

Regular Meeting of the Town Council
December 18, 2012
Council Chambers
6:00 pm

Minutes & General Account

Regular meeting of the Town Council, December 18, 2012, Council Chambers, Town Hall.

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

Staff Present: Chuck Smith, Paul Blanchard, Judy Gallman, Matthew Johnson, Martha Wolfe and Beth Koonce, Town Attorney.

Ragsdale High School Representative: Marissa Walsh

Visitors Present: Jeff Walsh, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, Dave Horner, Judy Horner, Jodi Herring, Karen Walls, Sarah Glanville, Jay Gardner

1. Call to order – Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Community Reflections – Mayor Volz stated it is almost Christmas time. Please use caution on the roads as more people will be traveling. Also, the kids will be out of school, please watch out for them.

Mayor Volz wished everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. He asked everyone to bow their heads for a moment of silence.

3. Approval of minutes from the November 20th, 2012 Council 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 –

Jodi Herring – 6329 Stonewick Drive. Ms. Herring stated starting in the summer of 2011, her water bill rose significantly. She came to the Town Hall five or six times complaining and inquiring why the bill was so high. No reason could be given except there was a leak in her home. She had several people check her home. No leaks could be found. No work was done. Her bill continued to rise. Her water was cut off 2 or 3 times. It has been a nightmare. She did have a drip in her kitchen sink which she had repaired. After that was repaired, the bill still continued to rise.

A new meter was installed in her yard. From that point forward, the bill has been on average \$48.50. She has talked to the Town Manager, Town Council, Paul Blanchard and the Mayor. She wants something to be done. As of today, if I do not hear a word by Friday, I have retained the services of Liam Hill. She will pursue this. This has been going on almost 15 months.

There was no one else that signed up to speak.

5. Resolution Honoring the Retirement of Jay Gardner – Mayor Volz called Jay Gardner forward. He read and presented the Resolution to Gardner in Honor of his retirement. Jay received a standing ovation from the audience.

(Resolution)

Gardner thanked the Council, Mayor and residents of Jamestown. It has been a great 23 years and he certainly enjoyed it.

6. Resolution Honoring Connie S. Queen – The Mayor stated that Connie Queen could not be here tonight. The Mayor read a Resolution to Honor Mrs. Queen upon her retirement.

(Resolution)

The framed Resolution will be given to Mrs. Queen.

7. Certificate of Recognition Honoring the Years of Service of David A. Horner – Mayor Volz called Dave Horner forward. He read & presented a Certificate of Recognition to Horner in honor of his years of service to the Town of Jamestown.

(Certificate)

Horner received applause from the audience. Horner thanked the Mayor, the Town Council and his friends at the Town of Jamestown. He reminded everyone that he is just halfway down the Greenway.

8. Introduction of new Ragsdale High School Council Representative – Mayor Volz introduced Marissa Walsh, the new Ragsdale High School Council representative. Marissa is a junior at Ragsdale High School. She is on the Student Council and is the Junior Class Representative. She is currently ranked 3rd in her class.

The Mayor asked Marissa in the future to please bring before the Council any issues or concerns from the students at Ragsdale High School.

9. Set Public Hearing date for Consideration of a Resolution to amend the ETJ in the Grandover area by relinquishing ETJ authority over a portion of property - Matthew Johnson stated he is requesting the Council consider a Resolution to amend the ETJ by relinquishing authority over a portion of property. We would like to set this Public Hearing for January 15, 2013 meeting. Council Member Thomas made a motion to set a

Public Hearing date for January 15, 2013 to consider the Resolution for relinquishment of ETJ over certain parcels as proposed in the Resolution. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Set Public Hearing Date for Consideration of an Ordinance to amend & extend the ETJ in the Grandover area by exercising ETJ authority over a portion of property – Matthew Johnson requested a Public Hearing to consider extension of new ETJ over certain parcels as proposed in the ordinance. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for February 19, 2013 for consideration of an ordinance to amend & extend the ETJ in the Grandover area by exercising ETJ authority over a portion of property. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
11. Set Public Hearing date for consideration of rezoning request for the property located at 6029 High Point Rd. to Conditional Zoning – Bypass (CZ-B) - Johnson stated initial zoning must be established for these amended & extended ETJ areas and will require a public hearing. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for Feb. 19, 2013 to consider initial city zoning for areas where new ETJ has been extended. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
12. Appoint the ETJ alternate member to the Planning Board – Wolfe stated the Council needs to appoint an ETJ alternate to the Planning Board. Wolfe submitted and recommended Ginger Swaim to serve as the ETJ alternate. There were no other nominations. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to appoint Ginger Swaim to serve as the ETJ alternate on the Planning Board. Council Member Walls made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
13. Appoint alternate member to the Parks & Recreation Committee – Wolfe stated there is a vacancy for an alternate member on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Steve Owen is interested in serving in this position. Staff recommends approval of his appointment. There were no other nominations. Council Member Walls made a motion to appoint Steve Owen to serve as an alternate on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Wolfe stated in reviewing the terms for the Parks & Recreation Committee it was discovered that the term of Lynn Tice expires on 12-31-12. Tice is willing to serve another term. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to reappoint Lynn Tice to serve another term to expire 12/31/14. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

14. Monthly Golf Activity – Smith stated included in the Council packet is the Golf Course activity report for the month ending Nov. 2012. Michael Hutcheon noted in his report that no less than 10 area courses have recently converted to the new Champion

Bermuda grass. Also included in the Council packet was the operating budget for the course as of Nov. 2012.

Smith stated upon Jay Gardner's retirement, Justin May will serve as the interim superintendent for the Golf Course. May is currently the Assistance Golf Course Superintendent. He will serve in this capacity until the end of June when the Town will hire this superintendent position.

15. Analysis of financial position of the Town of Jamestown – Gallman presented the financial statement for the month ending Nov. 2012. She highlighted in the summary report:
 - Cash balance of the Town approximately 7.5 million
 - Funds reserved approximately 2.5 million

In the detailed financial report as of Nov. 30, 2012, the Town paid the Guilford County Tax Collection fee for the whole year. The Town had expenditures for the water line replacement on Potter Drive. The remainder of the expenditures was normal reoccurring monthly expenses.

16. Public comment period – No one registered to speak.

17. Other business –

Council Member Walls stated they have had a couple of issues in his neighborhood. He wanted to thank the Guilford County Sheriff Dept. for this responsiveness. They are doing a great job.

Council Member Walls said he received a call regarding parking & towing signs at the Post office. Mayor Volz said it was an unfortunate situation that the towing occurred on the night that JBA was hosting the "Christmas on Main" event.

Smith gave an update that regarding the sidewalk RFQ; we selected Alley, Williams, Carmen & King as the design engineer. We are going back through the State to determine if we need to do another RFQ for the construction administration consultant.

Council Member Walls said the guys are doing a great job in leaf pick-up for the Town.

Mayor Volz stated he received some complements that the Council has made the decision to move forward with bag recycling. Smith stated that he and Paul toured the facility of the recycling vendor. They were very impressed with the facility. Paul is in the process of crafting a contract with the vendor. The March 1, 2013 start date is very possible.

Council Member Montgomery stated she and Keith met with the Golf Association and they asked if the “Friends of the Park” could raise money for improvements at the Park. Smith said if the “Friends of the Park” wanted to donate funds to the Town, the Council would need to approve it.

18. Closed Session –

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a real estate transaction. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Council retired to the Office of the Town Manager.

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

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to go out of closed session and reconvene the regular meeting. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Council reconvened in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to resume the regular session. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Regular session resumed. Council Member Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 7:18 pm.