

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2005
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Mangum

Commissioner Piper announced that the annual Council of Governments Banquet was held on September 22, 2005 and at that meeting the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments presented Mayor Moss with the Region K Outstanding Municipal Elected Official Award. Commissioner Piper held the plaque up for everyone to see and Mayor Moss received a round of applause.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Mangum approval of the August 23, 2005 minutes. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Mayor Moss announced that the developer of Davenport Subdivision asked to be removed from the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 8-b Final Plat Approval for Davenport Subdivision – Elm Street under New Business. The motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe L. Bryant, Jr. of 1619 Hwy. 56 West spoke in opposition to Creedmoor's proposed Involuntary Annexation of the Highway 56 corridor. Mr. Bryant said that he is an active farmer of his land and that he does not need the services that Creedmoor has to offer.

No one else wished to speak so Mayor Moss closed the public comments section.

Mayor Moss announced that the Annexation Report had been placed on the City's website address www.cityofcreedmoor.org.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Moss announced that Mr. Richard Ray was present to speak on behalf of the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Richard Ray addressed the Board and gave an overview of the services that the department offers. Mr. Ray said that the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1939 and named the Fire Chiefs as follows: 1) Mr. Bob Cross, 2) Mr. Raymond Ray, 3) Mr. Ed Rogers 4) Mr. Calvin Haskins 5) Mr. Wayne Cross and 6) Mr. Bobby Ray. Mr. Ray said that he was proud to say that his Grandfather was the second Fire Chief and his Father was the current Fire Chief.

Mr. Ray said that the Fire Department responds to approximately 250 calls per year. He noted that all calls are handled by volunteers and they respond to a call at any time of day or night. Mr. Ray said that when nobody else would respond to your call, we come out to help you solve your problem. He said that it takes a special individual to be on a volunteer Fire Department. He said that there are 34 members in the Volunteer Fire Department and they answer all calls; rescue, fire and miscellaneous. Mr. Ray said that the department has the latest in firefighting equipment and that he was proud of the fact that Creedmoor's Voluntary Fire Department is one of two in Granville County that have a thermal image device, which helps with search and rescue in a smoke environment. He noted that the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department had very nice equipment and he would put it up against any department in the County. He thanked the Board and the Citizens of Creedmoor because without their support they would not have this equipment.

Mr. Ray said that 73% of America's Fire Service is comprised of volunteers. He said to be able to say that you have a Volunteer Fire Department covering your house, which provides you with a 6.9% insurance rating is something to be proud of. Mr. Ray said that the Fire Department puts a lot of hard work and dedication into what they do as firefighters. He ended his comments by saying that the demands required of a voluntary fireman are the same as those of a paid fireman and that fire does not discriminate. Mr. Ray encouraged everyone to support the department's annual Fireman's Day fundraiser on Saturday October 8, 2005. He presented tickets to the Board and City Manager for the Fireman's Day dinner. He announced that the parade would begin at 3:30 p.m. on Main Street, followed by a dinner at South Granville High School from at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and then a dance at Van & Jons restaurant to finish off the night to celebrate 66 years as an organization.

Commissioner Piper praised the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department for their services and said that he appreciated all that they do for the community.

Mr. Ray asked that everyone also remember the families of the firefighters because they are the unspoken ones that suffer when the firefighters are away from home when a natural disaster occurs.

Commissioner Mangum emphasized that the City of Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department has something that can not be paid for and that is passion for what they do. She said that you couldn't pay people to have passion to go out and fight a fire at 2:00 in the morning as our firefighters do. Commissioner Mangum also asked that people come out and support our Fire Department on Fireman's Day.

Mayor Moss noted that he and Commissioner Mangum met with citizens on Sunday and Nichole Steele a Volunteer Jr. Firefighter formed a food drive for the hurricane victims. He said that there was a big trailer setup in the IGA parking lot and donations would be taken during the Fireman's Day events.

Commissioner Mangum said that with the help of other Jr. Firefighters and South Granville High School students they would also be accepting monetary items that would go to the American Red Cross.

DEPARTMENT HEAD WRITTEN REPORTS:

Provided in the Board packets were monthly reports from the Water Plant and Police Department.

Mayor Moss introduced and welcomed Mr. Bob Jones, the new Public Service Director.

Restrictions for Truck Parking:

Mr. Patrick Maloney addressed the Board and said that this request was made by Mayor Moss in response to increased truck parking within residential districts. He said that this issue was presented to the Board on June 28, 2005 and again on July 26, 2005 and tabled each time for further review. He said that he forwarded a copy of a memorandum to the Police Department and Public Safety Committee on September 2, 2005 for their review and he read the revised text amendment to Chapter 70, Section 70.03 of the Traffic Code as follows:

70.03 Truck Parking

It shall be unlawful for any person to park a commercial truck having three or more axles and a gross weight of greater than three tons upon City maintained streets and right-of - ways within residential neighborhoods. In addition sight-distances or streets must not be blocked for on coming traffic. Exceptions to this provision are commercial zoned districts. When providing City services or making deliveries only and temporary parking

in cases of emergency involving a mechanical breakdown necessitating to any such vehicle, Penalty, see Section 70.99.

70.99 Penalty

If any person shall violate an ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles, he or she shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day (G.S. 14-4(b)).

Attorney Currin questioned the site distances and asked if this was pertaining to residential areas only.

Mr. Maloney said that he would meet with Attorney Currin regarding the clarification of the language for the section of the site distance and blocking of the streets.

Commissioner Wilkerson advised that Mr. Woodlief addressed the Board at the August meeting as owner of the Citco Station at the corner of North Durham Avenue and said that he has a truck parking lot in the back of that building and trucks must enter Sunset Street to enter the lot. Commissioner Wilkerson asked how this would affect his business.

Commissioner Mangum said that Mr. Woodlief expressed that he felt lots that were zoned business should have truck access. Commissioner Mangum said that the revised text amendment states that commercial trucks are not allowed to park on public maintained streets whereas Mr. Woodlief is providing a truck parking lot in the back of his building for commercial trucks, which is permissible.

Mr. Maloney added that commercial zoned districts are the exception to this provision.

The Board took no action at this time and agreed to add this to the agenda of the next regular meeting to be held October 25, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Parking Signs – Crescent Drive – South Granville High School:

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director addressed the Board and said that because of overcrowding at South Granville High School parking spaces were limited and students that did not receive on campus parking permits were parking on the shoulder of the road of Crescent Drive. Mr. Jones said there were concerns because parking on the shoulder of the road was a safety issue. He said that he had spoken with state DOT officials and within six to eight weeks, the No Parking signs would be erected on Crescent Drive.

Mr. Robert Schaumleffel, City Manager said that he had spoken with school officials about the problem and they welcomed the decision to place No Parking signs on the street for safety reasons.

Mr. Bob Jones said that he also spoke with state officials about erecting signs for prohibiting the use of engine retarding breaking systems within the City limits. He said that DOT would do an investigation and in the mean time the City needed to decide the language to go on the signs.

Commissioner Karan said that he would like to have no parking signs posted on Mill Street. He said that previously there were signs posted but because of paving of the sidewalks they were taken down.

Commissioner Piper said that residents of Golden Pond had concerns because there were speed limit signs taken down.

Commissioner Karan said that there were a pile of signs found on a gravel lot next to the lift station at Golden Pond.

Commissioner Mangum thanked Mr. Jones for taking care of the parking issue at the High School. She added that the City should be working toward a solution to get the students to school without a car and consider adding sidewalks that would connect to the High School for students to walk to school.

Commissioner Karan inquired about the use of the athletic field for alternate parking.

Upon discussion, Mr. Bob Jones to call the principle of South Granville High School and inquire about alternatives.

Mayor Moss asked about the generator at the gym.

Mr. Steve Colenda gave a brief overview of the situation with the current generator at the gym and said that it would be best if they go with a 240 volt single phase type generator.

Mayor Moss said that the City had designated the gym as an emergency shelter but Mr. Doug Logan, Granville County Emergency Management advised that there are issues with the wind load of that building. He said that the City was under the County's plan and our shelter is to be used only in the event that there is a problem or overflow at South Granville. He said that in the event of an overflow the City Hall building could also be utilized. Mayor Moss said that the City would continue to work with Doug Logan to make sure that we comply with all Emergency Management laws.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Moss announced that Ms. LeShann Benston, is an intern working with the City on a recreation grant program. She is a graduate of UNC Greensboro and is currently attending North Carolina Central University to receive her Master Degree. He said that she was working with the City Manager on several recreational initiatives and she would be reporting her findings to the Board in October.

Mayor Moss announced that he had cosigned a letter with the National Waterway Alliance that was written to Senator Bill Frist and Senator Harry Reid to encourage Senate to fund the Water Resources Development Act.

Mayor Moss announced that there would be a ribbon cutting in honor of the new Food Lion at 7:45 a.m. tomorrow morning. He also announced that he attended the ribbon cutting at the new Family Dollar.

Commissioner Mangum encouraged everyone to attend the Fireman's Day events and to buy barbecue and stew.

Commissioner Karan said that the YMCA Task Force met last night and the steering committee was trying to raise approximately 4 million dollars for a local YMCA. He said that they meet the fourth Monday of even numbered months and said that anyone interested was welcome to attend.

Commissioner Karan said that the Recreational Task Force would be meeting October 4th at 7:00 p.m. and said that all citizens were welcome to attend. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of even numbered months.

Commissioner Karan said that the Beautification Committee planned to plant flowers on Main Street at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning before the Fireman's Day Parade.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he was unable to help during the Beautification Committee cleanup but he called Mr. Bryant about the help of inmates for the cleanup of City streets. He said that he would like for the City Manager to call Mr. Bryant after October 1, 2005 to make the arrangements.

Commissioner Piper thanked all participants of the Fall Festival.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he would be unable to attend the Annexation Public Information Meeting on October 13, 2005.

Mr. Bob Jones, Public Service Director inquired about water restrictions and Mayor Moss said that the Board would take no action at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Piper to continue this meeting until Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk

