

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
July 9, 2019
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council Members Jerry Rice and Lee Greeson.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and three Town residents. Absent was Council Member Cindy Wheeler and Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noted that a quorum was present; and asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor, and no one responded.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the June 11 public hearing; and with none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Council Member Jerry Rice made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Council Member Lee Greeson seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the June public hearing minutes passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the June 11 regular meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Council Member Lee Greeson; motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. The motion to adopt the June regular meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote of those present.

2. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business; and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

In the absence of the Board Chairman Bob Maccia and last week's meeting having been cancelled, there was no report.

2. Enforcement Committee

3. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Jacobs reported that two development clearance certificates had been issued since last Council meeting: (1) to construct in-ground swimming pool at 6776 Kelsey Court, and (2) to demolish dwelling at 6902 Burlington Road to prepare for new construction.

4. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Jacobs reported the following informational items:

- **Town Properties:** (1) Rex Tuggle, owner of the derelict property (former store) at 814 NC Hwy 61, plans to soon rid the one-third acre lot and structure of kudzu with hopes of rehabbing the building. Progress will be monitored, and Tuggle will continue to keep the Town updated on plans. (2) Requested Guilford County Tax Department to reappraise a five-acre residence on Whitsett Park Road which, upon record review, appeared to be undervalued. (3) The subdivision and sale of 14.84 acres at 485 Brightwood Church Road (formerly Faithwalk Church) have been completed. The over 10-acre lot with the church dwelling will be used for a K-12 private school with an enrollment of about 100 students. The sold 4-acre lot with a house will be a private residence; and shall be rezoned from PI to RS-40, in order to generate property tax revenue. (Guilford County assigned the new address for the residential lot as 491 Brightwood Church Road.) The proposed rezoning by the Town requires a public hearing; and the recommendation is to set the public hearing date at tonight's meeting for August 13. This can be handled under New Business.
- **Town Hall Activities:** (1) The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)—better known as the Water Quality Report—for the calendar year 2018 has been submitted to NC Department of Environmental Quality; and all Town water customers have been notified of the document's availability. (2) As Council approved at last month's regular meeting, the checking accounts at American National Bank have been closed, and the balances deposited in First Bank, making it the Town's sole banking institution.

- Meetings: (1) Participated in a second meeting of the Burlington-Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization (BGMPO) to continue work on a comprehensive plan that defines the transportation network to serve the existing and projected transportation volumes in and around the urbanized Burlington-Graham MPO. (2) Met with Wannetta Mallette, who heads up BGMPO's Transportation Advisory Committee, to ensure that changes to Whitsett Park Road and the intersection of Brightwood Church Road and U.S. 70 are included in the latest list of improvement projects to be assigned point values.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Public Hearing Date for August 13, 2019

Mayor Fennell asked for a motion to schedule a public hearing for August 13 where a proposal to rezone 4.648 acres on Brightwood Church Road would be presented and subject to public comment.

Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to set the public hearing for August 13, 2019; motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

2. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and there were none.

3. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and there were none.

4. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion passed by unanimous vote of those present; and the July 9, 2019 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council will follow the public hearing that is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

/s/

Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

/s/

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: August 13, 2019