



COUNCIL MINUTES July 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
Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Elizabeth McClellan
John Wray

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Wray made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, open session minutes of 6/11, financial report, finance officer budget amendments #5 and #6 (FY 12-13), and clarification regarding quorum calculation of Summerfield committees. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheri Pikett, 7804 Robinson Road, announced her candidacy for a Summerfield Town Council seat in November. She described herself as a strong supporter of the US and State Constitutions, noting both are based on the Golden Rule and critical thinking. She wanted council to concentrate on citizen needs as the top priority.

Don Wendelken, 3406 Windswept Drive, spoke about debt, reading from an article from the Heritage Foundation. He stated increased debt leads to decreased private investment and growth.

Pat Jenks, 4404 Figuria Court, stated his desire to contribute to the town and that Gardens at Gray Gables would donate 10% of its event proceeds to the Historical Committee. He presented a check for \$387 from a recent hot-dog-eating contest.

Tim Sessoms, 6507 Horseman Trail, announced his candidacy for Mayor and shared information about himself.

COMMITTEE/ EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated the committee met June 17 and discussed the investment of \$2.5 million with Bank of North Carolina. There would be no meeting in July.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard thanked Pat Jenks for his generosity and stated more members were needed on the committee. There would be no meeting in July.
- C. **Public Safety:** Don Wendelken stated the next meeting was scheduled for September 18.

Wray offered a substitute motion to approve the ordinance with 9 voting citizen members. The motion was seconded by Laughlin. Following brief discussion about quorums and meeting attendance, Brown called for a vote on the substitute motion; the motion passed 3 to 2, with Flowers and McClellan opposed.

D. Trails and Open Space Committee appointments

Barnes made a motion to appoint the following applicants to the Trails and Open Space Committee: Jane Doggett, Nancy Hess, Paul Lambrecht, John O'Day, Alice Patterson, Jason Webster, Trudy Whitacre, Doug Canavello, and Paula Nelson. The motion was seconded by Flowers.

Wray offered a substitute motion to appoint the following applicants to the Trails and Open Space Committee: Jane Doggett, Nancy Hess, Paul Lambrecht, John O'Day, Alice Patterson, Jason Webster, Trudy Whitacre, Doug Canavello, and Sue Beeson. The motion was seconded by Laughlin. Following discussion, Brown called for a vote on the substitute motion; the motion passed 3 to 2, with Flowers and McClellan opposed.

E. Approval of October 12 for Summer-Cycle fall recycle event

Laughlin made a motion to approve October 12, 2013, as the date of the Summer-Cycle fall recycling event. The motion was seconded by Wray and passed with four affirmative votes (Flowers abstained).

F. Reports, updates, or comments:

Whitaker reported on the following: It appears that the Highway 150 property where the Bugle Boy monument is located is owned by Duke Energy and is not within NCDOT right-of-way; recent storms damaged the playground fence at SCP; an irrigation system failure caused extensive damage at SAP; the town's insurance carrier recommended installing fencing around the retention pond at SAP; the closing on the Brookbank Road right-of-way purchase by NCDOT was scheduled; a proposal is expected soon for Town Hall external repairs/improvements; recycling bins were being explored for use at SCP; a reel mower would be purchased for use at SAP; and Whitaker requested council's feedback on installing a "little free library," which is similar to a small-scale book exchange, at SCP.

CLOSED SESSION

Brown read the reasons 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); 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); and C. 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).

Laughlin made motion to enter into closed session at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Wray and passed with four affirmative votes (Flowers abstained).

Barnes made a motion to return to open session at 8:40pm. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and passed with four affirmative votes (Flowers abstained).

Flowers made a motion to accept payment of \$11,000 from two contractors who did work on Summerfield Athletic Park. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

Following a performance review in closed session, Flowers made a motion to increase the Town Manager's salary to \$78,000 retroactive to June 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:41pm by Wray to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk