

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2009
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Larry Robinson and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present was Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk. Absent was Attorney Tom Currin.

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Piper

Mayor Moss announced that Attorney Currin was out of town and Attorney Dutra was unable to attend because it was her daughter's sixteenth Birthday. He expressed that if they need to delay decisions because of legal matters they would take care of the issues at the next scheduled meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that in this year's budget there was a position for a Business Development and Transportation Project Manger and he was pleased to announce that the City had entered into an agreement with Ms. Scottie Cornett-Wilkins effective July 7, 2009. He advised that Ms. Wilkins has a BA degree from Morehead State University, Kentucky. For the past four years she has been the Transportation Planner at Granville County and prior to that her experience was in rural transportation, marketing and radio/television advertising. Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that the areas that Ms. Wilkins would be involved are the Strategic Plan, Business Development and Transportation and Greenway Plan. Mr. Mercer introduced Ms. Scottie Wilkins and she received a round of applause.

Mayor Moss expressed that the Board was excited and happy to have Ms. Wilkins here with the City.

Ms. Scottie Cornett-Wilkins said that she was excited to be here.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that he felt the City Manager made a good decision in the hiring of Ms. Wilkins.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

No one was scheduled to address the Board.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Karan to approve the minutes of May 26, 2009, June 1, 2009 and June 8, 2009. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adopt the agenda with the deletion of Item 10-g KaBoom presentation under New Business. The motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one wished to speak so Mayor Moss closed the Public Comments section.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that his report was in the Board's packet and unless there were questions he would leave this time for the audit presentation.

Mayor Moss inquired about the Fire Department contract.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that the money was in the budget. He noted that under the Fire Service was the amount of \$59,090 and \$31,547 for the annual payment towards the fire truck for a total of \$90,637.00.

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adopt the Fire Service Contract for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer presented the Waste Collection & Debris Pick-Up under his Manager's Report. The rates will go out with the August 1st, 2009 billing and are as follows:

Trash Collection:

Residential includes one roll-cart & 1 recycle bin = \$16.40 per month
Additional roll-cart = \$ 8.00 per month

Commercial includes 1 roll-cart & 1 recycle bin
@ 2 collections per week = \$22.50 per month
Additional roll-cart = \$22.50 per month

Yard Debris Removal (Non Commercial):

City provides one (1) free pick-up per month = \$20.00 each additional pick up

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Minor to adopt the new Waste Industries contract. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked what the rates would be if citizens did not roll the carts out to the curb and Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer replied that it would be approximately \$2.00-\$2.50 additional per month.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he would like to see quotes from other trash collection agencies next year.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer replied that the City had a three year contract with Waste Industries to expire after one more year. He added that two years ago they were seeking trash vendors and no other quotes were received.

Department Head Reports:

Provided in the Board packets were monthly reports from the various City departments.

Commissioner Minor provided the Board with pictures that he had taken of a neighbor's house, the old Alamo Steak House, old Four-Way Quick Stop, an abandoned house, commercial building and a vacant house that are in violation.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that he sent out certified violation letters to some of the property owners yesterday. He said that he had received a few letters back because the property owners were not accepting the certified mail. Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director advised that he would be posting violation signs on the properties. He expressed that there was a legal process that had to be followed.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about a time frame.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that the time frame depends on the violation. He said that for the first letter he normally gives 15 – 30 days. Mr. Roesler expressed that the letters he recently sent out gave the property owners two weeks to comply or they will be issued a civil penalty.

Commissioner Minor asked when American Dream Properties would be extending their driveway. He said that this was one of the conditions of approval.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that the last time he talked with them there was a NCDOT issue and they have finally received approval. He said that he would follow up on this issue.

Mayor Moss asked Commissioner Minor to send an e-mail in reference to the areas of the City where the violations are taking place.

Traffic Schedule:

Mayor Moss deferred this issue until the July 13, 2009 Work Session when the City Attorney would be present to submit the Traffic Schedule in Ordinance form.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Ordinance 2009-2010 Fiscal Year:

Mayor Moss expressed that at the last meeting date of June 8, 2009 the Board approved the budget and he wanted the Board to adopt the Budget Ordinance separately. There are three sections to the budget; Section I is the Budget Ordinance, Section II is the Budget Officer authorization and Section III is the Fee Schedule.

**CITY OF CREEDMOOR BUDGET ORDINANCE
2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Creedmoor, North Carolina, that the following budget was approved and adopted as the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year budget of the City of Creedmoor, a municipal corporation in the State of North Carolina on the 8th day of June, 2009 by unanimous vote.

TOTAL INCOME \$7,526,812.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$7,526,812.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND – DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS:

Mayor and Board of Commissioners	\$ 102,774.00
City Manager	69,208.00

City Attorney	65,000.00
City Clerk	59,544.00
Police Division	1,115,560.00
CFVD	90,637.00
Finance	290,582.00
Administrative Services	269,577.00
IT	-
Risk Management	-
Planning	161,498.00
Building Official	66,390.00
Public Services Dept	647,180.00
Downtown Development Fund	22,000.00
Contingency Fund	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$2,959,950.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:	
Water Department	\$ 925,109.00
Sewer Department	1, 173,803.00
Powell Fund	165,082.00
Recreational	179,302.00
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$2,443,296.00
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS:	
Water Fund	\$ 852,566.00
Sewer Fund	1,271,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$2,123,566.00
NET ALL BUDGETS FOR 2009-1010	\$7,526,812.00

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Creedmoor, that (1) departmental expenditures for the 2009-2010 fiscal year shall not exceed the estimated departmental totals depicted on the accompanying Budget Summary, the total being \$7,526,812.00 and (2) revenues for the 2009-2010 fiscal year shall equal total expenditures; and (3) revenues from the advalorem property tax shall be levied in the amount of \$.725 per \$100.00 valuation.

The motion to approve this Budget Ordinance was made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Piper and was approved by a 5-0 vote on this the 23rd day of June, 2009.

(Attached is Section II & Section III)

Voting Yes: Commissioner Karan, Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Piper, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wilkerson

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP – Audit 2007-2008:

Mr. Jim Winston, City auditor addressed the Board and commended the Finance team. He said that there were good numbers and the City was doing well and was sound financially. Mr. Winston said that the City had made great progress since January 1st. He expressed that the reconciliations were up to date through May. Mr. Jim Winston said that Creedmoor was receiving an unqualified opinion on their June 30, 2008 financial statements and gave an overview as follows:

Mr. Jim Winston expressed that last year during the audit presentation they had booked about \$600,000 worth of reserve to cover the tax issue. He said that he was pleased to announce that they had reversed about \$500,000; however they still have the pension issue to resolve. He noted that they left \$100,000 in reserve plus the \$15,000 that the City was to pay for the IRS settlement.

Statement of Net Assets:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Assets:	\$9,066,907	\$9,620,220
Total Liabilities:	2,205,273	1,525,752
Net Assets:	\$6,861,634	\$8,094,468

Statement of Activities:

Revenues:	\$5,103,566	\$5,080,763
Expenditures:	4,385,674	4,325,437

Change in Net Assets	\$ 717,919	\$ 755,326
Beginning Net Assets	6,143,715	7,339,142
Ending Net Assets:	<u>\$6,861,634</u>	<u>\$8,094,468</u>

Mr. Jim Winston gave an overview of the Governmental Fund Revenues and there was 54% in property taxes which is a good number.

Mr. Jim Winston said for General Fund Revenues the original budget was \$3,027,569; the final budget was \$3,055,225 and the actual budget was \$3,143,714.

Mr. Jim Winston gave an overview of the Governmental Fund Expenditures; which Public Safety was 34% and General Government was 37%.

Mr. Jim Winston expressed that he liked the General Fund Expenditure numbers. The original budget was \$3,121,974, final budget was \$3,402,853 and the actual budget was \$2,761,991.

Mr. Jim Winston gave an overview of the Proprietary Funds. He said that the total revenues were off a little and the operating expenditure numbers were up a little; however the City still came out alright. Mr. Winston expressed that there was a positive gain in the water/sewer operations.

Mr. Jim Winston gave an overview of the Fund Balance and said that the City had good numbers in both Governmental and Proprietary.

Mr. Jim Winston said that for the General Fund there was 52% undesignated, and 43% reserved by State Statutes, which is money receivable in June that has not turned into cash. The big items involved are local options sales tax and franchise tax. Those revenues are money that is collected during July, August and September. Mr. Winston expressed that the City has a good healthy Fund Balance.

Mr. Jim Winston said that the Cash Balance is up \$428,000. He said that a positive was that the City did not have to pay the one-half million dollars or the cash would have been down. The total cash was \$4,552,868.

Mr. Jim Winston gave an overview of the Adjusted Tax Levy and expressed that it was up \$220,609. For 2008 there was a total of \$1,770,618.

Mr. Winston expressed that 2007 was the first year that the County started to collect the taxes and the Tax Collection Percentages were down. In 2007 the tax collection was 93.63% and the current year was 95.81%. Mr. Winston noted that the state wide average was 96.92. He expressed that the state wide average came down due to the economy as it was up above 97% last year.

Mr. Jim Winston addressed the following:

Material Weaknesses; Segregation of Duties as follows:

- The City lacks adequate segregation of duties.
- Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees with this finding. The City has added additional staff to help further segregate duties as much as possible. Additional oversight has been added by management to mitigate the risks.

Preparation of Financial Statements:

- The City lacks the qualifications and knowledge to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements.
- Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees with this finding. The City will obtain additional training for its staff.

Restatement of Net Assets and Fund Balance:

- The City was required to restate beginning net assets and fund balance to reflect the correction of a material misstatement from prior years.
- Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees with this finding. Additional internal controls have been implemented to correct this finding.

Failure to perform reconciliations of significant accounts:

- The City failed to reconcile bank accounts in a timely manner for the entire year. The City failed to reconcile subsidiary ledgers to the trial balance.
- Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees with this finding. The City is currently up to date on these reconciliations with the hiring of outside consultants.

Controls over period-end financial statements:

- The City has ineffective controls over period-end financial reporting processes, including controls over procedures used to enter transaction totals in the general ledger; initiate, authorize record, and process journal entries into the general ledger; and record recurring and nonrecurring adjustments to the Financial Statements.
- Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees with this finding. The City is in the process of addressing the period-end financial controls to improve internal control over financial reporting.

Sufficient Timely Information:

- The City lacks sufficient timely information to assist management in identifying and managing risks relevant to financial reporting. The effects of these risks undetected could be material to the financial statements. It is management's responsibility to establish and monitor the City's fraud risks and assessment and prevention activities.
- Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees with this finding. Efforts are underway to correct this. The City has now begun issuing monthly budget to actual statements. Information will be timelier going forward.

Mr. Jim Winston expressed that the City is currently up to date on the reconciliations and he had received some of the financial statements for the month of May and that is a first. He noted that there were two items that were over spent; nevertheless, the City did a great job of living within the budget. Mr. Winston said that for the FY 08/09 the above listings would go away other than the segregation of duties due to the size of staff. Mr. Jim Winston reiterated that the City made a great improvement since January, 2009. He expressed that he felt that everyone was focused on making the corrections and getting everything right. Mr. Jim Winston commended staff for a job well done. He expressed that the contract with Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans came in under budget for 2007/2008.

Commissioner Piper thanked staff for all of their hard work to get to this point. He also expressed appreciation for Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans.

Commissioner Robinson commended staff and the City Auditors; Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans for their hard work.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he knew that the State was 66% and inquired about the City.

Mr. Jim Winston replied that the City was 36% and the minimum was 8%. He emphasized that he encourages clients to be conservative on the revenues and expenditures. Mr. Winston said that he does not see the economy turning around until 2010.

Mayor Moss said that they were up 16% from last year.

Mr. Winston said that the penalties had a negative impact on last year.

Commissioner Minor thanked Mr. Winston and staff for their hard work.

Mr. Winston commended Mayor Moss for always thinking positive and saying that the City would be alright.

Mr. Jim Winston expressed that the audit was mailed to the LGC today and he did not anticipate a change in numbers. He said that once he gets the report back he would forward the report to the City.

Mr. Jim Winston explained that there were three levels of audits and the City would be going to a higher level of audit for fiscal year 2008/2009. He said that the City was a Yellow Book Audit for 2007/2008. Mr. Winston explained that because of the Lake Rogers project the City for 2008/2009 would be an A133 Single Audit. A Single Audit is when over \$500,000 in Federal Funds is received and the programs must be audited. He said that since the City is going to be applying for USDA loans there would be compliances. Mr. Jim Winston noted that stimulus money would also be subject to an A133 Single Audit.

Mayor Moss referred to segregation of duties for the City and noted that Mr. Tom Mercer wears two hats as City Manager/Finance Officer.

Mr. Jim Winston said that would be under internal control and he noted that it is the Board's responsibility to assess risks.

Mayor Moss expressed that the City had accomplished putting confidence back into the numbers. He said that this had been a team effort. Mayor Moss said that he was very pleased with the information received this evening; however during the 2004 audit they were told there was one million dollars more in the bank and the next day he was notified by the LGC there was not.

Mr. Jim Winston said that he did not understand that if the W2s were prepared why they did not get mailed.

Commissioner Piper said that the Board feels more confident when they are voting to make a decision knowing they have accurate numbers.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager said that he had received the contract from Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans. He said that the contract was in the amount of \$34,000, which is \$20,000 less than last year.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Piper to approve the contract from Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans in the amount of \$34,000.00 for fiscal year 2008/2009. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Budget Amendment #3:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer presented Budget Amendment #3 for 2008/2009.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Karan to approve Budget Amendment #3. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Central Depository/Closing of Water & Sewer Checking Accounts:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that Finance was looking at closing the water/sewer checking accounts and making them into one central depository checking account. The only other account would be the Powell Bill, which must be kept separate.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Karan to approve the Central Depository/Closing of Water & Sewer Checking Accounts. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Record Retention Adoption:

Ms. Sandra Harper, City Clerk expressed that the Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule was updated and issued by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Historical Resources, Archives and Records Section and Government Records Branch on May 19, 2009. According to G.S. §121-5 and G.S. #132-3, you may only destroy public records with the consent of the Department of Cultural Resources. This is the primary way DCR gives it consent. Without approving this schedule, a municipality is obligated to obtain the Department's permission to destroy any record, no matter how insignificant. Each record series listed on the schedule has specific disposition instructions which will indicate how long that series must be kept in your offices. In some cases, the disposition instructions are simply "Retain in office permanently," which means that those records must be kept in offices forever. This schedule must be signed by the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk and mailed back to Raleigh. A copy will also be on file in the Clerks Office.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adopt the updated Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule. The motion received a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Moss said that Ms. Vickie Bass was supposed to be here this evening to address the Board; however she had a conflict. She is asking for reconsideration of the Mixed Use District Overlay zoning of Hwy. 56 West. He said that he spoke with her earlier today and suggested that if she could not attend this evening to attend next month to make the request to the Board and if the Board chooses to it would take action.

Mayor Moss asked that the City Clerk read the letter from Ms. Vickie Bass dated June 17, 2009 requesting reconsideration.

June 17, 2009 via Facsimile – 1 page

Mr. Darryl D. Moss, Mayor and Board of Commissioners
City of Creedmoor
P.O. Box 765
Creedmoor, NC 27522

Re: City Initiated Mixed Use Re-zoning of Eighteen Properties on NC Highway. 56 West

Dear Mayor Moss and Commissioners:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 12, 2009. While I appreciate your timely response, it does not acknowledge my formal request for reconsideration pertaining to the mixed use rezoning action of 18 parcels on NC Hwy. 56 West at the City of Creedmoor - Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held May 26, 2009. We are requesting an immediate reconsideration at this time due to legal/procedural errors as follows:

1. Violation of Comprehensive Plan Ordinance GS §2-452 Comprehensive Plans. Mixed Use rezoning will endanger the health, safety, moral and general welfare of residents. (All persons including the elderly, children, etc.) Inconsistent with character of a residential neighborhood demonstrates animus towards citizens in the ETJ.
2. Violation of GS §160A-364. Agenda for the May 26, 2009 meeting did not provide Public Hearing on an Amendment to the City's Zoning Code to add a Mixed Use Overlay District and the agenda did not provide for a Public Hearing to Amend the Comprehensive Land Use Map. Mixed Use rezoning of 18 properties could not occur.
3. Violation of GS § 160-384(c). Posting was not performed in accordance with statutes. City did not post sufficient notices (plural) to provide reasonable notice to interested persons. Only one notice was posted and it was insufficient for 18 parcels and did not meet statute.
4. Violation of GS §160A-384(a). City did not provide adequate description of properties for City initiated rezoning (no names and no addresses were provided) in newspaper nor in public notice it mailed to provide a person of reasonable intelligence sufficient notice.

Additionally, the homeowners in attendance at the May 26, 2009 meeting spoke against the mixed use rezoning. All persons expressed concerns regarding false representations that we were invited to a January 15, 2009 Planning Board meeting when we never received any invitation for input. The timeline you sent me evidenced that when other homeowners voiced opposition to the rezoning at this January 15th meeting their properties were removed from rezoning consideration. All concerned citizens of Creedmoor look forward to providing input. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, Vickie Bass, P.O. Box 2, Creedmoor, NC 27522

Mayor Moss thanked the City Clerk for the reading of Ms. Vickie Bass's letter and said that he wanted it entered into the record. Mayor Moss asked if the Board would like to take any action on Ms. Bass's request for reconsideration.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Minor that no action be taken on the request for reconsideration. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor Moss said that he would send an acknowledgement letter of the Board's action to Ms. Bass.

Mayor Moss advised that the planning study on Hwy. NC 50 from I-540 to Creedmoor had been funded through CAMPO stimulus money. He said that the stop light had been deferred; however they are doing the right-of-way acquisition this year. The stop light is proposed for next year. Representative Crawford is still pursuing to have the stop light installed this year. NCDOT has planned to pave North Main Street from Hwy. 56 at CVS to Hwy. 15.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that the 2" water lines need to be plugged before NCDOT repaves North Main Street. He advised that the 6" lines were hooked up to the new houses.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that there are houses connected to the 2" lines and they will need to be connected to the other line.

Mayor Moss said that there was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow in Raleigh in reference to the Falls Lake Watershed Protection Rules. He advised that he, Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer, Commissioner Karan, Sarah Bruce and Dan Boone planned to attend. Mayor Moss said that the meeting would be held in the Legislative Office Building, Room 423. The City of Raleigh is seeking legislation to preempt the upcoming Falls Lake Watershed Protection Rules. He added that Granville County, Butner and SGWASA would also have representation at this meeting.

Mayor Moss announced that the Fire Works Display plans are moving along. The parking passes have been sent to all of the municipalities, the advertisements have been sent to the newspapers and it is also on the City's website.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that at the last meeting everything was finalized and we are hoping for good weather.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Minor advised that the Fireman's Day Parade may have to be rescheduled or change the place for the dinner. He said that he would be meeting with the Principal of South Granville High School because their Home Coming was scheduled for the same date. The school plans to have a Home Coming dinner and dance at the school. Commissioner Minor said that Mt. Energy School may be an option.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that he would like to have gravel placed up to the edge of the pavement at Sanderford Street to prevent broken pavement.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that this had already been scheduled for the next street patching date.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked the date for the finalization of the new sidewalk.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager said that it should be finished shortly as they are scheduled to do the diamond tomorrow.

Commissioner Wilkerson had concerns of safety by the Post Office and Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that he would place cones there this evening.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about the timeframe for the project of no parking of trucks on Church Street.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that they could not place the “no parking signs” until the Traffic Schedule is approved.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about the progress of enforcement of parking the wrong way on streets.

Chief Benware expressed that the Police Department had been aggressive with writing citations. He said that progress was being made; nevertheless, it was like any other violation and would be an ongoing problem.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired about the timeframe for receiving the budgeted speed check bulletin and Chief Benware replied that it was received today.

Mayor Moss inquired about parking in front of the Post Office.

Mr. Steve Colenda said that there is a distance requirement for the fire hydrant and once it is in place there will not be enough space for parking.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that he would like to see a new Post Office in the City of Creedmoor.

Commissioner Karan advised that it was his month to attend the Granville County Commissioner meetings. He missed the first meeting due to a conflict with a City budget meeting. Commissioner Karan said that a representative from NCDOT spoke and advised the County that there would be no projects this year. NCDOT is cutting their transportation from 1.2 billion to \$600,000. There was discussion of the school light being postponed this year. He said that Bennet Road off of Hayes Road will be paved. Commissioner Karan said

that for solid waste the recycling of plastic bottles would no longer be allowed. Granville County voted for a 7¢ increase in taxes this year. He said that 2½% go to the library and 4% will go to the school system. The budget adoption was not a unanimous vote. Commissioner Karan advised that the County would be receiving a CMAQ grant with 100% funding. This grant money will go to the Town of Butner for a greenway that connects from Granville Oaks Apartments to the Industrial Park/ Food Lion area.

Commissioner Karan said that he walked with representatives from the North Carolina ECO Enhancement Program hoping to promote funding. He thought there were areas around the property owned by the City, Lake Rogers and Ledge Creek water shed that were peripherally impaired; however, that was not the case. He expressed that his thoughts at the time were that this would produce funding from the state restoration enhancement program and apparently we are a poster child for doing a good job of protecting the lake. He said that any impairment to Ledge Creek is on the other side of I-85.

Commissioner Karan said that he looked forward to attending the meeting in Raleigh in reference to Falls Lake Watershed Protection Rules. He expressed that the City of Creedmoor is a member of the URNBA and attends the Falls Lake Stakeholder's Group. Commissioner Karan said that it would be Wake Forest, Creedmoor, Durham and Butner that are protecting the lake for Raleigh's drinking water. He noted that it was unfortunate that Raleigh was able to take an Army Core of Engineers flood control system and turn it into 100% of their water source.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that at one time Creedmoor was only spending \$200 to \$300 per year on the Lagoon and currently we are spending several hundred thousand dollars because of Raleigh and Wake County.

Commissioner Piper said that he, Mayor Moss, Tom Mercer, Commissioner Wilkerson and Steve Colenda attended the Cardinal State Bank ribbon cutting yesterday. He said that the bank, CVS and the new BP station are adding beautification to Main Street. Commissioner Piper advised that he and his sister replanted flowers on Main Street. He made reference to the flower beds at the Creedmoor entrance signs. Commissioner Piper said that citizens are cutting their yards and beautifying Creedmoor. He said that it makes him proud that citizens are taking pride in the community. Commissioner Piper expressed that he had taken the task of choosing the Yard-Of-The Month.

Commissioner Minor said the City limit signs need to be moved. He said that the Fire District sign by Mobile Village on Hwy. 56 needed to be taken down and a City limits sign needed to be placed there. He noted that there are several signs that need to be straightened.

Commissioner Minor said that the Girl Scouts volunteered to spread mulch around the trees at the lake.

Commissioner Minor said that during the school season, kids are going behind the new Food Lion and are filming a “fight club” and placing it on U-tube. This is being done in Pine Valley Subdivision.

Mayor Moss announced that the Alive After Five is being moved to Main Street Creedmoor and scheduled for August 27, 2009. Ellington Brim is going to remove all the cars and the event will be held on their lot. He added that Main Street would remain open.

Mayor Moss said that the City Seal in the Commissioner’s Room seems to be leaning and asked that it be secured.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to go into Closed Session on the Matter of Personnel in accordance with GS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to regular session, moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk