

Regular Meeting of the Town Council  
January 18, 2011  
7:00 pm  
Ragsdale Civic Center

Minutes and General Account

Regular meeting of the Town Council, January 18, 2011, Ragsdale Civic Center, Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Volz, Council Members Nixon-Roney, Gray and Ragsdale  
(Council Member Thomas not present)

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

Ragsdale High School Representative: Gloria Adedoyin

Visitors Present: Nancy Harrelson, Dick & Sharla Gardner, Sherryl & John Edge, Roy Whitesell,  
Joyce Volz, Judy & Norman Faircloth, Scott Horton, Jinny Torry, Sarah Smith, Emily Smith, Jinny  
Murphy, Charles Smith, Sr., Janet Smith, Jennifer Smith, Paul Klem, Marie Whitehead, Scott  
Spencer, Ed & Reba Cox, Larry Currie, John Sova, Elise Padgett, Joseph Gecinger, Shelby Wright,  
Pat Davis, Jack Davis, Hilda Dalton, Susan Joyner, Ed Parks, Norris Davis, Robin Haines, Jan &  
Carl Galloni, John Stanley, Jim & Julia Rayborn, Eddie Oakley, Lee Richmond, Sherrie Richmond,  
Virginia Sampson, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, Beth Seagraves of the News & Record,  
and Wes Cashwell.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Jamestown Community Reflections – Mayor Volz thanked the Public Services staff for the wonderful job they did removing the snow from our streets. The Mayor also informed the public that there was a water line break in the Cedarwood Subdivision last weekend. The Town crew worked through the night to be sure everyone had water the next day.

Mayor Volz then asked everyone to bow their heads for a moment of silence.

3. Introduction of the Ragsdale High School Council Representative – Mayor Volz introduced Gloria Adedoyin. Gloria is a junior at Ragsdale High School and will be serving as the High School Representative to the Town Council.
4. Administer Oath of Office to the new Town Manager – The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Chuck Smith, Town Manager.

(Oath)

5. Approval of minutes from December 2, 2010 Special meeting and the December 21, 2010 Regular meeting. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Public Comment Period –

Pat Davis, 102 Gardenwood Ct., addressed the Council. Mrs. Davis stated she has lived in the Cedarwood Subdivision since 1973. She taught at Millis Rd. Elementary School. She stated that all of the Cedarwood residents support Jamestown and would really like to be a part of Jamestown. She hopes that the Council will bring Cedarwood into the Town of Jamestown.

7. Presentation of Preliminary Annexation Study for Cedarwood & the Grove Subdivisions - Matthew Johnson stated at the October 2010 Council meeting, the Council adopted a Resolution of Consideration which indicated areas near the Town limits which the Town may at some future point consider for annexation. At that time, the Council directed Johnson to provide a preliminary report giving “rough numbers” on the possibility of annexing Cedarwood Subdivision into the Town of Jamestown. This report is just for research and to assist the Council in deciding if this annexation would be feasible. The preliminary report submitted includes subdivisions Cedarwood and the Grove.

Johnson said there was an annexation feasibility report done by the PTCOG in 1991. A lot of things have changed since that date. We used the 1991 study as a point of reference.

Johnson then presented a PowerPoint Presentation which reflected preliminary expenses, revenue & loss of revenue involved with the annexation of Cedarwood & the Grove. A preliminary first glance shows a loss in revenues if these areas were annexed. Johnson said this preliminary report will be available on the Town website as of tomorrow for anyone to view.

There is a current annexation agreement with the City of High Point that expires in 2018. About 20 years ago High Point, Greensboro and the Town of Jamestown agreed on areas that each unit could annex. The Cedarwood Subdivision falls in Jamestown’s agreed annexation area so Cedarwood will not be annexed by Greensboro.

Johnson stated in regard to this preliminary report; the Council may consider this report, may take no action, they may direct the staff to move forward with a formal annexation or the Council may simply consider this report and bring it back to a Council meeting at a later date. Mayor Volz thanked the Planning Director for his very thorough report.

Council Member Nixon-Roney stated she thinks timing is always imperative. She said it seems Cedarwood is ahead of us in recycling. It would be a major expense for Jamestown at this time. She thinks this is something we need to look at and discussed. She commended Johnson on his report.

Council Member Ragsdale stated the report was great. We are still in the discovery phase. We need to look at the numbers and discuss.

Council Member Gray also commented on the great job Johnson did on the report. It was very enlightening.

Mayor Volz advised Johnson to continue compiling numbers. The Mayor also wants Council Member Thomas to have the opportunity to view the preliminary annexation report. In the next couple of months, we will revisit the topic.

8. Set Public Hearing Date to consider Land Development Ordinance Updates – Johnson asked the Council to set a Public Hearing date for the February 15, 2011 meeting to consider amendments to the Land Development Ordinance. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to set a Public Hearing Date for February 15, 2011 to consider amendments to the LDO. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Set Public Hearing date to consider adoption of the updated Guilford County Animal Control Ordinance – The Town Clerk stated that Guilford County provides animal control services for the Town of Jamestown. Guilford County has updated their Animal Control Ordinance and has requested the Town of Jamestown to do the same.

Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to set a Public Hearing Date for the February 15, 2011 meeting to consider adoption of the Guilford County Animal Control Ordinance. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Set Public Hearing Date to consider Ordinance Prohibiting Concealed Weapons on Municipal Properties – Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for February 15, 2011 to consider an Ordinance Prohibiting Concealed Weapons on Municipal properties. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
11. Discussion on staggered terms for the Town Council – Mayor Volz said Council Member Thomas originally introduced this subject. Since he is not in attendance tonight, the Mayor suggested tabling this subject until Council Member Thomas was present. All the Council agreed to table this until the February meeting.
12. Budget amendment – Judy Gallman requested approval of the budget amendment #5. The amendment is required due to payment of unemployment benefits charged to the Town of Jamestown. Gallman stated she did appeal this charge, but the appeal was rejected. The amendment also deals with some fence damage on E. Fork Rd. caused by a car accident. This fence damage will be reimbursed by the vehicle owner's property damage insurance. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept budget amendment #5 in the amount of \$5000.00. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Budget amendment)

13. Financial statement – Gallman presented the financial summary report for the month ending December 31, 2010. The summary reflected the following:

- Cash Balance – approximately 6.5 million – part of this balance is reserved for Randleman Reservoir, Powell Bill and General Capital Reserves
- Debt Balances – approximately \$175,000.00
- Revenues & Expenditures - We are half way through the year and should expect to be at 50% of our budget. Gallman said we look fine with our budget thus far.

Detail financial report for December 31, 2010 – Gallman highlighted we had engineering costs and work for the inlet pipe project at Jamestown Park. We transferred funds to the General Capital Reserve Fund. The Town paid engineering costs on a new water line for Robbins Avenue and for the Scientific St. gravity sewer project.

14. Public comment Period – No one registered to speak.

15. Other Business – Mayor Volz and Chuck Smith introduced Paul Blanchard as the new Public Services Director.

Still under other business, Mayor Volz said people have been contacting him in regard to the Ragsdale High School Renovation Project. Mayor Volz urged all citizens to contact their County Commissioners and Guilford County Board of Education to let them know the residents of Jamestown and the surrounding areas want the Ragsdale High School project to move forward.

Other business continued, Council Member Nixon-Roney said she is concerned about E. Fork Rd. She would like to have the Town Manager contact NCDOT to see if they can install safety devices at the curve on E. Fork Road, too many accidents and fatal accidents have occurred here over the years. Council Member Gray suggested requesting NCDOT remove the passing lane on E. Fork Rd. Chuck Smith said he would contact NCDOT and have discussions about the safety issues on this road.

Council Member Nixon-Roney asked for an update on the fire damaged property at 103 Pearce Drive, Whittington Hall Subdivision. Johnson said the Guilford County Building Inspections Department held a condemnation hearing. Their findings were that the property must be either repaired or demolished. Johnson said he will work with the Town Attorney to see what the next step for the Town would be. The owners have until February 18, 2011 to repair or demolish the structure. Johnson will give an update at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Gray made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting ended at 7:55 pm.