



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S *SEPTEMBER 10, 2013, 6:30PM, SHD COMMUNITY CENTER*

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

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

Wray made a motion to formally excuse Brown, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Whitaker recommended removing the closed session.

Wray made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes of 8/13, and financial report. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John O'Day, 7013 Mustang Court, town council candidate, spoke about leadership and the need for voters to get to know the candidates and their stances on the issues.

Karen Knight, 7503 William Bailey Road, gave an update on the Highway 220 noise wall negotiations, noting they are at a standstill.

Rich Lipinski, 5850 Stanley Huff Road, town council candidate, introduced himself and described aspects of his experience and education.

Dwayne Crawford, 1106 NC Highway 150 West, mayoral candidate, detailed what he would focus on as mayor, including adding an additional "speakers from the floor" time to the end of council meetings, not levying a tax until reserves were spent down, having the budget ready for public review 30 days prior to the budget public hearing each year, and requiring that information about projected 5-year maintenance costs be given prior to approval of any capital project.

Gail Dunham, 5805 Snow Hill Drive, voiced her opinion that the recent gathering by some members of the Trails and Open Space Committee was an illegal meeting, that the mileage logs for the town truck was needed, that town staff failed to comply with the CBO policy, and noted that only 55% of the budget has been spent, on average, over the past 10 years.

Tim Sessoms, 5607 Horseman Trail, mayoral candidate, introduced himself and described aspects of his experience and education.

Aaron Adams, 7102 Lentz Court, son of town council candidate Mike Adams, asked for support for his father in the upcoming election.

COMMITTEE/ EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated there was no meeting in August.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the committee is working on a tobacco display and the next meeting would be 9/26.
- C. **Public Safety:** No report.
- D. **Trails and Open Space:** Paul Lambrecht said the committee members bring considerable knowledge to trails efforts, the committee wants to increase walkability, and a report will be presented at the 9/12 council meeting, and the next committee meeting is 9/11.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

A. Vehicle Use Policy revisions

Following much discussion it was agreed by consensus to accept the changes recommended by the manager, with the following exceptions: remove "volunteer" from authorized town truck users; retain the Vehicle Usage log, which will be revised by Hill and Whitaker; change "police" to "law enforcement entity;" and retain the mandate that the minimum gas level be 1/4 tank.

Wray motioned to approve the Vehicle Use Policy as amended; Flowers amended the motion to note a new Vehicle Use log would be created by Hill and Whitaker. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

B. Reports, updates, or comments

Responding to Dunham's assertions about the CBO policy and alleged illegal trails meeting, Whitaker stated Kid's Voting was the only organization that was required to submit documents per the policy and they did so, and the gathering of Trails and Open Space Committee members was properly noticed as a potential quorum and the committee was clearly directed in writing prior to the railbed exploration that no business could be conducted. Work was to begin that week on SAP drainage improvements; work was to begin the following week on Town Hall exterior improvements; Summerfield Charter Academy had successfully opened only one day later than planned; the interim planner had eliminated the backlog in planning; the town had purchased a reel mower and staff was mowing the athletic fields now, rather than a contractor; Whitaker would be attending the ICMA conference in Boston; and code enforcement ordinances were slated for future consideration by the Town Council.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN COUNCIL

A. Week of Service in Remembrance of 9/11 proclamation

Barnes read the proclamation, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes:

PROCLAMATION: WEEK OF SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our nation was shaken by cowardly terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent and brave people, and September 11, 2011, marked the tenth anniversary of those attacks; and,

WHEREAS, while we still continue to recover, the spirit of our citizens have been revitalized, giving way to expressions of patriotism, unity, strength, renewed national pride, and a true love of country; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, on September 11, 2009, issued the Patriot Day Proclamation officially and permanently designating September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, and calling upon all interested Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, and community service and charitable activities in tribute and remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem of the Town of Summerfield, do hereby proclaim, in tribute to all of the victims of September 11, 2001, and the many who rose in service in response to the associated terrorist attacks, that the Town of Summerfield will observe the week of September 8 through September 14, 2013, as:

“A WEEK OF SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11”

and encourage Summerfield citizens to take time to reflect upon and join this observance and to engage in activities of tribute, solemn remembrance, and charitable service.

Proclaimed this the 10th day of September 2013.

B. Unsealing of closed session minutes

As some council members did not receive the emailed documents, it was decided to table the item.

Laughlin motioned to postpone consideration of unsealing closed session minutes until the 10/8 meeting, seconded by Wray, and carried unanimously.

C. Reports, updates, or comments

Laughlin stated she was seeking re-election as a council member and expressed her interest in continuing in this public service role.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:01pm by McClellan to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Flowers and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk