

Regular Meeting of the Town Council
January 20, 2009
Minutes & General Account

Regular meeting of the Town Council, January 20, 2009, Council Chambers, Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Volz, Council Member Thomas, Nixon-Roney, Gray & Lain

Staff Present: Kathryn Billings, Judy Gallman, Matthew Johnson, Martha Wolfe, Beth Koonce, Town Attorney.

Visitors Present: Beth Seagraves, News & Record; Marsha Kerr, Stephen Kerr, John McKenzie, Bob Livengood, and Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News.

1. Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – The Mayor called for a moment of silent prayer.
3. Approval of minutes from December 16, 2008 meeting – Council Member Gray made a motion to accept as presented. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comment Period – No one registered to speak.
5. Accept private art donation – Kathryn Billings stated John McKenzie and Bob Livengood have approached the Town with an offer of a donation of a limited edition print of the Jamestown Public Library. If the Council approves acceptance of this donation, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Livengood are here prepared to present this donation to the Council.

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to accept the donation of the framed limited edition print of the Jamestown Public Library. Council Member Lain made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Livengood, artist, presented the print to Mayor Volz. Livengood said he felt that the Library was such a historic part of Jamestown he wanted to capture it on film. Mayor Volz accepted the print on the behalf of the Town of Jamestown. He stated it would be proudly displayed on the walls of the Town Hall.

6. 2009-2010 proposed budget for Gibson Park – Kathryn Billings stated there is a report in the Council packets which Dave Horner and she prepared for the Guilford County Recreation Commission. Billings explained that Guilford County owns Gibson Park, and the Town of Jamestown has a contract to operate the Park for the County. This contract includes preparing the budget and supervision of the employees.

Included in this report, is the proposed budget for 2009-2010. The County gave strict instructions that the proposed budget should be 5% less than the current budget.

To achieve this budgetary challenge, we are proposing to close Gibson Park on Monday of each week. The Park would not be staffed on this day and no organized events would be scheduled. Individuals may still walk into the Park and use the trails. We reduced a few other line items. Billings said the Council will see this budget again when the 2009-2010 Town of Jamestown budget is presented to the Council.

7. Reappoint HPMPO representative – Billings stated that Council Member Brock Thomas has served as the Town representative on the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization. Council Member Thomas has agreed to serve as the Town Representative for another year, if the Council so desires. The Mayor reappointed Council Member Thomas as the HPMPO representative and the Council agreed to this reappointment.
8. Budget amendment – Judy Gallman presented a proposed budget amendment to transfer a contingency line item to a regular expenditure line item for engineering fees to cover the contract for new specification and technical manual updates. Billings stated the project went out to bid and Jamestown Engineering had the lowest bid. Council Member Gray made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000.00. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Set public hearing date for master signage plan located at 6020 High Point Rd. - Matt Johnson said staff is requesting the Council set a public hearing date for the next Council meeting to consider a master signage plan for the property located at 6020 High Point Rd. This property is situated at the corner of Guilford College Rd. and High Point Rd.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to hold a public hearing for the proposed master signage plan for the location 6020 High Point Rd. at the February 17, 2009 Council meeting. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Financial statement – Judy Gallman highlighted the cash balances report as of December 2008. We are exactly half way through the year. Cash balance total is \$5,970,000. Some of these funds are reserved for Randleman Dam and Powel Bill Street improvements.

These funds are in 4 different depositories; NCCMT, High Point Bank, NewBridge and BB&T.

Debt Balance as of Dec. 31, 2008 is approximately 1,200,000.00

Regarding Revenues and Expenditures, we should be at 50%. In the general fund, we are at 47% of revenues and 42% of expenditures. Water-Sewer fund is at 37% and expenditures at 42%. Randleman Dam is at 65% of revenues and expenditures at 17%.

In the detailed monthly financial report, mainly we had the normal occurring expenses, nothing extraordinary.

Mayor Volz questioned with the new State administration going into office, are they any surprises in store for local government. Gallman stated she felt the amount of shared revenues

(sales tax) is unknown. Gallman said that the property tax collection rate for the Town of Jamestown, as of this date, is good. Gallman said we are watching the budget carefully.

Council discussed the play at the Golf Course. The current weather conditions have affected play. Billings stated the new vendor at the Grill is open and she encourages the citizens to visit there for lunch. Mayor Volz stated any clubs or organizations could use the clubhouse for meetings, etc. Box Seat is a great caterer.

Council Member Nixon-Roney stated we should be thinking about something the Town can do with the Wyndham tournament. We should follow up on any conversations of last year.

11. Public comment Period – Charles Dowdy, 214 Misty Waters Lane, addressed the Council. Mr. Dowdy said some of the other municipalities have designated a certain day for drop off of electronic waste. Dowdy wondered if Jamestown was going to hold such an event. Kathryn Billings said the Town advertises that Guilford County does this on a regular basis. The County accepts electronics at the Patterson Street site. Mayor Volz said that Goodwill is another excellent site.
12. Council Member Gray made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider real estate purchase. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Mayor asked the Town Manager and Town Clerk to attend the Executive Session.

_____ EXECUTIVE SESSION _____

13. Other Business - Mayor Volz asked if there was any other business. There being none, Council Member Gray made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:35 pm.