

MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2016

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, Pleasants, and Dean were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk, were present. Town Attorney Doug Hoy, Public Works Director Rob Elliott, Neil Bromilow, David Stoughton, Police Chief Ron Parrish, and several citizens were in attendance. The Invocation was given by Alderman Pleasants, who also lead the Board in the Lord's Prayer.

Public Comments

Neil Bromilow gave each Board member a new copy of the Town brochure of events for the upcoming year. He stated this was also available online, Town Hall, and at area merchants. He gave an update on the LINK Transit bus system stating it would begin on June 6, 2016. He stated there would be a Touch a Truck event at the Market Day on June 6, 2016 and a LINK Transit van would be there. He stated they had planted 24 additional roses in Town this past week.

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 Pleasants, made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016 and March 21, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Funds for the Town Center Façade Improvement Grant Applications

Neil Bromilow, Vice Chairman of the Downtown Design Committee, stated the Committee had approved two applications beyond the maximum \$2,000 limit for façade improvements from the Town Center (old Lowes Food building) pending Board approval. He explained the Town Center had two entrances and the scope of the proposed work was far in excess of the usual \$2000 cost share. He stated the owner was in the process of up-fitting the building by painting, coating and striping the parking lot, lighting and new signs. He stated the Committee recommended approval of a town grant for \$9066 for each project application.

Mayor Williams asked how did he see this benefiting the town.

Mr. Bromilow stated if the town was serious about wanting a grocery store this was needed; it was one of the first buildings you see when you cross the railroad track into town.

Alderman Pleasants stated if they were going to fix the parking lot they needed to stop tractor trailers parking there.

Mr. Bromilow stated they could put up signs.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to approve funds for the Town Center Façade Improvement Grant; two applications for \$9066 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the funding was approved by the Board at the last meeting; FY2015-2016 Budget Ordinance Amendment #8.

Mayor Williams stated the building looked good and told David Soughton with the Town Center to keep up the good work.

Appointment to Downtown Economic Restructuring Committee

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Downtown Economic Restructuring Committee was recommending the appointment of Lori LaCassagne with the Burke Manor Inn and Saint Jacques to the Committee.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approving Lori LaCassagne to the Downtown Economic Restructuring Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Items for May 2, 2016 Agenda:

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the following items would be on the May 16, 2016 meeting agenda: Approval of Interim Financing/Construction Loan Proposal for Community Center, Public Hearing for Community Center Interim Financing Agreement, and Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement for Community Center. He stated the following would be on the May 2, 2016 agenda: Update from Partnership Property Management (Azalea Circle Apartments), Recognize Past

Planning Board Member Karen Walters, Recognize Retiring Firefighter – Clark McVey, Sr., Approval of Interim Financing/Construction Loan Proposal for Community Center, Public Hearing for Community Center Interim Financing Agreement, Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement for Community Center, Approval of Fire Department Parking Lot Improvements Bid, FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance Amendment #9, FY 2016-2017 Budget Presentation.

Mr. Baxley recommended the Public Hearing for Community Center Interim Financing Agreement be changed to the May 16, 2016 meeting.

Alderwoman Revels, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to change the Public Hearing for the Community Center Interim Financing Agreement to May 16, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

a. Manager

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Hazardous Household Waste and Shred It Event would be on May 7, 2016. He stated the water project that was approved for Springwood Ave. and Cedar St. had been terminated; it was a mutual agreement. He stated they would be doing the water project but it may be done in phases; with Springwood Ave taking priority. He stated the Community Center construction bids would be going out on April 21, 2016 and be due by May 19, 2016. He stated the Board would be approving the construction bids at the June 6, 2016 meeting. Mr. Baxley stated the Town Spring Clean-up would be the week of May 9, 2016 to May 13, 2016.

Rob Elliott, Public Works Director, stated the Spring Clean-up excluded hazardous household waste and brush.

b. Mayor

Mayor Williams stated NCDOT had begun the sidewalk on Whitsett St.; it would stop at Steele St. He stated he wanted it to go up Steele St. to the Senior Apartment but it was not; he would talk with NCDOT about this. He stated the LINK Transit would begin in June; there would be chance to see and ride the bus on April 20, 2016. He stated he was telling the community if they did not use the transit system they would lose it. He stated the Dollar General store had made some renovation improvements, he stated he also had met and talked with the Store Manager about his concerns.

Alderman Pleasants stated they needed to work on the light outside the store; it was really dark at night.

Mayor Williams stated he would talk with the manager about the light and cameras. He stated he, the Public Works Director, and the Town Manager had attended a meeting held by the N.C. Secretary of Commerce on how to get grants. He stated he talked with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce Pat Mitchell about meeting with the Town of Gibsonville on how we could get grants. He stated she agreed to meet with us on ways to access grants.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk