



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S A P R I L 1 4 , 2 0 1 5 , 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 6:32pm by Tim Sessoms. The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Tim Sessoms, Mayor
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem
Mike Adams
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Elizabeth McClellan

Staff

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

CONSENT AGENDA

McClellan motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes for 3/10, open session minutes for 3/24, financial report, Finance Officer budget amendment #5 (FY14-15), and RES-2015-001 Surplus Office Computer. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried 4 to 1 (Flowers opposed).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker reminded all of the Founders' Day dates; Sessoms noted volunteers were needed. Barnes stated plants were available for sale at Guilford County's prison farm 7am-4pm daily. Sessoms announced Barnes and her husband Sheriff BJ Barnes both received the Long Leaf Pine award 3/30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road distributed material and spoke about cost estimates listed in the 2012 A&Y Feasibility Study.

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC 150 West felt the more we build, the more we need, and asked if projects such as the Mountains-to-Sea trail and SAP improvement/expansion would be used by only citizens or others.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: FY2015-16 BUDGET (none)

COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated there was no March meeting; members were invited to attend the 3/24 council budget workshop; the next meeting would be 4/20.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said there were 18 groups for the Founders' Day history tent; the next meeting would be 4/30.
- C. **Public Safety:** Dwayne Crawford reported on the 3/18 meeting; the next meeting would be 4/15.

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Staff: Scott Whitaker (Manager), Jeff Goard (P&E Manager), Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk), Julie Reid (Planner), Katrina Whitt (Finance Officer)



- D. **Trails and Open Space:** Jane Doggett stated the committee will have a Founders' Day tent; the next meeting would be 4/22.
- E. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker said vendors and parade participants are very much needed; the next meeting would be 4/20.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Vineyards trail property and maintenance:** Whitaker stated the town has helped maintain the public portion of the trail in years past but had never formally accepted the property donation. Two repair/improvement quotes had been forwarded by The Vineyards to install a honeycomb-type matting at a cost of approximately \$24,000-\$30,000. Local contractor Billy Tesh had suggested an alternative and less expensive repair option. By consensus, council directed Whitaker to get quotes for the less expensive repair option for future consideration.
- B. **Rhondan Rd. paving/improvements:** Whitaker said the town is one of five affected property owners and all but one agree with improving the road. NCDOT representative Bobby Norris was present and said a \$2500 bond could be used to either have NCDOT condemn for right-of-way easement or could potentially be used to attempt purchase of the easement from the opposed property owner. Norris stated the project would also include drainage improvements and result in faster snow removal. Following discussion of improved safety and property values, McClellan motioned to commit to \$625 (one-fourth of \$2500) and ask the three other property owners who desire the improvements for the same to proceed with the bond approach. The motion was seconded by Adams. Flowers and Laughlin stated they would not vote to condemn property; Norris explained condemnation would not take property away, but would be an easement for access. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board appointment:** Whitaker stated the town is allowed one non-voting representative on the board and the current representative would like to be replaced. As the board would like someone with financial or banking experience, council directed Halvorsen to contact Finance Committee applicants to ask if they would be interested in serving. A candidate will be considered during the May council meeting.
- D. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported the following: SAP entrance design revisions and the A&Y RFQ are underway; a trail corridor on the Brookbank Road properties had been identified for discussion with the potential buyer; the SAP retention pond had been partially fenced in the past at the request of an NCLM risk assessor and recently a parent had complained of a small child gaining access to the unfenced portion. Hill recommended fencing the entire pond and by consensus, council directed Whitaker to get quotes and fence it completely.

BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. **Date change for 5/26 special called Council meeting:** Barnes motioned to change the date of the 5/26 council special called meeting to 5/28, seconded by Adams, which carried unanimously.
- B. **National Volunteer Week proclamation:** Barnes read the proclamation (PROC-2015-001) designating 4/12-18 as "National Volunteer Week."



- C. **CPA Week proclamation:** McClellan read the proclamation (PROC-2015-002) designating 4/12-18 as "Certified Public Accountants Week" and extending appreciation to Town Finance Officer Whitt.
- D. **Municipal Clerks Week proclamation:** Adams read the proclamation (PROC-2015-003) designating 5/3-9 as "Municipal Clerks Week" and extending appreciation to Town Clerk Valarie Halvorsen.
- E. **National Day of Prayer proclamation:** Sessoms read the proclamation (PROC-2015-004) designating 5/7 as "A Day of Prayer in Summerfield, NC."
- F. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Barnes stated the 4/25 MPO meeting had been canceled.

CLOSED SESSION

McClellan motioned to enter into closed session at 8:01pm to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), and 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). The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to return to open session at 8:47pm, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:47pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor

Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk