

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
November 12, 2019
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Council Members Jerry Rice, Cindy Wheeler, Lee Greeson, and Jamie King.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs and *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia. No public was present.

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., noted that a quorum was present; and asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor, and no one responded.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes for the October 8, 2019 regular meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Council Member Jerry Rice; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion to adopt the October meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote.

2. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business; and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

In the absence of the Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia, Town Administrator Jacobs reported that this month's Board meeting had been cancelled.

2. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Jacobs reported that he notified the owner of the Greater Vision Academy at 485 Brightwood Church Road of sign violations, and asked for adherence to Town ordinances. More specific, the sign at the corner of Brightwood Church Road and US 70 is illegal and requires removal; and the sign at the entrance to the school is not only too high, but is too many square feet and dimensional adjustments will need to be made. Conformance will be monitored.

In addition, various signs for autumn events at the Springwood Presbyterian Church cropped up at the corner of Whitsett Park Road and NC 61, and requested a member of the congregation who is frequently in the area to come to Town Hall for a discussion on the matter. Agreement was reached to remove the signs as soon as the activities have taken place; then Jacobs requested, that for any further sign needs, consult Town Hall.

Jacobs reported that no development clearance certificates (DCCs) had been issued since last Council meeting.

3. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Jacobs reported the following informational items:

- Town Council Activities: NC Representative Jon Hardister will be administering the oath of office to the three newly-elected Council Members next month, and may preside over the election of mayor and mayor pro tem.
- Meetings: (1) Met with Wannetta Mallette to formally present a binder of the supportive documentation from Council in opposition to current plans for the widening of US 70. (2) Attended the BGMPO Steering Committee meeting for the 2045 metropolitan transportation plan. (3) Attended the bi-monthly Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Burlington. (4) Meeting scheduled for November 13 to revisit the Part F parks and recreation grant. (5) Meeting scheduled for November 18 with NCLM representative to reappraise the Town Hall. (6) An orientation meeting for census training is set for November 19.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and there were none.

2. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and hearing none, extended a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

3. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion passed by unanimous vote; and the November 12, 2019 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: December 10, 2019