

Regular Meeting of the Town Council
March 17, 2009
Minutes & General Account

Regular Meeting of the Town Council, March 17, 2009, Council Chambers, Town Hall

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

High School Representative – Denzel Faison

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

Visitors Present: Billy Harris, Fred Kelly, Martin Senell, Jim Pridgen, Don Carter, Mather Whitehead, Rev. Brad Bruce, Howard Hicks, David Tucker, Jo Anne Lovette, Stephanie Johnson, John Muckenfuss, Beth Seagraves (News & Record), Paul Martin, Nicholas Martin, Libby Owings - Allen Tate Realtors, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News.

1. Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Rev. Brad Bruce, Oakdale Methodist Church, gave the invocation.
3. Approval of minutes from February 18, 2009 meeting – Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comment Period – Fred Kelly – 1 Amy Ct., Jamestown, NC. – Mr. Kelly stated that he has lived in Jamestown for 6 years and has been the Jamestown Rotary Club President for the past 2 years. He then introduced Martin Senell, Rotary Club member.

Martin Senell - 401 Forestdale Drive, Jamestown, NC. – Mr. Senell read a letter to the Town Council requesting that the Jamestown Rotary Club's weekly rental rate for the Civic Center be reduced from \$40.00 per week to \$20.00 per week. A copy of Mr. Senell's letter is attached.

Mayor Volz asked the Town Manager and the Finance Officer to review the actual cost of maintaining the Civic Center and to report back to the Council.

5. Request for Historical Markers at James Mendenhall House & Mill and Richard Mendenhall Store – Billy Harris, Historic Jamestown Society, addressed the Council. He stated that the Historic Society has two proposed sites they would like to have approved for the installation of a historic marker. If these two sites are approved, this would give a total of ten historic markers erected in Jamestown.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the two historic marker sites:

- Jamestown Mendenhall House & Mill
- Richard Mendenhall Store

Council Member Gray made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Further discussion took place regarding the location of the signs since the Mendenhall House & Mill is located within the City of High Point. Mr. Harris received clearance from the City of High Point and Barbara Taylor at the High Point Museum.

6. Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation – Mayor Volz read the Proclamation which proclaimed May 1st, 2009 as “Silver Star Banner Day” the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill members of the Armed forces of Jamestown.

(Insert Proclamation)

7. Set Public Hearing date regarding rezoning request for property located at 4817 Harvey Rd. Matt Johnson, Planning Director, requested Council approve a Public Hearing date for a rezoning request from AG to PI, case #2009-01. Council Member Thomas made a motion to set a Public Hearing Date at the next regular Council meeting, April 21, 2009, to consider a rezoning request from AG (Agricultural) to PI (Public & Institution) for the property located at 4817 Harvey Rd. Council Member Lain made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
8. Set Public Hearing date to consider a rezoning request from CU-B1A to B1A property located at 302 W. Main Street – The Planning Director requested Council to set a Public Hearing for the rezoning request from CU-B1A to B1A, Case #2008-02 property located at 302 W. Main St. Council Member Gray made a motion to set a Public Hearing date at the next regular council meeting date, April 21, 2009 to consider a rezoning request from CU-B1A (Conditional Use – Business 1A) to B1A – (Business 1A) for the property located at 302 W. Main St. Council Member Lain made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Proposed Public Buildings Smoke Free Policy – The Town Manager gave a brief history on the “Smoking Policy”. She stated that no smoking in the Town buildings has been an adopted practice. However, Guilford County Department of Public Health recommends that each municipality have an adopted written policy. Per the Town Manager, a House Bill passed in 2007 gives the authority to local governments to regulate smoking in public buildings and transportation vehicles owned, leased or occupied by the local government.

Council has a copy of the proposed “Smoking Policy” for their consideration. This policy will eliminate smoking in any building Jamestown owns or leases including the Jamestown Library, Golf Course Shop as well as vehicles. Council Member Gray asked if

this was a standard draft policy and the Town Manager indicated it was. Council Member Gray made a motion to adopt the Policy Prohibiting Smoking in Municipal Buildings effective March 17, 2009. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Financial Statement – Judy Gallman presented the financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2009. She presented summary statements:

Cash Balances – total 6.2 million
Debt Balances – total slightly over 1 million

Revenue & Expenditures at this point in the year should be at 66% of the budget. The General Fund Revenues are in line with this percentage and the expenditures are below that amount.

Water/Sewer revenues are not up to this percentage. This is partly due to a lag time in receiving Adams Farm Sewer Revenues. Gallman believes our revenue will not be quite what we budgeted. Expenditures are below revenue in this account.

Finally, Randleman Reservoir Fund all expenditures have been paid and this account is right on target.

The Council did not have any questions for Gallman. She advised the Council that we are in the budget process now and working with Department Heads. We will bring the proposed budget before the Council soon.

11. Public comment period – No one registered to speak.
12. Other Business – Council Member Gray made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a real estate transaction. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

-----Closed Session -----

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to come out of executive session. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the regular session resumed.

Under Other Business – Mayor Volz requested forming a Committee to work on a Wyndham event. He asked Michael Hutcheon, Georgia Nixon-Roney and Jim Lanik to work on a committee with him to come up with ideas for the Wyndham tournament. Mayor Volz also suggested Edward Cordick, President of JBA, join the Committee. The Wyndham Tournament is in August.

Still under other business, Council Member Nixon-Roney and Gray complimented the Town on the snow removal during the winter storm.

Council Member Thomas said he received a complement on the Public Service Dept. staff for their efficiency on the job site.

Still under other business – Council Member Nixon-Roney asked what the proper procedure is to respond to Martin Senell’s request. Billings stated she will work on the actual cost of the Civic Center rentals. About 2 years ago, the rate for service clubs and non-profits went from \$80.00 to \$40.00. She feels that \$40.00 is a great value.

Council Member Thomas asked if an exception could be made. The Council discussed options of charging for number of uses, similar to a frequent flyer miles plan. Council Member Nixon-Roney stated she would like for us to work with the Jamestown Rotary Club, they do a lot of good for Jamestown. Council Member Thomas and Mayor Volz expressed the same sentiment. Council Member Gray stated we need to look at the actual cost and see if any adjustment of the rental fee is feasible.

There being no further business, Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.