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C O U N C I L M I N U T E S      M A R C H 8, 2016, 6:30PM, SFD COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mark Brown. The invocation was led by Sue Beeson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Staff

Mark Brown, Mayor  
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro-tem  
Mike Adams  
John O'Day  
Reece Walker

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
William Hill, Town Attorney

Barnes motioned to formally excuse Dianne Laughlin, seconded by O'Day, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, open session minutes for 2/5, 2/6, and 2/9, closed session minutes for 2/9, and the financial report. The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker announced the dates of the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Founders' Day event: Friday, 5/13, 6pm-10pm and Saturday, 5/14, 10am-4pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adrian Williamson of 3901 Lewiston Road said he was upset about the potential disbandment of the Public Safety Committee, stating it was a shame that the parties could not express ideas freely, agree to disagree, and move forward with the work of public safety.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC-150 West felt the removal of Don Wendelken from the Public Safety Committee was based on innuendo rather than facts, that there had been false assertions that committee members had lack of respect for outside agencies, and there had been much disrespect to members by town leadership; Crawford tendered his resignation from the committee.

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road stated all Public Safety members were qualified and had been vetted and approved as members by Council; Pikett took great offense to the allegation in an email from Whitaker that the committee was not doing what it was charged with, noting they had completed much needed work related to the town generator and Red Cross shelters, and stated the committee had not been informed about any frustration from two of the three emergency service agencies (EMS and the Sheriff's department).

Don Wendelken of 3406 Windswept Drive spoke regarding the aforementioned email from Whitaker about dissatisfaction from the three emergency service agencies, noting that EMS only

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came to one meeting that was positive and productive, and that the relationship and work done with the Sheriff's department had gone very well; therefore, he does not know how there could be any "frustration" on their parts. He further stated the fire department had brought an issue to the committee (algae congestion at a water point) and the committee had investigated and made a recommendation to Council to conduct a study. After that point the committee was told it was a county, rather than a town, issue. The committee's goal was that the town work with the fire department to bring viability to the water point; there was some disagreement between the committee and the department, but disagreements should not result in "throwing the cards on the table" and walking away.

Teresa Pegram of 7401 Greenlawn Drive read a letter that expressed her disappointment with how volunteers had been treated and the lack of information from leadership to committee members. She noted Whitaker did not provide information about the "on-going frustration" among agencies, and he should have discussed this with the committee much in advance of this meeting rather than through "secret emails and phone calls" among town leadership and agencies. She felt that diversity of opinion was disallowed and therefore tendered her resignation from the Public Safety Committee.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS FY2016-17 BUDGET

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC-150 West reiterated his request from last month that citizens be granted the right to decide about trail expenditures via referendum.

Don Wendelken of 3406 Windswept Drive attended the 2/15 Finance Committee meeting and felt committee members had little to no input in the discussion of budget priorities. He expressed concern about many project costs and felt the fund balance would be depleted too quickly, resulting in future tax increases to cover costs of implementation and on-going maintenance of projects.

#### COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitaker stated the 2/15 meeting consisted of an update of outcomes of the Council planning retreat (goals and priorities) and projects that had long been on the CIP; the next meeting would be 3/21 and work and review of an initial line-item draft was upcoming.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the committee had been working on Founders' Day, completion of two historical markers, and continued to interview veterans; the next meeting would be 3/31.
- C. **Public Safety:** Teresa Pegram said there are 5 new applicants for membership. During the 2/17 meeting, there was discussion about how to address friction between the committee and the fire department and efforts to make the Polo Farms water point viable.
- D. **Trails and Open Space:** Jane Doggett said the committee continued working on trail standards and should have the information ready to present at the 4/12 Council meeting; the next meeting would be 3/23.
- E. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker said rides, inflatables, and other entertainment had been lined up; work continued on parade and vendor participants; shuttle service will be provided between the event site and Summerfield Square shopping center and SAP; and, road closure requests had been mailed to NCDOT. The next meeting would be 3/10 at the fire department.

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### BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. Council budget amendment #2 for information technology (FY15-16):** While actual IT service expenses are on target, a shortfall is anticipated within an IT line item due to unexpected warranty and security-related expenses. The request is to increase the IT line item by \$2,500 by moving that amount from Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay. Barnes motioned to approve budget amendment #2 for information technology (FY15-16), seconded by Walker, which carried unanimously.
- B. Bid award for SAP new entrance road:** Based on engineering estimates, the project was originally budgeted for \$190,000. Bids received ranged from \$331,508.90 to \$217,060; the low bid was received from Doggett Construction Co., Inc. The project is in the budget for this year, but would require a budget amendment of \$45,000. Following brief discussion, O'Day motioned as follows: "I motion to enter into a contract with Doggett Construction Co., Inc. for the 'Summerfield Athletic Park Access Road' project per advertised contract documents, technical specifications, and addendums with a price not to exceed \$217,060. The project involves construction of 550' of public road and 150' of entrance drive from US-220 to Summerfield Athletic Park. Work includes, but is not limited to, clearing/grubbing, grading, placing stone base, asphalt paving, culvert installation, and required erosion control measures. The accepted bid amount exceeds the project budget and it is understood that line items #6011414 and #6011413 will be amended by \$45,000." The motion was seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.
- C. Public Safety Committee:** There was discussion about strain and frustration expressed by emergency service agencies on the committee which limited its ability to function properly; the options of disbanding the committee or placing it on hiatus until such time it could be revamped; committee focus, charge, and how well they were meeting both; how to best communicate with stakeholder agencies if the committee were to be disbanded; the importance of improving relations with these agencies; and that there were not enough current members for a viable committee due to resignations. Following discussion, Walker motioned to retire the Public Safety Committee, with the option to reform it and bring it back in the future in some other more constructive configuration. The motion was seconded by Barnes. O'Day offered an amendment to select August as the future date, which was accepted by Walker. The amended motion carried unanimously.
- D. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported the following: there were 2 candidates for the Finance Officer position and he hoped to make an offer within days; NCDOT would have an update soon regarding the speed limit reduction request through the Town Hall intersection area; Stewart was finishing with the greenway's conceptual alignment and would schedule a public meeting soon; letters had been sent to affected property owners informing them that Stewart might be on their property for survey work; and, Wooten Engineering was about 1/3 through the water and fire protection study.

### BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MANAGER

- A. Historical Committee appointments (new):** O'Day and Barnes interviewed all applicants on tonight's agenda and felt they would be great additions to the respective committees. O'Day

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motioned to appoint Sam Schlosser as a voting member of the Historical Committee, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously. O'Day motioned to appoint Andy Schlosser as a voting member of the Historical Committee, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.

- B. Trails & Open Space Committee appointment (new):** O'Day motioned to appoint Dr. Martin Webb as a voting member of the Trails & Open Space Committee, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.
- C. Distribution of local sales and use taxes using per-capita basis:** Brown said the Town of Stokesdale petitioned Guilford County Commissioners to change its distribution method of sales and use taxes from the current ad-valorem basis to a per-capita basis. Stokesdale may hold public meetings to garner citizen support. They also discussed a hybrid arrangement which has been put before the General Assembly in the past but failed to gain approval. By consensus, Whitaker was directed to ask the Finance Committee to discuss during their 3/21 meeting and bring back information to the 4/12 Council meeting for further consideration.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:01pm by O'Day to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Walker and carried unanimously.

*Mark Brown*

Mark Brown, Mayor

*Valarie R. Halvorsen*

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