



Minutes of
City of Creedmoor
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
August 28, 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 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 Stallings to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Minor. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Piper to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2012 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting and August 13, 2012 Board of Commissioner's Work Session; seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson. Motion received a unanimous vote.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

SGWASA: Water & Sewer Service to the City of Creedmoor

Butner Town Mayor Tom Lane thanked the board for allowing SGWASA to make a presentation. Mayor Lane stated that he was speaking as Chairman of SGWASA and with the full support of the SGWASA Finance Committee. As Chairman, Mayor Lane reported that follow-up discussions had been held following the August 14, 2012 SGWASA board meeting where Creedmoor's Mayor, City Manager and Commissioner's gave a presentation. Mayor Lane outlined three service options for Creedmoor's consideration:

Option 1: Negotiate purchase of the City of Creedmoor's system by SGWASA.

Option 2: Negotiate Creedmoor's acquiring water and sewer from SGWASA pursuant to a long-term contract.

Option 3: Creedmoor remaining an outside customer of SGWASA.

Mayor Lane requested that Creedmoor form a committee to work with SGWASA to facilitate negotiations between both parties. Mayor Lane presented copies of his presentation notes and proposal breakdown to Mayor Moss and the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Moss thanked Mayor Lane and the SGWASA attendees and stated that he is pleased that dialogue has begun.

Moved by Commissioner Minor to form a committee including the City's Chairs of the Finance and EENR Committees, the Mayor and City Manager to study the options as presented by Chairman Lane; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. The motion received a unanimous vote. SGWASA is to set up future meetings between the two contingents.

Commissioner Minor asked if the committee to perform rate studies for SGWASA was to proceed to which Mayor Lane replied he would like to see that committee put on hold pending negotiations between Creedmoor and SGWASA. Mayor Lane indicated that progress is pending on the return of an absent member to this committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Karan, 2763 Garland Court, Creedmoor, NC. Mr. Karan began by commending the officials on the City's excellent staff that he says goes above and beyond their job requirements. Mr. Karan pointed out that, as it was established, the citizens of Creedmoor are owners of SGWASA and reminded those present that he spoke of proposed Falls Lake Rules under Senate Bill 981 in 2005, calling it based on junk science in that a 77% reduction in total phosphorous and 40% reduction in total nitrogen is scientifically impossible. Mr. Karan offered that Falls Lake has been impaired according to the City of Raleigh's standards since 1982 and posed the question of what Creedmoor could do with the million dollars that its citizens are being assessed (40K in Golden Pond Subdivision alone).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

USDA Water/Sewer Projects Update

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Water service switchovers are being completed on West Lake Road. Hydrant replacements on Wilton Avenue to begin shortly. During water valve replacements, additional faulty valves were discovered and are to be replaced.

500,000 gallon Water Tank

Grading, seeding and landscaping of the ground surrounding the new water tank is to take place August 29th.

Street Resurfacing

A meeting was held on August 28th to go over potential areas needing resurfacing over the course of four to five major phases. Areas that require stormwater work are to be done first with removal of asphalt then repaving. Rogers and Cash Streets are possible examples as is the additional length of Fleming and sidewalk area on Masonic streets.

Creedmoor Local Stormwater Plan Review Certification

City Planner Randy Cahoon reported that in July 2012 the State delegated stormwater permit review for new development to the City, but did not include 401 Stormwater Permits in the same category. NCDENR DWQ has previously approved these plans, but under a policy adopted in 2007, these approvals can be approved by local governments with certified stormwater personnel. On July 27th Randy Cahoon received notice he had passed an exam following comprehensive training workshop developed by NCDENR and NC State. Cahoon's certification has allowed Creedmoor to join the list of North Carolina jurisdictions certified in 401 Stormwater Management Plan Review.

Mayor Moss brought up the issue of Creedmoor citizens depositing leaves and grass clippings in the street, and asked for suggestions for stopping this practice. City Planner Randy Cahoon stated that our NPDES Phase II Stormwater permit is currently under review by the EPA. When the permit is approved, federal stormwater regulations along with the Falls Lake Rules, will require Creedmoor to prevent leaves, soil and grass clippings, etc. from entering streams as a component of stormwater runoff. Planner Cahoon is to report back with possible solutions to meeting these federal and state requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moss stated that he considers it a positive step that SGWASA has approached Creedmoor with options. Mayor Moss reported that the July 2011 population data shows Creedmoor as having 4168 residents.

On November 15th, the Granville County Mayor's Alliance will host a County-wide Municipal Town Hall Meeting in Butner at which Ellis Hankins, Executive Director of the NCLM will provide a legislative briefing.

Mayor Moss asked that the issue of setting rates for fire sprinkler meters be put on the next agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Robinson

None

Commissioner Minor

UNRBA meeting was held and an update was provided on studies justifying resetting Falls Lake Rule limits.

Commissioner Minor noted that Creedmoor will be asked to sign a joint resolution being prepared by UNRBA supporting opposition to NPDES permitting and asked that this be placed on a later agenda.

Commissioner Wilkerson

None

Mayor Pro-Tem Stallings

Existing duck blinds need to be removed now that hunting season is approaching.

Commissioner Piper

Creedmoor Police Chief Williams reported that extra patrols will be performed in Golden Pond subdivision and that the department is installing new speed signs on Main Street. Replacement batteries are being acquired for existing signs. Placement of pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk on Main Street is being considered.


ADJOURNMENT

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 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


Robin E. Reif, Deputy City Clerk




Darryl D. Moss, Mayor