**

Barnes made a motion to give Brandt a 2% raise. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried 3 to 2, with Flowers and Strickland opposed.

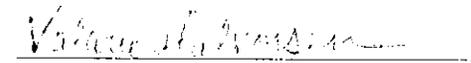
**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Strickland visited the Marshall house and said there were many things of value inside that could be sold and the money put back into the Parks & Rec budget. There was discussion about asking Architectural Salvage to remove items, the asbestos and lead paint within, surplussing the property, conducting a reverse auction, and other options.

Wray thanked Brandt for all of his hard work for the town.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 9:16 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