

C O U N C I L M I N U T E S A P R I L 9, 2013, 6:30PM, SFD COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Council	Staff
Mark Brown, Mayor	Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Dena Barnes	Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk
Alicia Flowers	Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer
Elizabeth McClellan	William Hill, Town Attorney
John Wray	

Wray made a motion to formally excuse Laughlin, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brown suggested the following changes to the agenda: remove the closed session item relating to consulting with an attorney, and to move "other business" to just before "closed session." Barnes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes of the 3/12/13 meeting, open minutes of the 3/19/13 meeting, and the financial report. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS related to FY2013-14 budget development

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC 150W, asked if it was a good idea to tax citizens when the Town has \$7.5M in the bank.

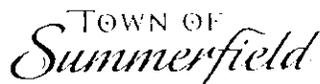
Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Drive, asked questions she would like each council member to answer prior to voting on the budget and deciding to levy a tax: There is \$7.4M in the bank, how much is enough in reserves?; What is the money going to be spent on?; It has been stated there has not been a tax increase; however, an increase in property valuation resulted in more taxes collected; Only 55% of the budget on average has been spent over the last 10 years; There is no draft budget to comment on until the end of May.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rich Lipinski, 5850 Stanley Huff Road, spoke about fence violations in Summerfield, noting of the 32 complaints he filed. Code Enforcement contractor John Canus found no violations. Lipinski distributed photographs of some of the fences in question, stating they are clearly not allowed based on regulations contained in the Development Ordinance.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC 150W, feels spending is a big problem with the federal government, and asked the Town to show by example that it is possible to responsibly cut spending. He recommended operating Town Hall four days per week rather than five.

Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Drive, said only 40% the current year budget of \$1.4M has been spent, it is grossly overinflated, and the surplus is about the same amount that is gained through property



taxes. She feels the process is flawed, the budget public hearing is a sham, and wants a draft budget earlier, prior to the end of May.

COMMITTEE/EVENT REPORTS

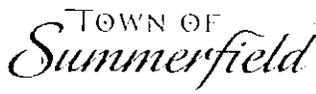
- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated during the 3/18 meeting there was discussion of the revised cash management policy, interest rates, and budget development. The next meeting is a joint budget session with Town Council is 4/15 at 6:30pm at the Community Center.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard stated the recent tea was a success and the quilts are still on display at Town Hall. The next meeting is 4/25 at 7:00pm at Town Hall.
- C. **Public Safety:** Whitaker stated the committee and others were recently trained on use of the town generator at Center United Methodist Church.
- D. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker gave an update, noting all contracts were executed, stage acts were booked, and advertising was underway. The next meeting is 5/7 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Consideration of Cheri Pickett as Public Safety Committee member:** Barnes made a motion to appoint Cheri Pickett as a Public Safety Committee member, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.
- B. **Steeple Ridge Court secondary road addition resolution:** McClellan made a motion to approve R-2013-004 adding Steeple Ridge Court to NCDOT's secondary road system. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.
- C. **State of Emergency Ordinance revisions (part of Guilford Co. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan); request for May public hearing to adopt as ordinance:** Whitaker stated for enforcement purposes this needed to be passed as an ordinance, which requires a public hearing. McClellan motioned to set a public hearing for consideration of adopting State of Emergency Ordinance revisions during the 5/14 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.
- D. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported and gave updates on the following: mulching at the parks was almost complete; Duke Energy and Asplundh had begun tree trimming work; NCDOT updates; Summerfield Road property is being discussed by the Fire Department; the charter school is making progress and will be using a well on neighboring property, and they dug an exploratory well at SMP with town permission and that well has been capped and is available for future town needs; trail work is underway and it is expected that applicants will be considered soon; and the utility-pole banners in town should be redesigned and replaced with additional banners at each park to better brand those as town properties.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. **Municipal Clerks Week proclamation:** Brown read the proclamation, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes:



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PROCLAMATION: MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and,

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and,

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, province and international professional organizations; and,

WHEREAS, it is with much appreciation that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, **Valarie R. Halvorsen** and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent and encourage the community join us in this recognition.

Proclaimed this the 9th day of April 2013.

B. **National Volunteer Week proclamation:** Brown read the proclamation, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes;

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, a basic ingredient in the foundation of this nation is the voluntary acceptance of initiative and responsibility by private citizens and voluntary organizations, a fact largely responsible for the progress and development of our great country; and,

WHEREAS, many citizens of this community contribute to the well-being of fellow residents and the welfare of all our citizens by giving tirelessly of their time and energy to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults, and the elderly without desire for recognition, remuneration or personal gain; and,

WHEREAS, for many years these individuals and organizations have worked quietly, often unnoticed and unappreciated by the general public; and,

WHEREAS, since 1974 the United States has celebrated National Volunteer Week every third week in April in order to recognize the contribution of our amazing volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims April 21 through 27 as **National Volunteer Week** and gives recognition and appreciation to all volunteers, and urge all

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citizens to be aware of the contributions made by our committees and volunteer workers and to give recognition to these individuals and organizations for their valuable contributions in the quality of life in our community.

Proclaimed this 9th day of April 2013.

C. **National Day of Prayer proclamation:** Brown read the proclamation, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes:

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislature to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and,

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Summerfield when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield proclaims the **first Thursday in May 2013**, to be designated as "**A Day of Prayer in Summerfield, North Carolina**" and encourages the citizens of Summerfield to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

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D. Reports, updates, or comments: (none)

OTHER BUSINESS

(none)

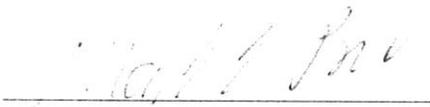
CLOSED SESSION

Brown read the reason for entering closed session as follows: "to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the price and other material terms concerning real property as provided under NCCGS 143-318.11(a)(5)."

Barnes made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:38pm. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

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

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 8:21pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk