

Minutes of  
City of Creedmoor  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Regular Meeting**  
April 24, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-Tem John Stallings, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr, Commissioner Herman Wilkerson, and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present were Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, Korena Weichel, City Clerk, Robin Reif, Deputy City Clerk, and Attorney Tom Currin.

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Piper. The motion received a unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Minor to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2012 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting, and April 9, 2012 Board of Commissioner's Work Session; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Motion received a unanimous vote.

**REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Clegg Family – Concerns Regarding Taxation Issue

No one representing the Clegg family was present at the meeting. City Attorney Tom Currin stated that Mr. Clegg was aware that the City map existing in 1968 contained an error but that maps from subsequent years up to most recent (2005) reflected the December 16, 2008 Annexation Ordinance showing Mr. Clegg's property within City limits. If Mr. Clegg requests a hearing for tax abatement, the City has 90 days to respond to his request.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. USDA Water/Sewer Projects Update

City Manager Tom Mercer reported on the following:

*Water and Sewer Infrastructure:* Manager Mercer reported that the Contractor will be switching over properties west of Main Street and that blasting is to be conducted in the area of Robertson Creek.

*Water Tank:* The tank is nearing completion. City Attorney Tom Currin asked if any cell carriers reported interference from the new water tank to which Mr. Mercer replied none

2. Official City Maps – 2012

The updated City Map recording official annexation of the Clegg property into the city limits on December 20, 1968 and containing correction of a drafting error near the Paddington subdivision was presented.

Moved by Commissioner Stallings to adopt the Official City Map 2012 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Minor. Motion received a unanimous vote.

3. Tar Pamlico Association

Commissioner Stallings requested an explanation of the Tar Pamlico Association for the benefit of the public. Mayor Moss provided more detail.

Moved by Commissioner Minor; seconded by Commissioner Piper that the City of Creedmoor accept the invitation to join the Tar Pamlico Basin Association and that the sum of \$11,580.65 be appropriated and paid to the association as dues owing for the years 2004 to 2011. The motion received a unanimous vote.

4. Budget

City Manager Tom Mercer presented the FY13 budget containing tax rate comparisons, decline in the number of cutoffs, and project bid schedules.

City Attorney Tom Currin stated that Stormwater rules must be adopted. City Planner Cahoon reported that the Community Development Ordinance would be submitted to the Board for adoption early May.

In response to Mr. Mercer's report that SGWASA has yet to release their new rate study and rate increase information, Mayor Moss solicited suggestions on how to be more aggressive in getting SGWASA to release the needed information. Commissioner Minor added that 16% of SGWASA's revenue is generated from Creedmoor. City Attorney Tom Currin offered to prepare a letter to come from the board or manager. The board authorized the City Attorney to do whatever is necessary.

Referencing a proposed City Recreation Department, Mayor Moss asked if there was any risk to the 20K Creedmoor receives from Granville County. Economic and Transportation Projects Manager Scottie Wilkins stated that that money is dispersed equitably and Creedmoor meets the requirements for proposed recipients. Adding that Creedmoor has ensured its eligibility over the last year, Ms. Wilkins stated that the City is using the same criteria as Oxford.

Attorney Currin reported that the City needs to get the three current cell carrier's antennas moved to the new tower and determine how long the old tower will remain. Consultants will be contacted to assist with placement of future antennae.

City Manager Tom Mercer reported that the trash pickup budget issue has yet to be reconciled due to increased diesel fuel prices incurred by Waste Industries.

Mayor Moss asked how the storm water issue was structured to which was reported fees are to be collected through the County and included on resident's tax bills. Each municipality will have its own fees based on cost, soil, impervious areas, etc. The public will need to be educated to understand that this is a fee and not a tax. Not even the City is exempt. A flat rate will be assessed for individual homeowners.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Moss provided an update from the recent CAMPO meeting with regard to boundary expansion for transportation. Impact will come if Butner decides they no longer wish to be a member. They are considering the Durham MPO. If they withdraw it would represent a major policy shift for Granville County and Creedmoor would be forced to withdraw. Economic and Transportation Projects Manager Scottie Wilkins explained that Federal mandates state that urbanized clusters of census blocks cannot be broken up which can create a situation that is not optimal as one municipality making a move forces the partner municipality to go along.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Robinson**

None

**Commissioner Minor**

None

**Commissioner Wilkerson**

At the request of Commissioner Wilkerson, Economic and Transportation Projects Manager Scottie Wilkins reported on the bicycle/pedestrian/greenway plan presented in Oxford to Granville Greenways Advisory Council.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Stallings**

Discussion held on the easement for Chief Street to furnish natural gas for Main Street commercial buildings. City Attorney Tom Currin proposed that the current easement may need to be enlarged and stated that three owners in this area had refused right of way in the past but that the City could take right of way upon compensation to the owners.

**Commissioner Piper**

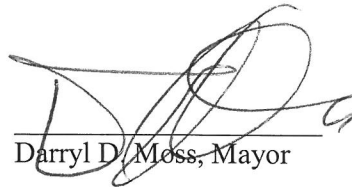
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**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Commissioner Stallings to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5); seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson. The motion received a unanimous vote. The board went to closed session at 8:17 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon returning from Closed Session, there being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Piper moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion received a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robin E. Reif, Deputy City Clerk



