

**MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**May 11, 2021**  
**Whitsett Town Hall Building**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice and Council Members Lee Greeson and Craig York. Absent was Council Member Cindy Wheeler.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and two residents. Absent was 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 Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

**SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor, and no one asked to be acknowledged.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of the Minutes**

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the April 13, 2021 regular monthly meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to adopt the minutes as written; motion seconded by Council Member Craig York. The motion to adopt the April 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**

With the cancellation of last week's Planning Board meeting, there was nothing to report.

### **2. Enforcement Officer**

Enforcement Officer Ken Jacobs reported that since the last Council meeting, no DCCs had been issued.

### **3. Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Jacobs reported that Evans Engineering, on behalf of Keystone Group, Inc., called to request a meeting at Town Hall to relaunch the development of Hudson Way on Burlington Road. Jacobs explained that the plans and processes initiated over three years ago for the project had expired; and different requirements from original submissions may now exist. It would likely be like starting from scratch for the endeavor. Evans would call back to schedule the meeting.

Jacobs reported that the concession stand conversion to restrooms had been roughed in by Willie Saul & Son Plumbing, and that he had contacted the contractor to complete the structural aspects and appointments before Willie Saul returns to install the final plumbing equipment and furnishings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Presentation of Draft Preliminary Town Operating Budget 2021-2022**

Copies of the proposed operating budget for 2021-2022 were distributed to Council Members for their initial review and further study in preparation for the standard June public hearing and regular meeting where the final operating budget shall be adopted. The General Fund increased by \$8,000 over that of last year, and the Water Fund, in essence, remained identical. Mayor Fennell asked for any immediate discussion or reaction to the proposed budget as presented, and no one had any.

### **2. Set Public Hearing Date of June 8, 2021**

Mayor Fennell asked for a motion to set the public hearing date. Council Member Lee Greenson made the motion to set the hearing date of June 8 for public comment on the 2021-2022 proposed budget; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Finance Officer Jerry Rice. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those present, and the public hearing shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation.

**3. Any Items from Council Members**

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council Members; and no one offered anything.

**4. Announcements**

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

**5. 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. The motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lee Greeson; motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice. The motion carried; and the May 11, 2021 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council will follow the public hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

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Richard Fennell, Mayor

**APPROVED:** June 8, 2021