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C O U N C I L M I N U T E S J A N U A R Y 1 4 , 2 0 1 4 , 6 : 3 0 P M , S F D C O M M U N I T Y C E N T E R

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Tim Sessoms. The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scout Troup 103. The following were present:

Council

Tim Sessoms, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Mike Adams

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
William Hill, Town Attorney
Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Laughlin motioned to formally excuse Elizabeth McClellan, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, minutes of the 12/10 and 12/17 meetings, speed limit modification (Stanley Huff Road 50 mph to 45 mph), and the financial report. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barnes discussed a fundraiser for Operation Smile. Whitaker stated NCDOT would hold a public meeting 1/23 in Madison regarding I-73 improvements.

RECOGNITION OF TROY STANTLIFF'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH SF FIRE DEPT.

Sessoms, Fire Chief Chris Johnson, and former Mayor Mark Brown presented Troy Stantliff with a framed Proclamation of Appreciation for his 50 years of volunteer service with the Summerfield Fire Department. The proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes:

WHEREAS, Troy Stantliff has faithfully volunteered with the Summerfield Fire Department for 50 years, joining January 28, 1964 and rising to the rank of deputy chief; and,

WHEREAS, Troy Stantliff has also served on the Fire Department Board of Directors for 36 years, 33 of which as the board president; and,

WHEREAS, Troy Stantliff has put forth substantial effort in serving unselfishly in his capacity for the good of the Town of Summerfield, making sacrifices in personal and family ties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina, that Troy Stantliff is hereby officially commended by this Town Council on behalf of the citizens of Summerfield for valuable service rendered to the Town of Summerfield.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation be made part of the permanent records of the Town of Summerfield and that a copy of this proclamation be presented to Troy Stantliff.

Proclaimed this the 14th day of January 2014.

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COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated the committee would not meet in January; next meeting would be 2/17.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard stated the next meeting would be 1/30 at 7pm. The committee is looking for new members to work on: planning for the Founders' Day History Tent; creating a plaque for the Rock Gym; a booksigning; and replacing damaged and missing banners.
- C. **Public Safety:** Wendelken stated the next meeting would be a tour of the new Sheriff substation.
- D. **Trails & Open Space:** Paul Lambrecht said the committee would meet 1/15 at town hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betty Holder of 5033 US 220 North, has been a resident of Gordon's Mobile Home Park for 39 years and was not aware that the property was going to be sold until she read about it in The Star newspaper. She was concerned about the possibility of having to move in a short period of time, that the homes are too old to be moved, and questioned whether there would be any compensation offered to those displaced.

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road spoke of the importance of honesty and openness and not showing favoritism. She felt that the Gordon Mobile Home Park residents should be offered compensation if they must move.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive spoke about the Gordon property purchase and her feeling that information had not been disclosed. She understood preserving the former hardware store building, but did not feel it was appropriate to purchase the mobile home park as well. (Whitaker clarified that the building was not offered apart from the total 16 acres.)

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Introduction of Parks & Recreation Attendant Richard Biggs:** Whitaker and Parks & Recreation Manager Jeff Goard introduced Mr. Biggs and welcomed him as a new part-time employee.
- B. **Founders' Day Committee appointments:** Whitaker stated candidate Dail Perry decided not to participate this year and his name should be replaced with Cheri Pikett who has expressed interest in serving. This left one open slot that staff was working to fill. Hill stated Mrs. Pikett's application needed to be received prior to appointment. Sessoms read the list of candidates, noting the committee ordinance stipulates that the committee be made up of the Mayor, Town Manager, Finance Officer, and four Summerfield residents. The roster includes Mayor Tim Sessoms, Manager Scott Whitaker, Finance Officer Katrina Whitt, Town Clerk Valarie Halvorsen and citizens Don Wendelken, Linda Southard, Cheri Pikett, and fire department representative (non-voting) Jenna Daniels.

Barnes motioned to appoint Sessoms, Whitaker, Whitt, Halvorsen, Wendelken, Southard, and Daniels. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

- C. **FY2014-15 budget calendar:** Whitaker asked council to review the proposed calendar and let him know about their availability by 1/17; the calendar would be formally adopted during the

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1/30 budget workshop. Sessoms noted that also during the 1/30 meeting, council would continue to discuss projects and priorities and invited the public to attend and give input.

- D. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker invited citizens to contact him directly to discuss any town questions or concerns, particularly about the Gordon property purchase.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) delegate appointment:** Whitaker stated a voting delegate needed to be appointed to the PTRC. The delegate must be an elected official and Sessoms said he was willing to serve. Flowers motioned to appoint Sessoms as the PTRC delegate, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.
- B. Finance Officer bond and staff blanket bond coverages:** Whitaker stated the Finance Officer was currently bonded for \$50,000 and all other employees were covered by a blanket bond for \$10,000. The current annual costs are \$427.50 and \$76.95, respectively. To increase the bonds to \$100,000 and \$20,000, the costs would increase to \$712.50 and \$102.95. Sessoms asked for information about what other towns do; Whitt stated most towns bonded the Finance Officer for \$50,000. Flowers replied that most towns do not have the amount of capital Summerfield does and asked Whitt and Whitaker for their opinion. Whitt stated she had discussed internal controls and other items with Mr. Ezell, the town's NCLM representative, and he and staff felt the \$50,000 was appropriate. Whitaker felt there was no need for an increase based on the strength of the internal controls in place. Council agreed by consensus to retain the current amounts.
- C. Reports, updates, or comments:** Barnes stated the MPO meeting had been rescheduled for 1/29 at 2pm. Sessoms thanked the public for their comments and interest in town issues and encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to call or email himself or Whitaker.

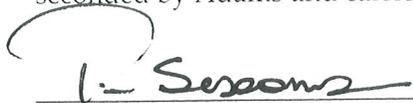
Recess from 7:22 to 7:35 pm

CLOSED SESSION

Barnes motioned to recessed to closed session at 7:36pm for the following reasons: A. to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), and B. to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the price and other material terms concerning real property as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) and to reconvene for other business (if needed) afterward. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

Barnes made a motion to return to open session at 8:21pm. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:21pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.



 Tim Sessoms, Mayor



 Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk