

## **MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville met at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. Alderpersons Shepherd, Revels, Owen, Dean, and Pleasants were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk, were present. Town Attorney Doug Hoy, Police Chief Ron Parrish, Candidate Joel Isley, Candidate Steve Harrison, Michael Goodwin, Benny Leach with Sherry's on Main, and several residents were in attendance. Rev. Baker with Gibsonville Christian Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comments**

Margaret Loy of 136 Eva Dr. stated as a resident of Gibsonville and a Christian woman she had concerns of the way the town spent taxpayers money and the ways of board members. She questioned why taxpayer's money was spent unnecessarily such as planting roses around town. Mrs. Loy stated Alderman Dean used his position on the Board of Aldermen for his benefit and the Board let him. She stated there was recently town money spent because of Alderman Dean requesting an investigation of our police department; which was unfounded; and she asked that Alderman Dean be made to pay the Town back for taxpayer money that was spent on this investigation. She stated she was concerned with the attitude and integrity of a board member. She told the board of an incident involving Alderman Dean and road rage against her. She stated she had lived in Savannah Glen for ten years. She stated she was HOA President of Savannah Glen for years and was familiar with Alderman Dean and his business. Mrs. Loy stated she wanted the town to be lead by honest people and not by people that used their position for personal gain.

Benny Leach of Sherry's on Main stated he had started the Blue Ribbon Program to honor and support Law Enforcement; all Law Enforcement. He stated this was a way to let the silent majority stand up and let all know what they are doing and that they do care and stand behind them. He asked for the support of all.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for the cards and prayers during the recent loss of his Mother in-law.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Williams stated the Report from Kathleen Rose with Rose & Associates would be placed on the December agenda and removed from this agenda.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Michael Goodwin Presentation**

Michael Goodwin, owner of Garden Auto & Tire, stated he had lived in Gibsonville and been active in the Gibsonville Recreation Department with his children over the years. He stated he liked to give back to the community and presented Mike Dupree, Recreation Director, with fifty soccer balls and a check.

The Board thanked Mr. Goodwin for the donation.

### **Set Public Hearing Date for Public Input on the Town's Intent to Receive a USDA Loan for the Construction of a Community Center**

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development Katrina Travis was recommending that the Board set a Public Hearing for December 7, 2015 to hear public input on the Town's intent to receive a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan. The estimated project cost was \$1,913,000; with a fund balance allocation of \$700,000 for a total loan request of \$1,213,000; the annual debt service payment would be \$56,802. This would be a 40 year loan at a 3.5% interest rate. He stated this was the next step in moving forward with our Community Center. He recommended the Public Hearing be set for the December 7, 2015 meeting.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to set the Public Hearing Date for Public Input on the Town's Intent to Receive a USDA Loan for the Construction of a Community Center for December 7, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tax Releases**

| <u>Acct#.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Value<br/>Reduced</u> | <u>New<br/>Value</u> | <u>Actual<br/>Taxes</u> | <u>Release<br/>\$</u>                       |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>BS</b>     |             |                          |                      |                         |   |
| 499546        | Biddulph    | 45,000                   | 104,950              | 535.24                  | 229.51 disabled vet.                        |
| 650471        | Russell     | 45,142                   | 45,142               | 230.22                  | 230.22 qualified for<br>Homestead Exemption |
| 502520        | Turner      | 7445                     | 0                    | 0                       | 37.97 no longer own                         |

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the tax releases. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reports**

**Manager**

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated Link Transit is the new public transit system, the website is linktransit.org. He stated the tentative start date of the transit system would May or June 2016. He updated the board on the I&I sewer rehab project stating the engineers were working on the environmental report to submit to the USDA. Mr. Baxley presented the Housing Authority Report from USDA Rural Development; which oversees Partnership Property Management; including the September financials. He stated the Lighting of the Green would be November 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated the Town Hall would be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday; he gave an update on the garbage schedule.

**Mayor**

Mayor Williams stated Gibsonville was known as the “City of Roses” so he agreed with the planting of roses around town. He stated the person doing the market study for the town even said the town needed more roses or not call itself the “City of Roses”.

**Board Members**

Alderman Dean stated he would like to say something, this was an election year, he wished he had neighbors like the lady that just spoke.

Alderman Owen stated Gibsonville was called the “City of Roses” because years ago Cone Mills planted roses in town.

Mayor Williams stated he would like to recognize the candidates in attendance.

Joel Isley stated he had run Boone Furniture for 91 years. He was a Gibsonville residents and he loved Gibsonville. He stated they moved their business eight years ago but did not find out until they had begun construction on the new location that they would be in the City of Burlington city limits because of an agreement between the Town of Gibsonville and Burlington. He asked for everyone’s support.

Steve Harrison stated he had lived in Gibsonville twenty years and served on the Planning Board. He was a graduate of Western Alamance High School, been in the manufacturing industry, severed in the military, and was a free lance writer.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk