



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S D E C E M B E R 1 0 , 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

- Mark Brown, Mayor
- Dena Barnes
- Alicia Flowers
- Dianne Laughlin
- Elizabeth McClellan
- John Wray
- Tim Sessoms, Mayor-elect
- Mike Adams, Council-elect

Staff

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, open and closed session minutes of 11/12, 11/20, and 11/26, and the financial report. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whitaker stated there would be a special called meeting of the town council December 17, 6:30pm at town hall to hear Rezoning Case 02-13.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Wendelken of 3406 Windswept Drive congratulated new council members and wished them well in their endeavors. His hope is that they use reason, conviction, and open minds when making decisions and not emotion. He also stated he had started summerfieldnews.com, an online newspaper, to keep the public informed about meetings, news, and events, and that it would be informative and not controversial.

Beth Kaplan of 7979 Highfill Road thanked Brown and Wray for their many years of service, hard work, and the legacy they were leaving behind. She hoped that work on the trails would continue.

John O'Day of 7013 Mustang Court also thanked Brown and Wray and encouraged all to practice acts of kindness during the holidays.

COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated the committee would not meet in December; the next meeting was scheduled for January 20.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard stated the committee had not decided on a December meeting date, but it would be posted to the town website as soon as decided.



- C. **Public Safety:** Wendelken stated the December 18 meeting had been cancelled; the January meeting would consist of a tour of the new Sheriff substation on Summerfield Road.
- D. **Trails & Open Space:** Paul Lambrecht said the committee was scheduled to meet December 11 and that progress continued on the proposed route alignment.
- E. **Tree Lighting:** Whitaker stated attendance was limited due to the weather; the manager distributed leftover food to two area shelters, Greensboro Urban Ministries and Mary's House.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Board of Adjustment reappointments:** Whitaker stated all voting members were willing to continue serving. Flowers asked about the terms; Whitaker stated they were three-year terms. Flowers asked about training received and her feeling that training should be mandatory. Whitaker stated all members were willing and wanted training. Hill has conducted such training in the past.

Wray motioned to reappoint James (Jim) Brady, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to reappoint Lewis Nash, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.

McClellan motioned to reappoint William (Bill) North, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.

Barnes motioned to reappointed Michael (Mike) Stewart, seconded by Laughlin, which carried unanimously.

Wray motioned to reappoint Ron Willis, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.

- B. **Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Services franchise contract renewal:** The manager had proposed a two-year contract extension, which reflected a \$1.50 per quarter price decrease. Following brief discussion about service satisfaction, pricing, and terms, Flowers motioned to approve a five-year contract extension, with the same terms as presented in the two-year contract amendment. The motion was seconded by Laughlin and carried unanimously.
- C. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Barnes stated the MPO meeting had been rescheduled. Whitaker stated the town was under contract to purchase the Gordon property and the Zoning Board would meet December 18 to continue consideration of a Junked/ Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance. Steve Kingsbury stated Elmhurst Estates homeowners would meet December 12, 7pm at the Community Center, to vote on the 220 noise wall placement.

RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barnes spoke about Brown and Wray, and each were presented with a plaque, proclamation, and collage of photos from their time of service.

Recess from 7:15 to 7:40pm

SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

Superior Court Judge Stuart Albright swore in new Mayor Tim Sessoms, and council members Mike Adams and Dianne Laughlin.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MANAGER AND COUNCIL

- A. **Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem:** McClellan stated Barnes asked her prior to the meeting if she would like to serve in the position; McClellan declined, but appreciated the opportunity. McClellan nominated Barnes as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Adams. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Flowers opposed.
- B. **Bank signatory resolutions:** Flowers motioned to approve Mayor Tim Sessoms, council members Barnes and Flowers, and Town Manager Scott Whitaker as bank signatories. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.
- C. **ABC Board appointment:** Flowers nominated Jane Wilson as Summerfield's ABC Board representative, seconded by Laughlin, which carried unanimously.
- D. **Approval of 2014 meeting schedule:** Barnes motioned to approve the 2014 meeting schedule, seconded by Laughlin, which carried unanimously.
- E. **Council budget amendment #4 for interim planning (FY13-14):** McClellan motioned to approve Council Budget Amendment #4 for Interim Planning (FY13-14) in the amount of \$20,000, seconded by Flowers, which carried unanimously.
- F. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Adams thanked Whitaker and Dwayne Crawford for their hard work on the tree lighting event, expressed congratulations on the Gordon property contract, and asked for a status update on the Development Ordinance rewrite. Whitaker stated N-Focus was reviewing the sections and would pass them along to Hill for legal review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Following brief discussion, it was decided by consensus to hold next year's tree lighting November 22, and to light the large magnolia tree instead of the current tree.

Flowers asked about Finance Officer and staff bonds; Whitt will bring the information to the next council meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made at 8:16pm by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by McClellan and carried unanimously.


Mark E. Brown, Mayor


Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk