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May 10, 2011

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
MAY 10, 2011  
6:30 PM**

**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 6:32 pm by Mark Brown.

Followed a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 103.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Council:**

Mark Brown, Mayor  
Dena Barnes  
Alicia Flowers  
Dianne Laughlin  
John Wray Jr.

**Staff:**

Michael Brandt, Town Manager  
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk  
William Rozell for William Hill, Town Attorney  
George Holub, Parks & Rec Supervisor  
Chris Anderson, Town Planner  
Dana Luther, Finance Officer

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Brown recommended the addition of Agenda Item 13 B Resolution in Support of House Bill 472 Electronic Meeting Notification.

Wray made a motion to formally excuse Williams. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

Barnes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda *as amended*, including the meeting agenda, Financial Report, Finance Officer Budget Amendment #3, and minutes of the April 12 and April 26, 2011 meetings. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

**SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC Hwy 150 West, read an article from a Charlotte newspaper about the town of Hemby Bridge, which does not currently charge property taxes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Finance:** Luther said the next meeting is May 16 during which the committee will review the draft budget.
- B. **Historical:** No report.
- C. **Parks & Rec:** Jane Doggett said the 5K event was a success with 80 to 100 participants. Touch-A-Truck was well served by the new location, and reminded all of the May 21 "A Night Out on the Town" Event.
- D. **Public Safety:** No report.
- E. **Founders' Day:** Brown reminded all that the event is this weekend.
- F. **SFD Rd/Development Ord.:** Wray stated the May 16 SFD Rd meeting would be held at the SAP Field House rather than Town Hall. Anderson noted the Development Ordinance meeting was May 17.

## **BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

### **A. Consider Acceptance of Properties Dedicated to Town**

Anderson stated staff discussed the property transfer with the Wilson Farm HOA and did not receive any objection to the acceptance of the 14.04 acres floodplain property. Flowers asked about the pros and cons of acceptance. Anderson responded this property would allow a connection to the A&Y Greenway trail and there were no cons that came to mind. Brandt stated the Town may also get credit for the Jordan Lake requirements with the acceptance.

Williams joined the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Wray made a motion to include Williams in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

Wray made a motion to accept the 14.04 Wilson Farm property dedication. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

### **B. Consideration/Approval of Landscaping Contract**

Holub stated during this second bid request the numbers were closer and therefore more accurate bids. He noted Majestic Mountain was the low bidder at \$10,762 per year and he checked their references and with the Better Business Bureau.

Wray made a motion to enter into contract with Majestic Mountain for Town landscaping services. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

### **C. Consideration/Approval of Lawn Care Contract**

Holub stated Steve Brockman, the current service provider, was the low bidder at \$34,150 per year.

Wray made a motion to enter into contract with Brockman's Lawn Care. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

### **D. Consideration/Approval of Rock Gym Historical Nomination Contract**

Brandt stated three bids were received with MdM Historical Consultants being the low bidder at \$2,800. He further stated that references were checked and the company had an excellent reputation.

Barnes made a motion to contract with MdM Historical Consultants for the Rock Gym Historical Nomination work. The motion was seconded by Williams, who added the amount should not exceed \$2,800. The motion carried unanimously.

### **E. Consideration/Approval of A&Y Trail Extension Contract**

Holub stated due to increases in asphalt costs, the bids were substantially higher than expected when the project was budgeted. He recommended doing the project in two phases. Phase I, to be paid for out of the current budget would consist of clearing, grading and laying gravel at a cost of \$14,750. Phase II would consist of installing asphalt; it is hoped that the price of asphalt will come down by then.

Wray made a motion to approve Phase I of the A&Y Trail extension work in the amount of \$14,750. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

### **F. Consideration of Moving Tree Lighting Event to Athletic Park**

Brandt stated due to safety reasons, it is recommended by both staff and SPARC that the event be moved to the Summerfield Athletic Park, where there is more parking and lighting. He stated the tree currently used could be moved to that location, or a new tree could be purchased.

Following brief discussion, Wray made a motion to move the Tree Lighting event to Summerfield Athletic Park, and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$3,500 from this year's budget for a tree. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

**G. Consideration/Approval of Founders' Day Carnival Rides**

Wray made a motion to approve the \$11,000 contract with Brinkley for Founders' Day carnival rides. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

*Luther, Rozell, Anderson and Holub were excused.*

**BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL**

**A. Appoint Elizabeth Ingram to Historical Committee**

Barnes made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Ingram to the Historical Committee. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

**B. Appoint Nancy Holub to Historical Committee**

Barnes made a motion to appoint Nancy Holub to the Historical Committee. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

**C. Appoint William (Bill) Heroy to Historical Committee**

Laughlin made a motion to appoint William Heroy to the Historical Committee. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

**D. Appoint Anna Heroy to Historical Committee**

Laughlin made a motion to appoint Anna Heroy to the Historical Committee. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

Brown stated the Resolution, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes, would eliminate the requirement for newspaper meeting advertising:

**A. Resolution in Support of HB 472 Electronic Meeting Notification**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute 143-318.12 specifies that all official meetings of a public body must be noticed to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of public notification of official meetings in newspapers of general circulation may be prohibitively expensive for some public bodies, particularly during this time of economic downturn which has put significant hardship and strain on many budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Summerfield spends over \$2,500 annually on such advertising; and

**WHEREAS**, many smaller towns and municipalities do not have a local newspaper of general circulation creating a further hardship for compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, significant portions of the general public now use websites, email, Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of electronic media to keep informed about news, meeting schedules and events; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 472, "A Bill to Allow All Cities and Counties to Give Electronic Notice", would allow for electronic meeting notification in lieu of or in addition to advertising in a newspaper of general circulation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Summerfield supports House Bill 472 and encourages other municipalities to do the same.

Adopted on this the 10th day of May 2011.

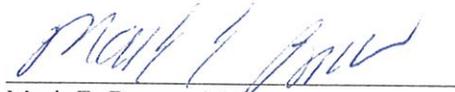
Flowers noted the resolution states electronic meeting notification would be allowed in lieu of or in addition to newspaper advertising and recommended that the newspaper advertising continue. Brown stated that is a policy issue that could be addressed if the bill passes.

Wray made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of HB 472 Electronic Meeting Notification. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried 4 to 1, Laughlin opposed.

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

Brown attended the NCLM Town Hall day in Raleigh.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made at 7:37 pm by Barnes 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