

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
July 13, 2021
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice, Council Members Cindy Wheeler, Lee Greeson and Craig York.

The Invocation was given by Jerry Rice.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs and *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski.

Mayor Fennell called the regular Council meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m., and noted that a quorum was present.

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 of Public Meeting

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes from the June 8, 2021 Public Meeting and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes as written was made by Council Member Lee Greeson and was seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. The motion to adopt the June minutes was carried by unanimous vote of those present.

2. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the June 8, 2021 regular monthly meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes as written was made by Council Member Craig York; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion to adopt the June minutes carried by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Contract for Annual Financial Audit

Mayor Fennell indicated the contract had not gone up and was \$9,000.00. A motion to accept the contract was made by Council Member Jerry Rice, and was seconded by Council Member Craig York. The approval of this contract carried by unanimous vote.

4. Any Other Old Business

There was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

Jerry Rice reported that the Planning Board did meet. Only general discussion was had, and nothing was voted on at the meeting.

2. Enforcement Officer

Ken Jacobs indicated here was no enforcement activity to report this month.

5. Town Administrator

The Town Administrator stated that the restrooms at the ball field looked spectacular. The roof and siding are on. He stated Dan Fogleman will call the concrete provider, as we will need a walkway that will accommodate wheelchair traffic for the disabled. Once this is accomplished, the ball field project will be complete.

Ken Jacobs informed the Council that Rudy is building/has built a hangar, but with building costs building home at this time may not be possible. He is proposing building 2 bedrooms with a living room and bath in the upper level of the hangar. I had discussion with him to let him know once his house is built the residential area proposed to be built in the hangar cannot become a rental.

The hangar is a pre-engineered metal building, but has board and batten siding. Guilford County has no issues with it, but requested a letter stating we do not, either. I sent that letter after checking our ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Amendment Extending Interlocal Agreement on Animal Control

Mayor Fennell asked Council for any questions or discussion on the proposed county interlocal agreement amendment for providing animal control services. Hearing none, Mayor Fennell made a motion to approve the amendment; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The contract would be executed by the Town and then forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and final execution.

2. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members. Discussion among Council Members regarding filling the position left by Jo Hesson's retirement was directed at training and what the duties should be for the replacement. Ken Jacobs stated that Cindy Wheeler would be co-signing checks. Jo came in after her retirement on June 11, 2021 but to close out the year only. Ken Jacobs indicated all bills are paid. He indicated he'd talked to Wanda at Cobb, Ezekiel and Loy, and she has a staff member who specializes in governmental reporting, and another in water bills and payroll.

Further discussion regarding needing to have minutes done and checks written ensued. Cindy Wheeler indicated she had a couple of people in mind. Ken Jacobs said his neighbor Linda Smart had come in and done some answering of phones, and was not afraid of work; however, her husband is recuperating from surgery and she is now taking care of him. The need for computer skills, the desire for the person to understand QuickBooks and to be able to pick up on things without full training was also discussed. Richard Fennell asked if the League of Municipalities might be able to help. Discussion ensued, and Cindy Wheeler did indicate such services require a fee be paid. Also, Ken Jacobs indicated that Jo has a computer that belongs to the Town at her home, and that he needs to have her return it.

3. Speakers from the Floor

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Craig York made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion passed by unanimous vote of those present; and the July 13 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: August 10, 2021

AMENDMENT APPROVED: December 14, 2021