

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2007
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Angela Mangum, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Kent Ray and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present was Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk and Attorney Tom Currin.

QUORUM:

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

Mayor Moss recognized Representative Jim Crawford and Mr. Hubert Gooch, Granville County Commissioner that was in attendance.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Erickson's First Grade Class from Mt. Energy School led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Moss announced that March 2nd would be Dr. Seuss's 102nd Birthday and read the Reading Across America Proclamation. Mayor Moss thanked Ms. Erickson and her class for attending and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Mangum and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adopt the Reading Across America Proclamation. The motion received a unanimous vote.

WINSTON, WILLIAMS, CREECH AND EVANS (Audit Report)

Ms. Carlene Evans of Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans presented the June 30, 2006 Audit Report for the City of Creedmoor as follows:

Overview:

- ◆ Creedmoor has received an unqualified opinion on their June 30, 2006 financial statements.

- ◆ For the second straight year the audit report was submitted to the LGC in a timely manner.

GASB # 34 Highlights:

- ◆ Statement of Net Assets

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total Assets	\$ 7,315,102	\$ 8,474,460
Total Liabilities	<u>1,733,882</u>	<u>1,612,559</u>
Net Assets	\$ 5,581,220	\$ 6,861,901

Statement of Activities:

Revenues	\$ 4,453,524	\$ 4,870,913
Expenditures	<u>3,415,968</u>	<u>3,590,232</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,037,556	\$ 1,280,681
Beginning Net Assets	<u>4,543,664</u>	<u>5,581,220</u>
Ending Net Assets	\$ 5,581,220	\$ 6,861,901

Governmental Fund Revenues:

- ◆ Advalorum Taxes
- ◆ Unrestricted Intergovernmental
- ◆ Permits & Fees
- ◆ Investment Earnings
- ◆ Capital Lease
- ◆ Other Taxes License
- ◆ Restricted Governmental
- ◆ Sales & Services
- ◆ Miscellaneous

General Fund Revenues:

- ◆ Original Budget \$ 2,591,506
- ◆ Final Budget \$ 2,591,506
- ◆ Actual \$ 2,763,842

Governmental Fund Expenditures:

- ◆ General Government
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Culture & Recreation
- ◆ Interest
- ◆ Public Safety
- ◆ Environment Protection
- ◆ Debt Principal

General Fund Expenditures:

- ◆ Original Budget \$ 2,631,506
- ◆ Final Budget \$ 2,674,506
- ◆ Actual \$ 2,304,002

Proprietary Funds:

- ◆ Total Revenue
- ◆ Operating Expenditures
- ◆ Non-operating Rev. (Exp.)
- ◆ Change in Net Assets

General Fund Balance:

- ◆ State Statute
- ◆ Powell Bill
- ◆ Subsequent Year Expenditures
- ◆ Undesignated

Fund Balance:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
◆ Governmental	\$ 1,072,693	\$ 1,560,511
◆ Proprietary	\$ 3,553,781	\$ 4,232,177

Cash:

- ◆ \$ 1,756,988 - 2004
- ◆ \$ 2,839,830 - 2005
- ◆ \$ 3,913,639 - 2006

Tax Collection Percentages:

- ◆ 2004 - 94.42%
- ◆ 2005 - 94.88%
- ◆ 2006 - 93.88%

Adjusted Tax Levy:

- ◆ 2004 - \$ 1,188,850
- ◆ 2005 - \$ 1,246,702
- ◆ 2006 - \$ 1,437,961

Ms. Evans said that overall the City had a very good year.

Mayor Moss thanks Ms. Evans for her presentation this evening.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Karan to accept the renewal contract for the upcoming year with Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans. The motion received a unanimous vote.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA:

Mayor Moss said again that it was a great honor to welcome Representative Crawford and Commissioner Gooch here this evening. He said that he wanted to present the 2007 City of Creedmoor Legislative Agenda and asked for a follow-up meeting with the representatives after they have had a chance to review the document.

Mayor Moss read the following:

2007 City of Creedmoor Legislative Agenda

Community and Economic Development

Support initiatives that will enhance quality of residential, commercial and industrial development in the City of Creedmoor.

- Support Creedmoor's municipal authority for sound growth, long-range planning and growth management.
- Support Creedmoor's ability to grow by annexation.
- Encourage the development of a "southern Granville strategy" that incorporates the unique assets of Butner, Creedmoor, Stem and the Wilton area.

Transportation

Support improvement of Creedmoor's transportation infrastructure.

- Support the Hwy. 50 corridor study. This includes NCDOT TIP Project R-2542.
- Support the improvement of NCDOT roads with Creedmoor's corporate limits.
- Support the installation of a traffic signal at Hwy. 56 and Hawley School Road.
- Support initiatives that will fund Creedmoor's pedestrian and bikeway plan.

Cultural (Quality of Life)

Support cultural, aging programs, recreational initiatives that provide for increased quality of life in Creedmoor and Granville County.

- Support increased recreation funding for Creedmoor and Granville County.
- Support the expansion of the Creedmoor Senior Center.
- Encourage revenue sharing arrangement for southern Granville communities.

Public Safety

Support initiatives that will improve public safety capability in Creedmoor.

- Support increased funding for the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department.
- Support funding of 900 MHz communications equipment for Creedmoor.

Finance

Support municipal ability to use funds entrusted to them in the most efficient and responsible manner.

- Support the preservation and enhancement of the existing tax and revenue structure need for a stable, reliable and balanced revenue stream for municipalities
- Support Medicaid relief for counties
- Support flexibility in financing options and expansion of municipal investment authority needed to preserve fiscal integrity and sound financial management.
- Oppose burdensome and expensive mandates without adequate local authority, flexibility, and additional financial resources for implementation and continuation.

Education

Support Granville County Schools.

- Support initiatives to improve Granville County Schools.

Mayor Moss gave an overview of the agenda for citizens and called for comments.

Mayor Moss announced that Commissioner Pete Averette had a previous commitment and was unable to attend.

Representative Crawford said that the request had already been made for a stop light at Hawley School Road/ Hwy. 56 and also at Hwy. 56 in Wilton. He noted that it normally takes approximately two years.

Mr. Hubert Gooch, Granville County Commissioner said that he would take a copy of the Legislative Agenda back to the County Board and share this information. Mr. Gooch said that he felt the City had a great list. He commented that he felt that the City Board was very serious about this list and added that the County was also.

Mayor Moss said that he would e-mail a copy to Mr. Brian Alligood, County Manager for his review.

Representative Crawford said that for Community and Economic Development they are doing everything they can to promote growth. He said there are some exciting things forthcoming for Granville County. He referenced the proposed Bio Agro Defense Facility, which will be a six-hundred million dollar project.

Representative Crawford said that he did not know how long it would take for Creedmoor, Butner, Stem and Wilton to grow together but it will happen in the future and everyone should be thinking about a name for the big city.

Representative Crawford expressed that they are working on the transportation issues, particularly Hwy. 50. He said that he understands the traffic problems in this area as he commutes through Creedmoor twice a day. Representative Crawford said that he was hopeful that there will be funding for the Senior Center and recreation again this year. He said that the Volunteer Fire Department usually applies for grants and to notify him at that time and he would be glad to write a note of support. Representative Crawford said that they are working on a state wide communications system.

Representative Crawford said that for finance areas he is not sure what they will do about dollars. He expressed that the state revenues are not close to cover the big issues of transportation, prison and court systems. Representative Crawford said that if they cap Medicaid it will be approximately seventy million dollars this year. He noted that if they take over the Medicaid it will be over five-hundred million dollars.

Representative Crawford expressed that they have several study commissions looking at other finance plans. He said that the state is not interested in giving away their sales tax area. He said that they are looking at state taxation and local issues. Representative Crawford said that they would do everything they can for Granville County Schools. He noted that the Governor has added eighteen million dollars for the DSSF funds for disadvantage students. Representative Crawford said that they would continue to do what they can and continue to work for Granville County.

Commissioner Ray had concern of the need for a traffic light at the schools and safety of getting the students in and out of school is very important. He said that a two years wait for a light is putting children at risk for an unnecessary length of time.

Commissioner Ray said that he appreciated that Representative Crawford recognizes that we are all growing as one area. He noted that he looks forward to help from Legislatures in promoting that growth.

Representative Crawford said that the area is going to be combined and it will happen very quickly. He said that he tries to take care of everyone.

Commissioner Piper said that he appreciates all that Representative Crawford has done.

Representative Crawford said that he got the money for the stoplight at Wilton two years ago and it will be put up this year. He noted that it takes that length of time to make

things move along. Representative Crawford said that he understands the City's frustration and he would be glad to help out in anyway he can.

Mayor Moss told Representative Crawford that the City is proud of him. He said it is an honor for Granville County that he is the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. Mayor Moss thanked Representative Crawford for attending this meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adopt the 2007 City of Creedmoor Legislative Agenda. The motion received a unanimous vote.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

No one was scheduled to address the Board this evening.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commission Karan approval of the minutes for the Board Retreat dated January 26, 2007 and January 27, 2007 and the Regular Board meeting of January 23, 2007. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Mangum and seconded by Commissioner Karan to adopt the Agenda. The motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mickey Cash, 204 South Elm Street addressed the Board to complain about a barking rottweiler dog that is housed at 212 South Elem Street. He said that has talked with the owner and he does nothing about the situation. Mr. Cash said that he filed a complaint with the Creedmoor Police many times and they said it was Animal Control enforcement. He said that he contacted Animal Control and they said it was a Creedmoor Police issue. Mr. Cash asked what can be done about the constantly barking dog.

Commissioner Ray said that he felt it was more of a noise control issue. He suggested that a fine be levied.

Attorney Currin said that a Noise Ordinance would define specific loudness/frequency.

Mr. Cash said that he was basing his complaint on the City's Ordinance #96.01 Unnecessary Noise.

Upon discussion, Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, City Manager said that he would send the Police Department out to issue a citation.

Mr. Mickey Cash said that he was agreeable and would appear in court if necessary.

Mr. Robert Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that with the help of the City Attorney he would bring back before this Board next month a recommendation for a language change to the City's Ordinance.

Mayor Moss advised Mr. Cash that the City would begin proceedings tomorrow about the barking dog.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, City Manager introduced Mr. Tim Benware the new City Chief of Police and his wife Sue. Mr. Schaumleffel gave an overview of Mr. Benware's education and experience. Mr. Benware will begin work on March 12, 2007. Mr. Benware received a round of applause.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, City Manager referred to the Manager's report dated February 15, 2007. He said that he had talked with Mr. Dan Boone and the Public Service Director and they are drafting an agreement between the City of Creedmoor and the City of Oxford for long term water/sewer needs.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager presented the Board with the 2007-2008 Budget Calendar. Mr. Schaumleffel announced the following Work Session dates:

- May 9th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- May 16th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- May 23rd, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- June 13th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. - Cont. from May 23rd
- June 20th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. - Public Hearing
- June 26th, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. - Adoption

Moved by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Karan to adopt the 2007-2007 Budget Calendar. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Schaumleffel, City Hall gave an update of the renovations at City Hall.

Mr. Schaumleffel, City Manager presented the Board with a Scope of Work Overview for Implementation of Procedures, Software and Services as described in the February 16, 2007 Process Review Analysis by Logics, which is the City's software provider. He advised that this would be done in three phases as shown in the handout. Mr. Schaumleffel said that he would like to take the monies out of the contingency funds this year.

Mr. Robert Schaumleffel, City Manager presented the Board with pictures of the maintenance projects that need to be taken care of at the Senior Center, ball field and the Recycle Center.

Commissioner Mangum said that the Board had discussed earlier about curbside recycling. She said that she would not want to spend a dime towards fixing up the recycle center because this defeats the purpose of making a real effort towards responsible recycling in accordance with state law.

Commissioner Karan said that he agreed that this should be placed on hold until we have an opportunity to thoroughly discuss this issue at budget. He noted that this recycle facility has caused headaches and there are other multiple uses for this property.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr. said that it may be to the City's advantage to take the recycle building down. He said that it has become a problem of people dumping other items that are not recyclable.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr. asked for direction from the Board as to the ball field. He said that fencing has been vandalized and the ball diamond needs to be updated.

Commissioner Ray asked that the City Manager research the potential of a colored tin roof for the dugout for durability.

Commissioner Karan asked that the City Manager present the Board with a dollar amount to budget for the ball field. He cautioned that hydration is a key with the dirt and the process could be costly.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager gave the Board a handout of pictures from the Public Service Director of manholes along Hwy. 56 that were covered up by pavement.

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director addressed the Board and said that the three manholes that have recently been discovered originally came from the old High School. He noted that these manholes were covered up by the first layer of Hwy. 56 pavement. Mr. Jones said that the manholes were made out of red brick and the mortar was collapsing. He said that these manholes are still active and they have to be repaired.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager referred to the streetlight request at Creedmoor Crossings.

Commissioner Karan expressed that he previously said that he wanted a streetlight placed at the end of the cul-de-sac and asked that staff give notification to residents for their approval.

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director advised that the gentleman that he talked with from Creedmoor Crossings had a petition from the neighbors requesting three (3) street lights. Mr. Jones said that he felt only two streetlights were needed for this area.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Ray that the two streetlights be placed at Creedmoor Crossings as directed by the Public Service Director and that the street be properly patched. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager referred to the outstanding bill from SGWASA that he felt should not be paid.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr. City Manager said that he would like to call a Closed Session to discuss another issue.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager requested a Special Meeting for a Work Session on infrastructure to be presented by Dan Boone of the Wooten Company.

Moved by Commissioner Mangum and seconded by Commissioner Ray to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation by the Wooten Company in reference to the City's infrastructure. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Attorney Currin said that the Board had before them a letter from SGWASA that stated that Council adopted a rate increase effective July 1, 2006. It should not have been applied to sewage that flowed through the meter before that date and as a result Creedmoor has refused to pay \$2,496.77. In addition, \$476.92 has accrued in late fees totaling \$2,973.69. The letter also stated that if Creedmoor feels that it has a legal defense by failure to pay this bill to please provide information supporting Creedmoor's position by March 1, 2007.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that he wanted it on record that he and the Finance Director refused to pay because they know that the rate increase was to begin July 1, 2006. He explained that this would be the same as the City of Creedmoor implementing a rate increase for the citizens and making it retroactive.

Attorney Currin referred to the SGWASA Board minutes of June, 2006 meeting and there was no language stating that it would be retroactive or that the services which have been rendered prior to the effective increase date would be billed at a higher rate than previously. He said that in a legal defense it appears that the bill was effective as of July 1, 2006 and the bill is not correct.

Commissioner Robinson asked if the City was notified that the rates were going up and what options the City has.

Commissioner Karan said that there was no official notification to this Board because the information was relayed by the two City of Creedmoor representatives, which are himself and Commissioner Ray.

Ms. Eleanor Fowler, Finance Director said that the bill was for May and June, 2006, which was before the increase of July 1, 2007.

Commissioner Ray said that the SGWASA Board voted 5-2 for the City of Creedmoor to pay. He noted that he and Commissioner Ray were the two no votes. Commissioner Karan advised that all of SGWASA's customers were charged accordingly and the other customers paid the bill. Commissioner Karan said that the Board voted that the City would pay or it will be sent to collections.

Commissioner Mangum said that the Board needed to hear from citizens and asked Commissioner Karan for the Board members contact information. Commissioner Mangum said that she felt that they changed the system out of convenience. She stressed that she personally would like to call the members who voted against Creedmoor's decision not to pay and ask if they really want to overcharge people because it is convenient.

Upon further discussion, Attorney Currin to send communications from this Board to SGWASA that the City is not going to pay.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wilson Way Building Permits:

Mayor Moss advised that the building permits were being held in Wilson Way Subdivision because of the condition of the streets. Mayor Moss explained that this was a decision of the City Manager. He also noted that the builder acquired the property and is not the original developer. Mayor Moss expressed that he would like the Board to direct the City Manager to release the permits. He advised that he had conversations with the builder and this is a City owned street. Mayor Moss said that he felt it was not fair to hold the builder back from selling the lots and building the houses.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that the developer came forward to say that he was going to purchase the remaining lots in Wilson Way and volunteered to fix the streets. After realizing that the streets must meet City standards he decided not to do so. Mr. Schaumleffel said that he held the permits because he would rather argue with the developer than to have twelve angry residents. He said unfortunately, the streets should have been put in properly the first time. Mr. Schaumleffel suggested that the City Attorney have a form signed by each homeowner that they knowingly purchased the house with poor street conditions. He noted that the streets will be repaired as the City has funding for repairs. Mr. Schaumleffel said that he felt that through the budget process the City has an obligation to first repair the older streets unless he is directed to do otherwise.

Commissioner Ray expressed that he felt it would be difficult to sell twelve homes on a deteriorating road. He also said that he assumed that the City would not get to the paving of this road for twelve months or so. He said this is a 'Buyer-Be-Ware' situation. Commissioner Ray said that it disturbed him that he volunteered to fix the road and did not follow through.

Mayor Moss reiterated that this was a City street.

Commissioner Ray said that he would like to table this issue until next month until he can see that the road bonds have been released. He said that once the builder realized the expense of fixing the roads he decided to back off and is waiting for the City to fix the roads.

Attorney Currin said that might reflect Mr. Blackley's obligations, the previous owner.

Commissioner Karan emphasized that the streets have been in this condition for at least two years.

Commissioner Robinson said the builder that owns the property today did not have anything to do with the road. Commissioner Robinson said that he should not be held accountable and staff should not be holding his permits.

Moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Karan to direct staff not to hold the building permits up because of the roadway. The motion received a 4-1 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Karan, Commissioner Mangum, Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Robinson

No Votes: Commissioner Ray

Commissioner Karan said that he wanted to make sure that it is understood that there is a backlog of streets that need to be paved or repaired and the builder should be allowed to bring the road up to a more attractive state for the selling of the lots.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that would be fine as long as it meets City standards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Provided in the Board packets were monthly reports from the Public Service Department, Police Department, City Inspections and Planning Director.

Commissioner Karan asked about the timeframe for an inspection schedule for the grease trap ordinance.

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director said that he had been working on a package that addresses the inspections and the formulas that will be used for enforcement. Mr. Jones said that he would have the information available for next month's meeting.

Commissioner Ray asked Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director about the man hours it takes for the reading of the meters. He also inquired about the roads to the lagoon.

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director replied that it depends on the weather, manpower and emergencies. Mr. Jones predicted approximately five days.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that he planned to present automated meter reading for the Board's approval at next month's meeting.

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director said that there was an issue with a property owner about the right-of-way of the old access into the lagoon which has been resolved. He said that they have placed rock and reestablished the right-of-way.

Attorney Currin said that the Charles Wellons Foundation has given the City a temporary alternate access to place a gravel road that goes straight into the lagoon across lot 19. He said that they have indicated that they do not foresee present plans for the use of this lot.

Commissioner Mangum inquired about the Planning Board's review of the Fontaine Subdivision application at the February 22, 07 meeting.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Board Director replied that the applicant asked to have a delay because some of the staff working on this project would be out of town. Mr. Roesler noted that the Planning Board reviewed the project and asked for additional information for next month's meeting.

Commissioner Mangum inquired about the CAMPO grant.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director noted that it was not a financial grant. He explained that this was a work grant. CAMPO is going to do a very detailed transportation study for primarily the Creedmoor connector, as well as other roads such as Hwy. 50, Hwy. 15, Hwy. 56 and the downtown area. Mr. Roesler said that this would begin within the next six months and there would be periodic reports available.

Commissioner Karan referred to the Hwy. 50 sidewalk project and said that he would like to see the construction begin by April 2, 2007.

Mr. Dave Roesler said that he and Bob Jones, Public Safety Director had drafted a proposal to send out to a list of contractors seeking sealed bids. He noted that there would be a pre-bid site walk on March 15, 2007.

Commissioner Ray noted that at a previous meeting in attendance there were concerned property owners and inquired about the community meeting with the neighbors.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that once they have chosen a contractor a meeting will be scheduled with the neighbors. He said that staff felt it would be best to have the contractor available to answer any questions the citizens may have.

Commissioner Karan referred to the Planning Board's recommendation of downtown traffic and asked if it could be placed on next month's agenda.

Mr. Dave Roesler said that he would be glad to meet with any of the Board members for questions or comments before next month's meeting.

Mayor Moss asked the City Clerk to place the Planning Board's recommendations for downtown traffic on next month's agenda.

Resolution – Wake Electric Membership Corporation:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Piper to designate Commissioner Kent Ray as the authorized voting delegate at the Wake Electric Membership Corporation Annual Meeting of Members to be held Friday, March 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The motion received a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Moss announced that there would be a presentation of the Reading Across America Program on Friday, March 2, 2007 at Mt. Energy School.

Mayor Moss announced the Live Well Granville vs. Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game at Oxford Webb School on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Moss announced that the Second Annual City Hall vs. Creedmoor Elementary basketball game would be held at South Granville High School Friday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Moss announced that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 24th at 10:00 a.m. to be sponsored by the Granville County Women's Club. He said that he heard the Easter Bunny may be present for this event.

Mayor Moss announced that PSNC Energy is going to be extending a 20" gas line from Stem through Creedmoor to Wake Forest. He advised that the right-of-way needed for this project was acquired between 1964 and 1965. PSNC will be sending out 60 letters to landowners whose property includes the right-of-way. They are also notifying by letter approximately 31 property owners to acquire right-of-way. The construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2008. He noted that this would be the largest line in the state.

Mayor Moss said that staff met with Ken Kenodle, Duke Power representative in reference to the City's sixty-year contract.

Mayor Moss advised that Habitat for Humanity has been given a lot on Mill Street by a local church and is requesting that the extension of Mill Street be opened.

Commissioner Karan, Chairman of the Transportation Infrastructure Committee said that he took a look at the property and this is established as a City right-of-way and not a street. He suggested that the City place gravel there for accessibility and add this to the City's list for paving.

Attorney Currin said that this has been dedicated but never deeded. He said this would have to be done by way of Resolution.

Commissioner Ray thanked Representative Crawford and Granville County Commissioner Gooch for attending this evening. He also thanked staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Karan referred to last month's discussion of gravel streets to be paved and he recommended that the paving of gravel streets be deferred at this time to free up money for patching.

Mayor Moss referred this to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee to make a list of streets that need to be repaired.

Commissioner Karan asked on behalf of the 430 residents of Golden Pond for a recreation funding grant of \$5,000. He said that he was asking at this time because it is getting close to the budget cycle. He said that there was a ball diamond/recreation area within Golden Pond that was deeded to the home owners. Commissioner Karan noted that other citizens of the City also use this recreation area. He advised that the Golden Pond Home Owners Association was willing to let the City place a structure on this area to be maintained by the City if they so choose.

Attorney Currin asked if the Home Owners Association would object to a public interest right to use of the park.

Commissioner Karan said the Home Owners Association does not have anything written in their policy that prohibits non-residents from using the park.

Commissioner Karan said that there was money set aside last year at budget for a Downtown Development Corporation, which was never formed. He said that he would like to see that continue and also get this corporation up and running. Commissioner Karan said that he would like to see some of this money used for a paved parking lot between the drugstore and Tatum Straus building as recommended previously by the City's Planning Board.

Commissioner Karan referred to last year's budget request for laptop computers. He said that if he receives one e-mail it places him over quota. Commissioner Karan said that it was an embarrassment to him to try to send an e-mail or not be able to receive an e-mail because it gets kicked back. He said that the over quota e-mail on the City's e-mail account is unacceptable. Commissioner Karan said that they also need to have City owned computers for communication of public records.

Commissioner Ray said that there was a YMCA meeting held in the Commissioner's Room last night and it was embarrassing to have files all around.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager apologized and said that the City has had the Labor Board in to review records.

Commissioner Karan thanked the City Manager for having the contractor come back to fix the drywall on the hallway of the City Hall building.

Commissioner Karan announced that he recently attended a conference in New Orleans for a company called KABOOM. KABOOM's principle is that every human being in this country should have a playspace within walking distance. He said that he would like to see Creedmoor designated as a Playful City. Currently there are thirteen Playful Cities in the United States. Commissioner Karan said that Oxford and Creedmoor are the two Playful Cities in Granville County. He said that beyond national recognition as a Playful City, USA the community will receive:

- Recognition highway signs
- A Municipality's Guide to Being Playful
- The "Play Day" Toolkit
- A wall-mounted recognition plaque
- Growth Award opportunities and other special incentives throughout the year
- Happier, smarter, and healthier children who are reaping the benefits of play
- Stronger Communities united around the importance of play

Commissioner Karan said that it is of important that our children have a safe place to play. He said that one of the benefits of him attending the conference was that the City is now eligible for receiving grants for approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000.00. He said that KABOOM requires five commitments and we have all but one and that is creating a local play task force and/or commission. Commissioner Karan said that he asked the Mayor to form this group through his Youth Council. He said that he would bring before the Board next month a Proclamation for a "Play Day". Commissioner Karan advised that the City now qualifies for reduced play equipment and insurance. He encouraged everyone to visit the website for KABOOM, www.Kaboom.org

Commissioner Karan said that he appreciated all of the work the Board and staff does. He thanked Representative Crawford and Commissioner Gooch for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend this evening.

Commissioner Piper thanked Representative Crawford and Commissioner Gooch for attending. He also thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Attorney Currin said that an EMC consideration is scheduled for March for an assessment abatement regarding the sewage overflow at Joe Peed Road. He said that the City had requested and was denied an oral presentation. Attorney Currin said that they

are going to decide the matter on the basis of the written record including the original assessment and the City's response. Attorney Currin said that he would give the Board a formal report at the March meeting.

Mayor Moss welcomed two new businesses to Creedmoor; Welcome Home located on Main Street and David Vessel, Attorney at Law located in the McIntosh House on Elm Street.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Ray to go into Closed Session for the Acquisition of Real Property in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return from Closed Session, Moved by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Mangum to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk