

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL

April 11, 2023

Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice and Council Members Lee Greeson, Cindy Wheeler and Craig York. Also present were Town Clerk Barbara York as well as 3 citizens of Whitsett.

Council Member Lee Greeson gave the invocation.

Due to the absence of Mayor Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and noted that a quorum was present.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice asked if there were any Speakers from the Floor and there were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

- Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked if he heard a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14, 2023 Town Council Meeting. Council Member Craig York made a motion to adopt the March, 2023 minutes. The motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson and the adoption of the March 14, 2023 minutes was carried by unanimous vote.

2. Update on Generator

- Town Clerk Barbara York reported that the bid from last year by Freddy's Generator Pros on the new generator purchase had gone up to \$11,500 from the \$10,800 we were originally quoted. Ms. York has posted an ad on Facebook Marketplace to sell the current old military generator. In regards to the baseball netting, Charles Sedoris was able to get a quote for the new netting from SuperNet. Lee Greeson will contact Mike Dupree from Gibsonville Parks and Rec. to see if he can get the company in Roxboro to give us a quote on installation. Ms. York will contact a company to get this information as well.

4. Any Other Old Business

- Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice asked if there was any further Old Business and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

- Planning Board Vice-Chair Person Charles Sedoris said there was no new report from the Planning Board.

2. Enforcement Officer/Town Administrator

- Town Clerk Barbara York gave a current update to the Council on the junk car yard at 7211 Greeson Road that has been discussed at the last few of meetings. She let the Council know that Town Administrator Elaine Garner had sent a follow up letter along with the penalty for not complying with the orders to remove the junk cars from the property or show proof of ownership and to shut down the business they are running in a residential district. The letter was sent through the post office via certified mail, which the owners refused. Today, Ms. York sent a second letter and invoice to the owners of this property with the new penalty for noncompliance, but this time the letter was sent by regular mail. They will have 15 more days to comply before a third letter is sent. Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice suggested that the Planning Board take another look at the penalty fees as he feels they need to be increased. If the owners still do not comply, then the mayor has told Ms. York and Mrs. Garner to contact the Sheriff's department.

- Ms. York stated there was no report from the Town Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approve and Sign Resolution of Membership/Ratifying the Charter of PTRC** Town Clerk Barbara York let the Council know that they needed to approve the resolution ratifying the Town of Whitsett as new members in the PTRC (formerly COG). Council Member Craig York made a motion to ratify the PTRC and it was seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion was approved unanimously. The mayor and Ms. York will sign the document. Council Member Cindy Wheeler has volunteered to be a delegate representing us in the PTRC.
- 2. 2023-2024 Budget Proposal** Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice let everyone know that the proposed budget has been completed. There has been a problem printing the budgets to hand out to the Council. Ms. York will contact our IT serviceman in the morning and get the budgets to members by Wednesday.
- 3. Any items from Council Members.**
 - Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice stated that the Council needs to set the date for the next Public Hearing. Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Craig York and was approved unanimously by the rest of the Council.
 - Council Member Lee Greeson also had an item to discuss. He stated that the contract to use our ballfield needs to be updated including the current fees. Mr. Greeson and Town Clerk Barbara York will work on this task. Anyone wanting to rent the ballfield needs to go through Mr. Greeson rather than through the Town Hall.
- 4. Announcements** Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked if there were any announcements and there were none.
- 5. Speakers from the Floor** The Mayor Pro Tem asked if there were any Speakers from the Floor and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cindy Wheeler and seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion carried; and the April 14, 2023 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Elaine Garner, Town Administrator

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Jerry Rice, Mayor Pro Tem

APPROVED: 5/9/2023