

MINUTES – JULY 5, 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, and Pleasants were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk, were present. Public Works Director Rob Elliott, Police Chief Ron Parrish, Recreation Director Mike Dupree, Planning Director Brandon Parker, Fire Chief Tony Roof, and several citizens were in attendance.

Invocation – Mayor Williams

Mayor Williams gave the invocation.

Public Comments

Neil Bromilow stated there would be a presentation of an historic plague at the Caboose in town on Saturday at 10:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, 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 June 2, 2016; June 6, 2016; June 13, 2016; and June 20, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

USDA Sewer Rehabilitation Project Loan Commitment Update

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, updated the Board the on the USDA Sewer Rehabilitation Project Loan commitment. He stated everything needed to be approved and sent to USDA by August 12, 2016. He recommended the Board approve the loan commitment at their July 18, 2016 agenda meeting.

Mayor Williams stated it was Gibsonville/Whitsett night at the Burlington Royals game on July 18, 2016. He recommended the agenda be moved to July 19, 2016.

Discussion of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 115 Peddlers & Solicitors

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated staff was continuing to research what other towns are doing related to peddlers and solicitors. He stated there may be an issue with changing the ordinance relating to it being unconstitutional. He asked for more time to look into this further and he would update the board at the next meeting. He stated they would operate as is per the current ordinance.

Discussion of Golf Cart on Town Streets

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated a Board member had asked that the Board discuss golf carts being allowed on public streets. He stated the current ordinance did not address golf carts; the ordinance would have to be amended to allow golf carts. He stated staff was seeking direction from the Board.

Mayor Williams stated Alderman Dean was not present but had contacted him and asked that he let the Board know he was opposed to golf carts on town streets.

Alderman Owen stated some towns do allow golf carts.

Mayor Williams stated some towns allow them for special events. He stated a concern with golf carts causing accident. He stated the Board needed to look at this.

Alderman Owen stated State law did not allow them on State streets, he was asking for them to be allowed on town streets.

Alderman Shepherd asked the Police Chief about the liability.

Ron Parrish, Police Chief, stated unless the Board changed the ordinance, golf carts were not allowed on streets, per State law.

Mayor Williams stated he could see this causing additional work for the police department.

Alderwoman Revels stated she did not think they should do this.

Alderman Owen stated they could allow only on town streets.

Alderman Pleasants stated if State law does not allow golf carts on State streets and the town allowed them on town streets and there was an accident what about the town's liability.

Alderwoman Revels asked had any citizen asked for this.

Alderman Owen stated James Murray on E. Joyner St.

Mayor Williams stated he had saw his neighbor on a golf cart with their kids. He stated he did not see changing the ordinance for one person. He stated this would be continued and he would ask the Board for a motion at the next meeting.

Change of August Meeting Date

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, requested that the August 1, 2016 meeting be moved to August 8, 2016 to accommodate a schedule change.

Mayor Williams stated the meeting would be on August 8, 2016.

Reports

a. Manager

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated Market Day was a success with a patriotic parade, heritage day and vendors. He stated on July 16th there would be a Christmas in July theme with a movie in the evening. He updated the Board on the Community Center project stating interim financing should be completed in July with construct starting in August or September.

b. Mayor

Mayor Williams stated he had talked with the Dollar General Manager and sent a letter to Dollar General about concerns with the store and outside of the building. He stated they have made improvements. He stated the Cemetery Committee had disbanded and now it fell on the Board. He stated he had been getting complaints about the Cemetery.

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated he had gotten complaints on plants and benches at the Cemetery. He stated he Alderman Shepherd, and the Mayor went out to the Cemetery and looked at these. He stated there were a few maybe six or seven graves that needed addressing. He stated he needed the Board's support on this enforcement.

Mayor Williams stated he had met with citizens on Slade St. about people sitting in the woods drinking, gambling, etc.. He stated he was going to contact the owner of the property about allowing no trespassing on this property.

Ron Parrish, Police Chief, stated he had received no complaints about this. He stated the police did respond to a fight in that area recently.

Mayor Williams stated he would tell the property owner to contact the Police Chief.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk