

Regular Meeting of the Town Council  
November 17, 2015

Council Chambers  
6:30 pm

Minutes & General Account

Council Members Present: Mayor Volz, Council Member Thomas, Montgomery, Nixon-Roney and Ragsdale

Staff Present: Judy Gallman, Paul Blanchard, Carrie Spencer, Martha Wolfe and Jim Lanick, Attorney

Visitors Present: Joyce Volz, Lawrence Straughn, Sarah Glanville, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News

1. Call to Order – Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Community Reflections – Mayor Volz announced the following community events:
  - Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – There will be no garbage pick-up on Friday.
  - Jamestown Rotary Club Christmas Parade December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:00 pm
  - Town of Jamestown Christmas Tree Lighting – 5:30 pm on the grounds of the Jamestown Library. Ragsdale High School Chorus will be singing Christmas Carols. Cookies and Hot Chocolate provided by the Town of Jamestown.
  - December 15, 2015 – 6:00 pm – Swearing-In Ceremony for the newly elected Town Council.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting – Council Member Ragsdale made a correction to the minutes. Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2015 regular meeting as amended. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comment Period – No one registered to speak.
5. Consider approval of the Lease Agreement Extension with Old Jamestown School Association, Inc. – Judy Gallman, Finance Director, presented the lease agreement for the Town Manager who was out due to illness. Gallman said the original lease was entered into in 1995. There was a 10 year extension which expires December 31, 2015. The Staff is requesting a second 10 year extension of the lease to December 31, 2025 with the same terms and conditions as in the original lease. The Old Jamestown School Association, Inc. has agreed to the extension.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the extension as presented. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Set Public Hearing date to consider amendment to Land Development Ordinance to add attached housing type in Main Street Zoning District – Carrie Spencer stated as we looked at potential uses for the property at Ragsdale & Gannaway, one of the potential uses is Townhomes. Townhomes are allowed in the permitted use schedule, however, the building type “attached house” is not a permitted building type in the zoning district. We feel after much discussion it was just omitted in error and that Townhomes were meant to be allowed in that district. Therefore, an amendment to the ordinance is necessary to allow the building type “attached housing”. Text amendment #2015-03.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to consider text amendment #2015-03 to add attached housing to the permitted building types for the Main Street District. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Consider approval of a Resolution Adopting Guilford County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Martha Wolfe reported in order to be eligible to receive any state or federal public assistance in funding due to natural disasters, such as the recent ice and wind storms, the Town must have an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan. Guilford County Emergency Services is the lead agency for hazard impact for all the municipalities in Guilford County. As with any of the state & federal mandated plans, there is a 5 year update period to ensure the plan continues to meet the needs of the community. We are at that 5 year time period. The Guilford County Commissioners passed a Resolution approving the updated plan in October. Now each local governing body is requested to approve by Resolution the updated plan.

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to adopt the Guilford County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Resolution)

8. Student Representative Report from Ragsdale High School – Alex Stanco, High School Representative, reported that Ragsdale High School is in need of volunteers to judge the senior projects on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Every senior has to complete a graduation project where they come up with an argument on a topic that interests them. The time is 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm. Dinner will be provided for the volunteers. If you would like to help out call Ms. Lowe at Ragsdale High School.

The Cross Country Team along with JROTC hosted a Wounded Warrior Mile Run. They raised about \$1000.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Winter sports events coming up later this month.

9. Analysis of financial position of the Town of Jamestown – Gallman presented the financial summary for the month ending October 31, 2015. She highlighted the cash balances of the Town is approximately 11 million dollars. Of that approximately 2.1 million dollars is in reserve for specific uses.

The debt balance of the Town is approximately \$154,475.00. This is for the garbage truck. Quarterly payments are made on this loan.

Gallman presented the detailed finance report. She informed the Council that the Town sold the oldest garbage truck. There were also some expenses for Jamestown Day and revenues and expenses for the Fall Classic.

Council Member Nixon-Roney asked if the Town had received its last reimbursement check from FEMA. Gallman said the Town is still waiting on the last payment of approximately \$50,000.00. The Town Manager continues to follow up on this payment.

10. Public Comment Period – No one registered to speak.
11. Manager Report – The Town Manager was not present due to illness. The report will be postponed to the December meeting.
12. Other business – Council Member Montgomery stated she has had 3 different people in the vicinity of Mendenhall & Guilford Rd. call her concerned about a property that has 20 + cats.

Martha Wolfe, Town Clerk, stated she is aware of the complaint. She has been working with Guilford County Animal Control on the issue. She will follow up again with Animal Control and the property owner making the complaint. She also asked Council Member Montgomery to advise the people complaining to call Guilford County Animal Control as well. It makes more of an impression if Animal Control receives multiple calls and not just calls from the Town Hall.

13. Adjournment – Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 6:50 pm