

Special Meeting of the Town Council
10-15-13
5:30 pm
Civic Center

Minutes & General Account

Council Members Present: Mayor Volz, Council Members Montgomery, Nixon-Roney, Thomas & Walls

State Elected Officials Present: Senators Trudy Wade & Jerry Tillman and House of Representative John Faircloth

Staff: Chuck Smith, Paul Blanchard, Matthew Johnson, Judy Gallman and Martha Wolfe

Visitors Present: Kathy Hartsell, Michael Tellekamp, Nancy Tellekamp, Bob Cottam, Kathleen Sullivan, Nancy Wells, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, Jean Blasingame, Bob Blasingame, Ed Terry, C. LaBella, B. LaBella, M. Barnes, Nicole Arnold, Greg Flory, Mike Barr, A. J. Daoud & Angie, Thomas, Carlson Dunn, Arthur Fox

Mayor Volz called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. He said the state representatives are here to give the Council and citizens an update of the legislative changes that have been approved in Raleigh this past session.

Senator Trudy Wade stated in the last legislative session they accomplished the most legislative reform every done. They approved the Tax Regulatory Reform and funded education. Senator Jerry Tillman was present. He is the Chair of the Education Committee. The Senators and Representative wanted the public to hear from them the changes adopted. What is reported in the media is not always reported correctly. They are here to answer your questions.

The Tax Reform Bill was discussed. The tax reform will go into effect next year. They think people will be pleased with the changes. The changes in taxes for businesses will help improve the economic situation in North Carolina. Sen. Tillman stated with this tax reform, we will see over a billion dollars go back to the tax payers. This will go back into the economy. It will help home sales, businesses and hiring. Additional sales tax was approved as part of the reform. He said bills were also past to reform transportation, health & human services & education.

Sen. Tillman said they do want to eliminate tenure. A teacher's performance should be based on an evaluation and rewarded for good work. He said the tax cuts approved will net teachers an increase in the amount of money they take home. Discussions occurred on the Common Core curriculum and how to have it withdrawn from our state statues.

Discussions occurred on the new Voter ID law. Representative Faircloth stated we want all elections to be fair. The law states in order to vote one must show a photo ID, if you do not have one and cannot afford it, the Government will provide one for you. It is a painless step forward. The law is to take effect in 2016.

Jordan Lake Rules were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.