

**Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
March 13, 2017**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council members Jackson, Cook, Washington and Jones. Also in attendance was Chief Shirer.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017, Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 Special Called Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote the minutes were approved. Councilmembers Jackson and Jones refrained from voting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

- At the February Council meeting, Councilmembers agreed to choose a project from the prioritized Needs Assessment document from LSCOG. In February, Carson indicated that she would be working on a well blending project and CDBG. Councilmember Cook chose to Economic Development. Councilmembers Jackson, Jones and Washington have not selected a project.
- Carson reminded Councilmembers that last fall she requested each Councilmember recruit someone to serve on the ZBA. She has not received recruits from Jones, Jackson and Washington, and this is holding back requests that the Town has received. She requested that recruit names be given to her for the required training is being held at the end of March.
- Carson reminded Councilmembers of the 3.31.2017 filing deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carson shared that the Conterra lease is not being renewed for Conterra's customer is not renewing their agreement; some antennas will be removed from the water tank.
- Account Statement for February, 2017 showed an increase in revenue due to receipt of CPST, MASC revenue and County property tax monies.
- The Great American Cleanup will be held on 3.18.2017. Anyone wishing to participate can meet at the Town Hall at 8:00 am.
- Principal for a Day at North High School originally scheduled for April will be moved to the fall. Carson will be shadowing the Dover Elementary principal. Councilmember Washington may be able to shadow at North High School.
- The annual Alzheimer's bike ride will be passing through North on 7.15.2017.
- Washington, Jackson, Cook and Carson attended the re-certification training held 2.23.2017 in Orangeburg. Also in attendance were ZBA and Planning members B. Jeffcoat, E. Stone and M. Hughes.
- Carson, L. Adams and D. Fogle attended the Municipal Election Commission orientation training 3.2.2017 in Orangeburg.
- Certification training for ZBA and Planning Commission is scheduled for 3.29.2017 – 3.30.2017 beginning at 5:30 pm. Carson thanked S. Spears, A. Case, S. Coleman and D. Fogle for their planned attendance.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to table the bleacher equipment for Town of North ballfield #2 and the 4 - 15' players' dugout benches (Fields 1 & 2). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote, was tabled. Carson voted in opposition.
- Councilmember Washington will look into the proposed additional load of wood chips for the playground. Carson will ask our public works employee to remove the two broken swings at the park.

- Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept the signage proposal for the North Athletic fields noting that the proposal contained signs for the safety of those in the batting cages. The motion was not seconded. Councilmember Cook will obtain additional bids.
- Review of Ordinances:
 - Councilmember Jones presented Chapter 2 revisions and asked that Council review the chapter again since we were missing pages from the chapter.
 - Jackson – Chapters 3 and 4 – did not present
 - Washington – Chapter 5 – did not present
 - Councilmember Cook proposed one possible change to Chapter 8 – the returned check fee amount. She will research further. Carson noted that the FY needed to be updated, that the Town does not employ an Administrator to compile budget, check signatures, designation of an auditor each year, and the amount of responsibility vested in a Clerk as a purchasing agent for the Town.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Carson read three sentences from the Utility Ordinance that had its first reading in 1.2015 and a second reading and adoption in 2.2015 by then Mayor Earl Jeffcoat. Councilmembers approving this ordinance were Jones, Washington, Carson and Lane.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Washington: Suggested that that the bathrooms at the park remain unlocked during the hours of 8 am until 6:0 pm. The public works employee will open the bathrooms at 8 am and Council agreed that they would see to it that the bathrooms were locked each evening between 5:30 – 6:00 pm.
- Cook: A dry cleaner does not have interest in locating to North at this time.
- Jackson: Wants his paycheck in his Council packet.
- Jones: Requested a copy of the budget report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- Mr. John Brasington – signage
- Sandy Sigmon – form of government
- Rev. Henry Murdaugh – zoning variance
- Sheryl Mitchum – North Branch librarian
- George Sigmon – Take One/Leave One small library

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- Wanda Whetstone – indicated that a Town Ordinance requires that copies of minutes be distributed at each Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote, Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Kaigler
Office Administrator

APPROVED: March 13, 2017, MINUTES

Mayor Patty Carson: _____

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Daniel Jackson: _____

Deborah Cook: _____