

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 12, 2009
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He announced that Commissioner Wilkerson was out of town and Attorney Tom Currin was unable to attend because he was in bed with a bad back. Mayor Moss advised that Attorney Lori Dutra was on standby via telephone if needed.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Robinson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Moss

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer gave an update of his Manager's report. He said that the smoke testing of the sewer and the analysis has been completed. The Wooten Company has prepared documents showing a total cost of \$501,700 to rehab the existing sewer. The application for this project is a 50/50 grant and is ready for signature upon Board approval. The supplemental grant is through the North Carolina Rural Economic Center. He said that the City would pay the amount of \$125,000 over a two-year period. Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that it is not feasible at this time to get a USDA loan; however, the City would have the option to refinance at a later date.

Commissioner Minor said that the City is currently paying approximately \$300,000 per year for rain water infiltration and this project would pay for itself within one year. He asked about an estimate of infiltration after completion of the project.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that he would inquire about the percentage and notify the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adopt the Resolution for the 2009 Supplemental Grants Program Adoption of Project Budget Commitment to Local Match. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that the City sent the first packet to the USDA on October 2, 2009. He said that he had a preliminary meeting with the Wooten Company today in regards to the 9.6 million upgrades for water/sewer. Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that he would meet with the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources committee to discuss this project.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that they completed a review of the streets. Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that the criteria for the street project are based upon volume of traffic, condition of the roads and the proximity. He advised that he plans to present the findings at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Moss expressed that Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer would be scheduling meetings with the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that the City auditors were here today and they were pleased with the organization of access to files in sequence to the audit. He expressed that the audit appears to be on schedule.

Mayor Moss asked that the City Clerk call Ms. Mildred Goss in reference to the Veterans Day program to make sure that the City has representation for the event.

Mayor Moss asked that the City Clerk coordinate with Mr. Harry Coleman in reference to the process of notification for a Special Meeting.

Mayor Moss presented a large map that he directed staff to have printed of the Granville County School districts and County Commissioner districts. He expressed that in the near future he would be drafting a letter to Granville County Board of Commissioners in reference to the forthcoming redistricting process to occur after the 2010 census. Mayor Moss said that it was his belief that Southern Granville County would show substantial growth as opposed to Northern Granville County.

Mayor Moss requested that Ms. Korena Weichel notify the Board of Elections to make sure that the City of Creedmoor will not be invoiced for voters of the November 3, 2009 election that have Creedmoor addresses and live within the Butner jurisdiction.

Commissioner Robinson expressed concerns of the political signs around City Hall. He said that he was not against the signs; however, he felt it would be best for them to be placed on the right-of-way of the road. The signs must be at a minimum of twenty-five feet from the designated voting area.

Mayor Moss expressed that he would like to make sure that there are reasonable accommodations for signs because City Hall is a One-Stop-Voting site.

By consensus of the Board, political signs are allowable; however they are to be placed in a designated area on both sides of the building.

Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental:

Commissioner Robinson had nothing further to report other than to apologize for missing the Candidates Forum due to illness.

Mayor Moss announced that he attended the Granville County October 5, 2009 meeting and announced that Commissioner Minor was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Animal Control Advisory Committee. Mayor Moss also reported that Granville County has started a “Teen Court”, which is a program that sentences teens to community service.

Public Safety:

Commissioner Minor inquired about the repair list for the City gym/Senior Center. He had concerns of the stairs at the back of the Senior Center.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that there may have been a misunderstanding of which set of stairs. He said that he received quotes and would have the stairs repaired.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the expansion of the ETJ.

Mayor Moss said that assuming he is successful at the November 3rd election he plans to call the Mayors of Butner and Stem to engage into a conversation concerning this matter. He suggested that the City Manager send an e-mail to the County Manager about pursuing this issue.

Commissioner Karan said that previously the Planning Board made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and they took no action. There was a list of criteria and the City met 9 out of the 10.

Mayor Moss congratulated Commissioner Minor/Assistant Fire Chief on a successful Fireman’s Day event.

Commissioner Minor thanked everyone for their support in the Fireman’s Day event.

Transportation Infrastructure:

There was nothing to report at this time.

Community & Economic Development:

There was nothing to report at this time.

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources:

Commissioner Karan announced that the SGWASA meeting was rescheduled to this evening at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the Butner Candidates Forum.

Commissioner Karan said that he received a report from the City's legal staff in reference to entering into an agreement with the HOA's for playgrounds. North Carolina Statutes do not authorize Municipalities to act on their behalf for such an agreement. He noted that the Attorney's e-mail expressed that North Carolina is not a very progressive state. Commissioner Karan said that he would like to move forward with a partnership with the Home Owner Associations for an easement; however, the City would not be allowed to do cost sharing.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that the regular flu shot was offered to staff this morning at City Hall from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. There were approximately 22 employees that received the vaccine. He expressed that there was staff out sick and others that had previously received the shot. Mr. Tom Mercer said that he appreciated everyone's support to help prevent the flu epidemic.

Mayor Moss said that he read in the newspaper that as of October 31, 2009 the Durham Fire Department is going to suspend all of their public engagements.

Commissioner Minor advised that the Fire Departments will honor all previously scheduled events. He expressed that they will allow tours for children; however, they are banned from the sleeping quarters, kitchen areas and the inside of the trucks.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk