

MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2017

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, Dean, Revels, and Pleasants were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk, were present. Recreation Director Mike Dupree, Police Chief Ron Parrish, Town Attorney Doug Hoy, Planning Director Brandon Parker, Steve Harrison, Asst. Public Works Director Ricky Wade, Rev. Baker, and several citizens were in attendance. The Invocation was given by Rev. Baker with the Gibsonville Christian Church.

Public Comments

Shirley Pearson, Burlington Ave. resident, stated Alderman Shepherd had been Mayor ProTem for several years and recommended another board member be Mayor ProTem.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderwoman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 and October 16, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Public Hearings

a. Ordinance Amendment Chapter 50: Garbage

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated this Ordinance Amendment was to revise the current ordinance to reflect the town's current garbage collection practices; such as eliminating commercial collection and removal of dead animal pickup. He asked that this be continued to add a section about collection at group homes and churches; currently if they require over two carts they are required to contract out garbage collection. Also, adding collection at municipal facilities. He asked that this be continued until next month.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to continue the Ordinance Amendment Chapter 50: Garbage until the January meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance Amendment Chapter 91: Animals

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated this Ordinance Amendment included the addition of a section on tethering and definition. He stated the language came from Guilford County's Ordinance; Guilford County collected the town's animals. He stated staff recommended the approval of the Amendment to Ordinance Chapter 91: Animals.

Ron Parrish, Police Chief, recommended approval with a 12 month outreach program, including a six month warning and then they would start enforcing the Ordinance. He stated this ordinance mirrored Guilford County's ordinance. He stated there were nonprofit organizations that would assist with fencing for those that could not afford one.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderwoman Revels, made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment Chapter 91: Animals. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baxley stated when would be the effective date for education.

Mr. Parrish stated effective tonight and they would begin working on educating citizens; twelve month education and six month warning period; then start enforcement. He stated they averaged 25 to 30 animals a month.

Request by Yvonne Maizeland

Mayor Williams stated at the last meeting Yvonne Maizeland, resident and member of the Gibsonville Concerned Citizens, read a statement to the board referencing the Code of Ethic for the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Williams stated he told Mrs. Maizeland he would add her to the December agenda and address her concerns after he had spoken with the Town Attorney. He stated Mrs. Maizeland was not at the meeting but he still would address this.

Alderman Dean stated he would like to apologize to anyone that he has offended while sitting on this Board

Mayor Williams stated he had spent fifteen years teaching the code of ethics while working for the IRS. He stated there was nothing the Board could enforce. He read the code of ethics stating the Board did not have any authority, if there was something you did not like, the Board could not do anything about it; he continued and read the General Statute 160: Code of Ethics. He stated the Board could sanction a board member but this would not affect anyone; the Board did not have the authority to sanction any Board member. He stated he had met with the Town Attorney and talked with the League of

Municipalities to gather this information. Mayor Williams stated he served on the PART Committee and they look at ethics every year. He stated Alderman Dean had apologized for what he said or what someone thought he said. He stated as far as he is concerned the case was closed.

New Business

Organizational Meeting

Mayor Williams stated they had a board member leaving the Board of Aldermen that had severed on this Board for twelve years.

Alderwoman Revels thanked everyone that had voted for her; she appreciated their support. She thanked the Board and stated she hoped they would work together. She thanked the Mayor, stating he had been a mentor to her. She encouraged everyone to come to the meetings and support the Town. She thanked the Town employees for all that they do.

a.Oath of Office to Aldermen

Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office of Alderman to Ken Pleasants and Shannon O'Toole.

Shannon O'Toole thanked everyone for their support.

b.Election of Mayor ProTem

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion appointing Alderman Shepherd as Mayor ProTem. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Pleasants stated Alderman Shepherd had been Mayor ProTem for a long time. He was always available for meetings and knew the Roberts Rules of Order.

Mayor Williams stated he had worked with Alderman Shepherd for twenty two years and he looked forward to working with him and taking the town to higher places.

c.Designate Person to Sign Checks

Mayor Williams stated the designated person to sign checks were the Town Manager, Mayor Williams and Mayor ProTem Shepherd currently.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to designate the Town Manager, Mayor Williams and Mayor ProTem Shepherd to sign checks. The motion passed unanimously.

d.Reappoint Town Attorney

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to reappoint Doug Hoy as the Town Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

e.Reappoint Town Clerk

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to reappoint Laurie Yarbrough as the Town Clerk. The motion passed unanimously.

f.Reappoint Tax Collector

Alderman Pleasants, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to reappoint Rhonda Schriver as the Tax Collector. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation to Past Board Member

Mayor Williams presented Alderwoman Revels with a plaque for her twelve years of service on the Board of Aldermen.

Alderwoman Revels congratulated Alderman O'Toole; she encouraged him to attend trainings.

Appointment to the ABC Board

Ben Baxley, Town Manager stated the ABC Board was recommending the appointment of Susan Flynn to replace Ethel Anne Younger, who will be going off the Board in December. He stated Mrs. Flynn is a longtime resident of Gibsonville.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to appoint Susan Flynn to the ABC Board; three year term. The motion passed unanimously.

Reappointment to Planning Board

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Planning Board was recommending the reappointment of Nellie Mann, Faith Dr. resident, to the Gibsonville Planning Board. He stated Mrs. Mann was willing to serve another three year term.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to reappoint Nellie Mann to the Planning Board for a second term. The motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Board Member to Elon/Gibsonville Annexation Line Committee

Mayor Williams stated the Board would need to appoint another board member to serve on the Elon/Gibsonville Annexation Line Committee; to replace Alderwoman Revels. Gibsonville has two members on this committee; Alderman Pleasants and Alderwoman Revels. He asked Alderman O'Toole to serve on this committee with Alderman Pleasants. He stated they needed to make sure Gibsonville was well protected.

Reports

a. Manager

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Gibsonville Christmas Parade would be Saturday at 2:00 PM. He stated News Years Day fell on a Board meeting date and Town offices would be closed.

It was the consensus of the Board that January 8, 2017 be the January meeting date.

Mr. Baxley stated that the Planning Board Christmas Dinner would be on December 19th, Town offices would be closed December 25th to 27th, and the Gibsonville Public Library Open House would be December 14th.

b. Mayor

Mayor Williams stated he had gotten complaints from people not knowing when Christmas Parade; he wanted to get the word. He stated last Wednesday in the news was an article about the Alamance/Guilford County line; they went with the geodetic line and no one from Gibsonville was notified. He stated this affected 14 to 15 homes in Gibsonville; he expressed his unhappiness with this decision.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk