



Minutes of
City of Creedmoor
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-Tem Herman Wilkerson, Commissioner Del. Mims, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Thomas Jackson, and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present were Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager; Robin Reif, City Clerk; and Attorney Tom Currin.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order and offered the invocation. Commissioner Mims led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Mayor called for the approval of the agenda. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Minor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Minor to approve the Board Minutes of the March 2, 2015 Work Session with clarification as pointed out by the City Clerk; seconded by Commissioner Mims. Motion received a unanimous vote.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mayor Moss presented Building Codes Administrator/Public Works Director Steve Colenda with a certificate of appreciation for his ten (10) years of service to the City of Creedmoor. Mayor Moss remarked that Steve is the guy that is standing out front when something goes wrong and that the City relies heavily on him.

APA UPDATE

City Manager Tom Mercer and City Attorney Tom Currin provided council with an update of the status of the Asset Purchase Agreement with a date of merger of March 27, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson that the City of Creedmoor give legal notice of its intent pursuant to Chapter 162A, Article 1 to join the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA) as a member and that notice of such intent be published once in the Butner Creedmoor News on March 19, 2015 and that the hearing on the Resolution to join SGWASA as a Member be placed upon the agenda for the Commissioners' first meeting in April as the first order of business after adoption of previous minutes at 5:30 p.m. on April 6, 2015.

Motion received a unanimous vote.

Assistant City Manager Korena Weichel presented strategies for communication with citizens for the purpose of notification that have been and will be implemented with regard to the City's merger with SGWASA.

The Mayor then provided the Commissioners with an opportunity to share their thoughts on the pending merger and thanked the current board as well as previous Commissioners Piper and Stallings, City Staff, Granville County Board of Commissioners, neighboring municipal officials and the Local Government Commission for their efforts to work together to achieve success.

PLANNING BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Moss reviewed the applicants seeking appointment/reappointment

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson to reappoint Neena Nowell, Mildred Goss, Steve Faucette, for inside-the-city appointment as well as current member Dennis Lester for the open ETJ position left by Faye Ray; seconded by Commissioner Minor

Motion to Substitute by Commissioner Jackson to appoint Neena Nowell, Steve Faucette, Jason Jenkins and Dennis Lester.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Commissioner Mims to postpone reappointments until the April 6, 2015 Board of Commissioners Work Session so that she may study the applications further and speak with the applicants; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Motion received the following vote:

Ayes: Mims, Jackson
Noes: Minor, Wilkerson, Robinson

Motion failed 2-3

Principal motion received the following vote:

Ayes; Minor, Wilkerson, Robinson
Noes: Mims, Jackson

Motion passed 3-2

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Amor Agdeppa, 815 N. Main Street, Creedmoor, NC

Mr. Agdeppa stated that the merger being finalized is a good thing and he hopes the water and sewer bills will be competitive and the consideration received is used for the good of the citizens. Mr. Agdeppa remarked that the new graphics on the City Police cruisers look very good.

Mr. Ed Gleason, 1973 Bowles Ave, Creedmoor, NC

Mr. Gleason thanked the board for all of their work towards the SGWASA merger and asked that the board consider having public comment periods on its Work Session meetings. On the subject of Discharge of Firearms, a pending item on a future board meeting agenda, Mr. Gleason remarked that, as a member of the City's Planning Board, he voted for the recommendation of indoor shooting ranges within the City of Creedmoor should Chapter 130.02 of the City's Code of Ordinance be amended to allow for such facilities. Mr. Gleason asked that the board carefully consider when voting on this subject.

Addressing negative voting on the Planning Board reappointment of Steve Faucette to remain on the board and become an ETJ member in place of Ms. Faye Ray who did not seek reappointment, Mr. Gleason stated that Mr. Faucette has been a valued member of the city's Planning Board.

Dennis Lester, 2523A Highway 15N., Creedmoor, NC

Thanked the Mayor, certain Commissioners, SGWASA, and The Local Government Commission for obtaining approval of the APA.

John Wilkerson 308 S. Main Street, Creedmoor, NC

Thanked the board for putting a ribbon and a bow on the SGWASA merger project. Especially thanked City Manager Tom Mercer for his work to gain the benefits of lower water bills, taxes and trash collection bills.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mercer updated council on the following:

- Sidewalks // Transportation: Programs Director Scottie Cornett provided an update
 - Preliminary reviews with NCDOT have been conducted.
 - Final meetings with property owners to be held.
 - Authorization to proceed with right-of-way (ROW) is the final remaining stage after property owner meetings.
 - The Granville County Board of Commissioners tabled their agenda item of contribution towards the LAPP Project. Butner declined to take no action as well, rather waiting for the outcome of the Granville County board's decision. A request has been made for the break-down between Creedmoor and Butner as well as the number of citizens to be served within a 2-mile radius of the greenway.
- City Equipment/Property Policy: Assistant City Manager Korena Weichel spoke regarding the policy.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to adopt the City Equipment/Property Policy; seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

Motion received a unanimous vote.

- Revisions to Chapter 50 of City Code of Ordinances: *Solid Waste*: Planning Director Michael S. Frangos spoke regarding the proposed revisions made necessary due to the SGWASA merger.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-02: *An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances, Title V: Public Works; Chapter 50; Solid Waste* with the change to 8:00 p.m. being the time mandated for placing of receptacles at the curb; seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

Motion received a unanimous vote.

- City Manager Tom Mercer updated council on the Monopole project.
 - The generator has been moved.
 - Hole for the foundation will be dug
 - Concrete will have a period of curing.
 - The week of April 13th is the projected timeframe for the project. Carriers' poles are proposed to be affixed to the monopole in May followed by the deconstruction of the old tank. The proposed schedule is subject to weather conditions.
 - Wind and weather have caused paint to peel off the old tank. Scraping and checking the integrity of the tank has been performed.
- Offsite Meeting/Budget Calendar: City Manager Tom Mercer provided an overview of the pending Monday, May 4, 2015 offsite meeting to be held at Vance Granville Community College.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moss updated council on the following:

- Attended 2015 Congress of Cities in Washington, DC with a focus on policies as they relate to small cities.
- Town Hall Day is Wednesday March 18th.
- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Rogers.
- May 9th – National Day of Play is to be held separate from National Night Out this year.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Public Safety

Commissioner Jackson reported on the following:

- Attended Shepherd Youth Ranch Open House March 14th
- Transportation data will be considered for a month then submitted to Granville County for funding.

Transportation Infrastructure

Commissioner Mims reported on the following:

Moved by Commissioner Mims to include public comments in all Board of Commissioners Work Sessions; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Motion received the following vote:

Ayes: Mims, Jackson

Noes: Minor, Wilkerson, Robinson

Motion failed 2-3

Moved by Commissioner Jackson to include a public comment period during the next work session only.

City Attorney Tom Currin made Commissioner Jackson aware that there is already a public hearing scheduled for that work session.

Commissioner Jackson requested that the Mayor extend the current meeting to allow for public comment in exchange for removing his motion.

- Granville County's not considering the LAPP project shortfall is due to the combined GC BOC and Board of Education holding a joint session this evening.
- NCDOT culvert project on Mack Street and Lake Road has been completed.
- Culvert issue on Whitehall Street still needs to be resolved. The Commissioner asked the City Manager to look in to the issue.
- Was the guest speaker for Center for Living on March 14th. The Center for Living is a dedicated organization that has demonstrated its commitment to our youth and community by donating over 500 dictionaries in Creedmoor and Granville County over the past ten years. This year's theme was *Making a Difference*.
- Attended the Shepherd Youth Ranch Exhibition and Outreach event on March 15th.
- Noted that the display case in the city hall foyer needs to be updated with the current board's picture.
- Town Hall Day is Wednesday, May 18th.

Mayor Moss asked Commissioner Mims to look at the parking lot of First Baptist Church with regard to Stormwater runoff towards Cozart Street. Also on Church Street there is a drainage grate that needs to be assessed as well as a third ditch that runs from the Public Works building that intersects with the previously mentioned drainage grate.

City Manager Tom Mercer responded that the items mentioned above are already being considered on the City's stormwater master plan in order of priority from an engineering standpoint. The total list contains approximately 60 areas being assessed under the master plan for resolution.

Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:

Thanked the Attorneys for their time and efforts on the SGWASA merger.

Community and Economic Development

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported on the following:

West Church Street patching is breaking up and needs attention.

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources

Commissioner Minor reported on the following:

- Letter signed and submitted to the State regarding comments on regional BMPs with the City being responsible for maintenance.
- Thanked Attorney, Manager, Assistant City Manager, Building Codes Administrator and all involved in the SGWASA merger.
- Commissioner Minor noted that revision language to Subsection 7 of Chapter 130.02 on discharge of firearms in city limits was bypassed under Old Business. The language has been received from the City Attorney as was requested previously in anticipation of this night's meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-01: *Ordinance Amending the City of Creedmoor Code of Ordinances: General Offense Discharge of Firearms and Other Weapons* with revised language as recommended by City Attorney Tom Currin; seconded by Commissioner

Under further discussion, Commissioner Mims requested copies of the revised Ordinance. The City Attorney commented that the ordinance was in the last meeting's board packet and was discussed at great length by the City's Planning Director. This comment was followed by distribution of the revised ordinance by the City Attorney.

Commissioner Jackson requested a roll-call vote.


Motion received the following roll-call vote:

Commissioner Robinson: Aye
Commissioner Jackson: No
Commissioner Wilkerson: Aye
Commissioner Minor: Aye
Commissioner Mims: No

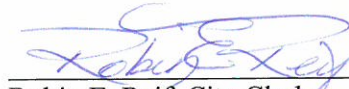
Motion passed 3-2. Ordinance adopted as this is not the first time the matter has been considered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Minor. The motion received a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin E. Reif, City Clerk

