

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2018

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, Owen, Pleasants, Dean, and O'Toole were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk, were present. Police Chief Ron Parrish, Public Works Director Rob Elliott, Fire Chief James Todd, Planning Director Brandon Parker, Town Attorney Doug Hoy, Librarian Jessica Arnolds, Recreation Director Mike Dupree, Ryan Moffitt, Jeff Johnson with AWCK, and several citizens were in attendance.

Invocation

Mayor Williams stated Rev. William Baker with the Gibsonville Christian Church would give the invocation.

Rev. William Baker gave the invocation.

Public Comments

Ryan Bisher, Lindley Park resident, asked the status of the annexation of Frissell Dr.

Shirley Pearson stated the board should approve the Frissell Dr. annexation and the Manning Crossing site plan.

Police Chief Ron Parrish introduced the police department's newest campaign; "Lock It or Lose It". He stated it was important to lock your vehicles, especially this time of the year. He stated they had a lot of vehicle b & e's this time of the year.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2018 and October 15, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits – 115 Frissell Dr. – Public Hearing

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated since 10-15-18 the Town Attorney has been involved in another town project and he continues to work on the Frissell Dr. road agreement.

Mayor Williams stated this would be continued until the December 3, 2018 meeting.

Lauren Allen, Frissell Dr. resident, asked that they get a copy of the road agreement when it was ready.

Gibsonville ABC Store 2018 Audit Update

Mayor Williams stated this would be placed on the December agenda.

Manning Crossing Subdivision Phase 5 Site Plan Approval

Brandon Parker, Planning Director, stated Manning Crossing was submitting a site plan for Phase 5. The plan consisted of 33 single family lots; the property was zoned PUD and is located off Gibsonville Ossipee Rd. He stated the proposed site plan had been approved by staff and the TRC committee. The Planning Board recommended approval by a unanimous vote.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve the Manning Crossing site plan for Phase 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

a. Manager

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated Jeff Johnson with AWCK was present to update the board on the water issues at the Community Center.

Jeff Johnson with AWCK stated there was a warranty; eleven months in; and the Contractor was working on the water issue and it should be completed in the next few weeks.

Alderman Pleasants asked what if something happened in thirteen months.

Mr. Johnson stated it would be fixed.

Mr. Baxley stated he had given the board information in their packets on the NC 70/61 water/sewer project which included a memo from Josh Johnson with AWCK that included costs. He asked did the board wish to move forward with the design, easements, and permitting. He referred to the map showing the Whitsett waterline and the town was talking to Whitsitt about connecting to their sewer. He stated the estimated cost was \$1,245,000.

Mayor Williams stated he would like Josh Johnson with AWCK to be present at the next meeting to discuss this further. He stated they may need to go to Raleigh to the Department of Commerce to talk about a grant.

Mr. Baxley asked the board if they wanted to move forward with permitting, design, and easements. He stated he would have Josh Johnson at the December meeting.

Alderman Pleasants stated they needed to move forward; costs keep going up.

Alderman Shepherd stated the Hwy. 70 corridor was growing; needed to move forward.

Mr. Baxley stated he would go ahead with design. He stated they could use reserve to get the process started.

Alderman O'Toole stated they would have to market the property.

Mr. Baxley stated they would need to amend the budget appropriately.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, made a motion to start the design on the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baxley stated the board approved street improvements at the last meeting; bids were due on November 9th. He stated they would be starting the construction on the town hall annex in the next sixty days. He stated the public restrooms would be ready for the Lighting of the Greens on November 16, 2018. He stated town offices would be closed for Veterans Day.

b. Mayor

Mayor Williams stated he had gotten calls about the post office boxes in front of the post office being moved. He stated citizens were saying the town was not business friendly. He stated the town did not have anything to do with the moving of the mailboxes in front of the post office. He stated he talked with the Post Master and she stated they were moved because of the ABC Store traffic. He stated they had run into problems with the construction at the ABC Store but hoped to be completed in January. He asked the Town Manager and the Police Chief to talk with the Post Master and the Manager at the ABC store about the mailboxes.

Police Chief Ron Parrish stated he had no idea why they moved the mailboxes.

Mayor Williams stated there were a lot of homes in Manning Crossing and he had invited those residents downtown.

Alderman Shepherd stated voting would be at the community center for Guilford residents.

Lauren Allen asked for an update on the air b&b.

Alderman O'Toole stated they were working on a draft ordinance to present to the Planning Board and based on the Planning Board's recommendation it would then be passed on to the Board of Alderman for a vote.

Mrs. Allen asked about the bike lane.

Mr. Baxley stated they were working on a planning grant; not construction grant.

Mrs. Allen offered her help to get money for bike lane. She referred to an article on Burlington being number 7 on the hottest home market list; this could help Gibsonville.

Town Manager Evaluation – Closed Session

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion that the board go out of regular session and into closed session to discuss the competence, performance, and character of an employee pursuant to 143.318.11; this is privileged and confidential information to prevent disclosure thereof. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to go out of closed session and into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams stated they discussed the Town Manager's evaluation and recommended a salary increase.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk