

Regular Meeting of the Town Council
November 18th, 2008
Minutes & General Account

Regular meeting of the Town Council, November 18th, 2008, Council Chambers, Town Hall.

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

High School Representative – Denzell Faison

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

Visitors Present: Dick Bennett, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, Brad Bruce of Oakdale Methodist Church

1. Call to Order – Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Rev. Brad Bruce, Oakdale Methodist Church, gave the invocation.
3. Approval of minutes from October 21, 2008 – Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Gray made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Public Hearing regarding 501 W. Main Street from LI to CU-LI with special use permit for Nursing Home Facility. Matt Johnson stated this public hearing is a request for rezoning from LI to CU-LI with special use permit to allow a Nursing Care Facility for 2 additional acres purchased at 501 W. Main St.

The original subdivision of approximately 7 acres was approved and rezoned to CU-LI with special use permit on July 15, 2008. The additional 2 +- acres in question is located almost 100% within the stream buffer and not buildable. It is identified on the plans as a tree safe area. Johnson said on October 13, 2008, the Planning & Zoning Board did unanimously approve this rezoning request. The planning department also approves this request.

Mayor Volz asked if there were any questions from the Public or Council. The applicant, Dick Bennett, stated this acreage should have been subdivided and included at the beginning of the project.

Council Member Gray made a motion to approve the rezoning request from LI to CU-LI with special use permit to allow a Nursing Care Facility for the 2 +- additional acreage located at 501 W. Main St. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. On a roll call vote, Council Member Thomas voted aye, Council Member Nixon-Roney voted aye, Council Member Gray voted aye, Council Member Lain voted aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Public comment period – no one registered to speak.

6. December meeting time – Kathryn Billings invited the Council for the traditional Christmas dinner following the December meeting. She recommends the Council move the meeting time to 6:00 pm on Tuesday December 16, 2008 at the Town Hall. Council Member Gray made a motion to adopt the 6:00 pm meeting time for the December 16, 2008 meeting. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Billings further stated that the Mayor suggested holding the dinner at the Club House at the Jamestown Park. The caterer for the dinner is Box Seat, which is the new vendor at the Club House. We will advise the Council after the final arrangements are made.

7. Budget amendment – Judy Gallman said we had a theft at the golf course. A tractor and attached blower were stolen. We did receive insurance proceeds for this claim. We have purchased a new tractor & blower. The amendment is to record money received from the insurance claim to replace the equipment stolen from the park.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. Financial Statement – Judy Gallman presented the financial statement for the month of October 2008. She first reported the cash balance as of October 31, 2008 is \$5,900,000.00. During the last month, accounts were opened at BB&T and NewBridge Bank to spread funds among the 3 banks.

The total debt as of October 31, 2008 was \$1,300,000.00.

Pertaining to Revenue & Expense, budget should be at 33%.

Revenue is as follows:

The General Fund is at 37%

Water/sewer is at 21%. (The Adams Farm payment not received yet)

Randleman Reservoir is at 62%.

Expense is as follows:

General Fund is at 31%

Water/sewer is at 27%

Randleman Reservoir is at 17%

Gallman highlighted activities during the month of October included payment pertaining to the Development Ordinance rewrites which was charged to the Planning Dept. Garbage bags were purchased. In the Recreation Department, a piece of equipment was purchased. The \$50,000.00 Guilford County grant was paid to the Jamestown Library. In the water/sewer fund, we had expenditures for water line projects. The Town made a transfer to the Randleman Reservoir Fund.

Council Member Lain complemented the Town on receiving a refund on workmen's Compensation insurance. This refund came as a result of the annual audit.

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

10. Other business – Billings shared information with Council regarding concerns about the budget. She spoke about budgetary impacts which might affect this year's budget but surly will be felt in next year's budget. The Town Manger and Finance Director are monitoring the revenue and expenditure projections for this current year and next year. The Town revenue stream is likely to be reduced and there are inflation concerns as well.

As a precaution, the staff has made some adjustments in our budget to prepare for shortfalls in income and anticipated higher prices. They are:

- Implemented a 4 day work week in the Public Service Department
- Consolidated sanitation truck collections
- Delayed 2 capital projects
 - Removal of tennis court
 - Truck Wash Pit
- Training or conference requests allowed only for certification classes
- Delayed re-hiring process
- Utility audit – very little change recommended

Billings said on the revenue side, we cannot tell the effects yet. Historically, Jamestown tax collections are good. Other factors that will affect the Town's revenues are sales tax revenue and dips in the Powell Bill funds.

All Department Heads are aware of the budget concerns. They continue to work on ways to cut the budget while still providing good service to our citizens.

Billings said that she is considering proceeding with the street resurfacing project in the spring. We will look at the cost at that time. The staff continues to seek grant funding for any major sidewalk project.

Council Member Gray thanked the staff for taking a pro-active approach in looking at trimming the budget. Council Member Gray said the new street signs on Main Street look great.

Still under other business – Council Member Nixon-Roney said she went to the first meeting of the Partnership for the Homeless. Some of the agencies represented were: Oak Ridge, Greensboro, Pleasant Garden and Jamestown. They educated the Committee on the Homeless issue. They said there is a problem around Jamestown with people sleeping at Gibson Park & High Point City Lake Park.

Per Council Member Nixon-Roney, there is a 6 minute CD the Agency has published regarding how to help the homeless. Council Member Nixon-Roney suggested putting a link on the Town website to this video. Billings asked her to get this CD to us and we will get the information out on the website.

Still under other business – Martha Wolfe asked who would be riding in the Christmas Parade. All members stated they would be present.

Still under other business - Council Member Lain reported the sidewalk located in front of 205 Guilford Rd. is caving in around the water meter. Billings said she will report this to the Public Service Director.

Denzell Faison reported that Guilford County School is doing a program to promote diversity in High School and they have formed a Student Human Relations Committee in each High School. Denzell is a delegate for Ragsdale. The County is giving each school \$500.00 to find ways to promote diversity and to stop conflicts.

The Council asked Denzell to keep them apprised of the Committee's work & progress.

There being no further business, Council Member Gray made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting ended at 7:40 pm.