



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S    M A Y 1 4 , 2 0 1 3 , 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 6:30pm 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  
Dena Barnes (arrived at 6:34 pm)  
Alicia Flowers  
Dianne Laughlin  
Elizabeth McClellan  
John Wray

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

Laughlin made a motion to formally excuse Barnes until her arrival, seconded by Wray, carried unanimously. Laughlin made a motion to admit Barnes at 6:34pm, seconded by Wray, carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wray made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes of the 4/9/13 meeting, minutes of the 4/15/13 joint council-finance meeting, financial report, finance officer budget amendment #3 (FY12-13), and the presidential Prayer for Peace Memorial Day proclamation. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS related to FY2013-14 budget development

Don Wendelken, 3406 Windswept Drive, spoke of Senate Bill 394 and read from a document stating the intent of the bill.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC Highway 150 W, wanted a low/no tax, limited-services government and felt the council's job is to watch out for citizens regarding larger legislative concerns.

Cheri Pikett, 7804 Robinson Road, expressed thanks for the work done by council and staff. She stated a lot of money is expended on recreation and little on safety and felt that should be reversed. She was against spending on the A&Y Greenway, particularly in the current economic state.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Lipinski, 5805 Stanley Huff Road, distributed photos of a warning fence on town property, stating it is an illegal fence. When asked why it was removed recently, Lipinski said Whitaker told him it was because the US Army Corp of Engineers said it was no longer necessary; however, it is now back up, presumably as a safety precaution for Founders' Day.

Don Wendelken, 3406 Windswept Drive, spoke of healthcare reform, citing information provided by economicpolicyjournal.com. He felt that such legislation is a step away from individual liberty.

#### COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt gave an overview of the last meeting, which was a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and council to discuss the budget. With the following May 20 meeting, the committee planned to review the draft budget and discuss investment options.
- B. **Historical:** Chair Linda Southard stated there would be 15 tables under the Founders' Day History Tent. The next committee meeting was scheduled for May 23, moved from May 30, and the committee would plan for the upcoming Veterans Appreciation event.
- C. **Public Safety:** Wendelken stated the next meeting was scheduled for June 19.
- D. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker said things were moving along as planned, but there was still much to do. Convertibles were needed for the parade, and the next meeting would be May 15 on the festival grounds.

#### PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION regarding State of Emergency Ordinance revisions

This was part of the Guilford County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Per the county's request, the town passed an October 2010 resolution adopting and endorsing the county plan. The current request was to adopt the revisions that were made to comply with NCGS 166a. The town attorney had recommended adopting the revisions in the form of an ordinance.

*Brown opened the public hearing at 7:01pm.*

Cheri Pickett, 7804 Robinson Road, asked if the town had a choice in the matter; Brown responded with "no." Pickett felt there were too many restrictions.

*Brown closed the public hearing at 7:03pm.*

Barnes said she attended a meeting during which Emergency Management Division Director Don Campbell explained the changes and current request, noting that this would allow emergency services providers to do what they are trained for, and the restrictions were there for citizen safety during times of emergency. Hill noted the changes actually lifted some of the restrictions already in place, and the ordinance was needed to empower first responders to act on behalf of citizens. Hill said there are no restrictions of lawfully-possessed firearms.

Barnes made a motion approving the Ordinance Adopting and Endorsing Changes to Guilford County's State of Emergency Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried 3 to 2, with Flowers and McClellan opposed.

#### BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Council budget amendment #5 for finance salaries (FY12-13):** insufficient money was budgeted for salaries within the Finance category, as additional hours were worked by the previous finance officer following her resignation, and accrued vacation was paid upon her leave.

*Council: Mayor Alex Brown, Debra Barnes, Anna Flowers, Danna Laughlin, Phyllis McClellan, Jeff Hill, Amy Hill*

*Staff: Scott Whitaker (Manager), Carol Carter (Planner), Jeff Ward (P.E. Manager), Colleen Hoverson (Director of Planning and Development)*

McClellan motioned to approve Town Council Budget Amendment #5 (FY12-13) for finance salaries. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.

- B. Declaration of 30-mph speed limit on SR 3985 (Great Oaks Dr./Windsor Farm Rd.):** Wray made a motion to approve the concurring ordinance establishing a 30-mph speed limit on Great Oaks Drive/Windsor Farm Road. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.
- C. Reports, updates, or comments:** Whitaker reported on the following: Founders' Day advertising; MPO declaration of May as Bike Month, May 13-17 as Bike to Work Week, and May 17 as Bike to Work Day; clean-up of the Bugle Boy marker/monument on Oak Ridge Road, and asked council's pleasure on landscaping; continued tree trimming by Duke Power and Asplundh; Guilford County Schools must approve the software used to control school flashers that will be installed by NCDOT; NCDOT asks for submission of a paving "wish list" to town hall by the end of May; Whitaker planned to meet with a restoration specialist next week regarding town hall repairs; a small fence would be placed under town hall trees damaged by the landscaping contractor; construction was progressing rapidly on the charter school; the Finance Committee would meet 5/20 to review the budget, it would be presented publicly 5/28, and the public hearing would be 6/11; lastly, Whitaker noted he had completed his MPA degree.

#### BUSINESS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Lyme Disease Awareness Month proclamation:** Brown read the proclamation, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes:

#### PROCLAMATION: LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, ticks carrying the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* that causes Lyme Borreliosis, commonly known as Lyme disease, continue to spread infection across North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Division of Public Health now encourages physicians to consider the clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease in residents who may be infected with the bacteria, contracted within NC; and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of reported cases of Lyme disease among residents of North Carolina continues to increase, yet the Centers for Disease Control estimates that on average there are ten missed cases for every case reported; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose because it imitates other conditions and no reliable laboratory test can prove who is infected or bacterial-free, which often leads to misdiagnosis; and,

**WHEREAS**, early indicators of infection include flu-like symptoms, characterized by chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches, and swollen lymph nodes; and weeks or months later, patients with untreated or under-treated Lyme disease can suffer from serious, permanent and sometimes life-threatening damage to the brain, joints, heart, eyes, liver, spleen, blood vessels, and kidneys; and for this reason it is imperative that all who develop this disease receive immediate treatment; and,

*Council: Mayor Mark Brown, Dena Barnes, Anisa Flowers, Dianne Lavathan, Elizabeth McClellan, John Wray*

*Staff: Scott Windsor (Mayor), Carpi Carter (Planner), Jeff Bond (PR Manager), Jalene Hoverson (Clerk), Latonia (Public Works Director)*

WHEREAS, the best solution to the threat of Lyme disease is to educate people about the seriousness of the illness and the need to practice personal preventive techniques when engaging in outdoor activities, such as frequent tick checks, use of tick repellent, and proper tick removal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark E. Brown, Mayor of the Town of Summerfield, proclaim May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and recommend this observance to all our citizens.

Proclaimed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

**B. Manager Evaluation form:** As there were differences among council members regarding suggested changes to the evaluation form, it was decided by consensus that a subcommittee consisting of Flowers, McClellan, and Laughlin would meet to draft a revision.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Brown read the reason for entering Closed Session as follows: 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).

Barnes made motion to enter into closed session at 7:58pm. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

Wray made a motion to return to open session at 9:07pm. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made at 9:07pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk