

MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2017

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville met at 7:00 pm for an agenda meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. Alderpersons Shepherd, Owen, Revels, Dean, 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, Public Works Director Rob Elliott, Library Supervisor Jessica Arnold, Josh Johnson with AWCK, , and several citizens were in attendance.

Invocation

Rev. Bigelow with Cappadocia Church gave the invocation.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion of Westbrook Avenue Stormwater/Drainage Issues

Josh Johnson with AWCK stated this discussion was continued at the last meeting. He stated the Brookview Dr. area was still experiencing flooding issues. He stated Mike Boone of 427 Brookview Dr. had asked the board to discuss this; Mr. Boone's property was in the flood plain. He stated he had been asked by staff after recent flooding of culverts on Brookview Dr. to look at this area again. He updated the board that in 2012 they had looked at the flooding in this area and improvements were made in the Avondale area. He stated he would look at any State stormwater/drainage updates that may help with improvements in the area.

Mayor Williams asked what did the State do.

Mr. Johnson stated the State did replace a culvert Westbrook Avenue.

Mayor Williams suggested bringing a recommendation back to the board but Mr. Boone was not at the meeting.

Mr. Johnson recommended let him work on this and work with Mr. Boone.

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated they would work on updating this and the cost.

Naming of Gibsonville Community Center

Connie Bishop of 307 Driftwood Dr. asked the board to name the Gibsonville Community Center after Mayor Leonard Williams for several reasons; name the center after him while he is living, he has increased the reputation with neighboring cities, and he has added activities to city like the bus transit. She stated she strongly recommended naming the community center after Mayor Leonard Williams.

Charles Jones stated he had known Mayor Williams since he was a child. He stated he was a great advocate and public servant and should be recognized for the work he had done in this town. He recommended the community center be named after Mayor Leonard Williams.

Mrs. R.M. Watlington stated she lived in Burlington but she was born in Gibsonville. She stated she attended Apple Street Baptist Church in Burlington with the Mayor and served on committees with him. She recommended putting the Mayor's name on the community center.

Ernestine Lewis Ward recommended naming the community center after Leonard Williams. She stated it would enhance growth in the community. She stated he had served as Mayor of the Town of Gibsonville for sixteen years.

Jane Sellars with the Black Cultural Art Center in Burlington recommended name the community center after Mayor Williams. She asked the board to look at the background of the Mayor. She stated naming the community center after the Mayor would give the young children something to strive for and bring pride to Gibsonville and the community.

Dorothy Yarborough with Alamance County Civic Affairs stated she has worked with Mayor Williams numerous times and he was a peace maker. She stated seeing a black male in his position speaks well of him and he and Alderwoman Revels represent the Town extremely well.

Evelyn Deloache stated she worked with the City of Graham and had worked with the Mayor on several committees. She stated he had always spoke of what he was working on for Gibsonville. She recommended strongly that the community center be named after Leonard Williams.

Diana Muller of Walnut Crossing subdivision stated she was the past President of the Walnut Crossing HOA and the Board had helped her get additional lighting in the subdivision. She stated she thought the board should name the community center after Mayor Williams.

Sharon Bigelow stated she was from Gibsonville. She stated Mayor Williams had done a terrific job, you would never find another man that worked like Mayor Williams. She stated you could not put a price on what he had done. She stated the community center was for everyone and he worked hard to get this center. She thanked Mr. Williams for what he had done.

Alderwoman Revels stated she had asked her colleges to name the Community Center after Mayor Williams. She stated it was the Board's choice and asked them to consider this. She stated you would not find a Mayor that works so hard and is an advocate for the Town. She stated there was on one no worthier that Mayor Williams to have his name on the building. She stated the board received a petition from the community, nonresidents, and business owners with 161 names on it advocating for this as well. She stated the most important reason was the people that put us here have spoken and that is who they want to name the center after."

Alderwoman Revels made a motion to name the Gibsonville Community Center after Mayor Leonard Williams. Alderman Dean seconded the motion. The motion was 3 to 2 to against naming the Community Center after Mayor Leonard Williams.

Alderman Dean stated he had been on the board almost six years and anytime he had a question he could call Mayor Williams and he would help him. He stated it was an honor to be on the Board with Mayor Williams.

Mayor Williams stated he had been told that there were racial comments coming from two board members when referring to him. He was told that Alderman Owen used words to describe him with the "N" word. He stated he was told there were racial comments made from Alderman Shepherd and Alderman Owen. He stated it was time to get rid of this; this was not the way Gibsonville feels: it was 20% black and 80% white. He stated the board represented the feelings of the town. He stated he had been elected Mayor seven times. He stated this could be brought back and he appreciated everyone coming; he would keep working for the town. He stated he was awarded the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" which would stand forever; he would continue to work for Gibsonville to make it a better place to live. He stated he would be out in the community talking to people that knew Mark Shepherd and Clarence Owen.

Kim Lee stated they wanted to know why the board voted the way they did.

Alderman Shepherd stated they would discuss this when the time came.

Mrs. Lee asked when would that be.

Alderman Shepherd stated after the meeting.

Alderman Owen stated he had heard numerous names the center should be named after; such as long time employee of 40 years; Roy Williamson. He told the Mayor he hoped he lived to get home tonight; he was lying. He stated there were rooms inside the center that could be named after someone.

Alderman Pleasants stated there were so many people involved in this project to name just after one person; such as they met with Terrance Holt and there were joint efforts in getting to were they were. He stated this had nothing to do with color. He stated the Gibsonville Community Center was for the community and so many people were involved.

Alderman Shepherd stated no one question his color. He stated Mayor Williams will be recognized for all he had done and race had nothing to do with it.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for coming.

Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits – Phase 6 of Stone Ridge Subdivision – Public Hearing

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated SMI Properties, LLC (known as Shugart Management) was requesting annexation of Phase 6 of the Stone Ridge Subdivision (27.165 acres); this property was contiguous with the town limits. He stated at the last meeting the Board approved the Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for Annexation. The Town Manager presented the Certificate of Sufficiency of the Petition at the last meeting. He stated staff recommended approval of the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits to include Phase 6 of the Stone Ridge Subdivision.

Mayor Williams stated this was a public hearing.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderwoman Revels, made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderwoman Revels, made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate limits to include Phase 6 of the Stone Ridge subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-31, as amended, to annex the area described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville has by Resolution directed the Town Manager to investigate the sufficiency of said petition; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has certified the sufficiency of said petition and a Public Hearing on the question of this annexation was held at the Gibsonville Town Hall at 7:00 pm on the 16th day of October, 2017 after due notice by publication in the Times News; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville does hereby find as a fact that said petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville, North Carolina:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, as amended, the following described territory, is hereby annexed and made part of the Town of Gibsonville as of the 16th day of October, 2017:

Property identified as Alamance County Parcel ID 110111. GPIN 8846337311; owned by Shugart Management; being Phase 6 of the Stone Ridge Subdivision, Gibsonville, NC; containing 27.165 acres.

Section 2. Upon and after the 6th day of November, 2017, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the Town of Gibsonville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the Town of Gibsonville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 150A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of the Town of Gibsonville shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford County, and in the Office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 hereof, together with a duly certified copy of the Ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Adopted this the 16th day of October, 2017.

Attest:

Mayor

Town Clerk

Ordinance Amendments – Public Hearings:

a. Ordinance Amendment to Floodplain Prevention

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated FEMA had revised and updated the Floodplain Prevention Ordinance; therefore municipalities were required to do the same. He stated the Planning Board had reviewed the amendments and recommended approval of the Floodplain Prevention Ordinance Amendment & Ordinance Amendment to Floodplain Map. He stated staff recommended approval of the Ordinance Amendment to the Floodplain Update and Ordinance Amendment to Floodplain Map; these were public hearings.

Mayor Williams stated this was a public hearing.

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

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment to the Floodplain Prevention Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GIBSONVILLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-2.6, 3-3.5, AND 7-5 TO COMPLY WITH NEW FEMA FLOODPLAIN PREVENTION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the current development ordinance was duly adopted 1 April 1991; and

WHEREAS, during the course of routine interpretation and application the need arises to revise the ordinance, or to correct or clarify certain ambiguities and inconsistencies contained within the text of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to development ordinance, proper procedure was made to amend sections 2-2.6 Definitions, 3-5.5 Permits & Procedures, and 7-5 Flood Control Regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to development ordinance and statutory requirements, the Town of Gibsonville made due public notification and advertisement of the ordinance amendment; and

WHEREAS, after consideration in a public hearing at their regular September meeting the Gibsonville Planning Board voted 4-0 to approve the proposed ordinance amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE: that the Gibsonville Development Ordinance be amended by amending sections 2-2.6 Definitions, 3-5.5 Permits & Procedures, and 7-5 Flood Control Regulations, which shall be fully incorporated therein.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2017.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk

b. Ordinance Amendment to Floodplain Map

Mayor Williams stated this was a public hearing.

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

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment to the Floodplain Map. The motion passed unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GIBSONVILLE ZONING MAP BY ADOPTING NEW FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAP FOR TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE

WHEREAS, the current development ordinance was duly adopted 1 April 1991; and

WHEREAS, during the course of routine interpretation and application the need arises to revise the ordinance, or to correct or clarify certain ambiguities and inconsistencies contained within the text of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to development ordinance, proper application was made by the town to adopt the new FEMA Floodplain Map for the Town of Gibsonville; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to development ordinance and statutory requirements, the Town of Gibsonville made due public notification and advertisement of the pending adoption; and

WHEREAS, after consideration in a public hearing at their regular September meeting, the Gibsonville Planning Board made recommendation to approve the FEMA Floodplain Map by 4-0 unanimous vote; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE: that the Gibsonville Zoning Map be amended by adopting the new FEMA Floodplain Map, which shall be fully incorporated therein.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2017.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk

c. Ordinance Amendment to Update the Subdivision Definition

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the North Carolina General Assembly had updated the definition of “subdivision”; the town must adopt the revised changes to comply with State statute. He stated the Planning Board had reviewed the amendment and recommended approval of an Ordinance Amendment to Update the Subdivision Definition. He stated staff recommended approval of the Ordinance Amendment to Update the Subdivision Definition; this was a public hearing.

Mayor Williams stated this was a public hearing.

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

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment to Update the Subdivision Definition. The motion passed unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GIBSONVILLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO ZONING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ON UPDATING “SUBDIVISION” DEFINITION

WHEREAS, the current development ordinance was duly adopted 1 April 1991; and

WHEREAS, during the course of routine interpretation and application the need arises to revise the ordinance, or to correct or clarify certain ambiguities and inconsistencies contained within the text of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to development ordinance, proper procedure was made to amend the definition of “Subdivision” section 2-2.7; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to development ordinance and statutory requirements, the Town of Gibsonville made due public notification and advertisement of the ordinance amendment; and

WHEREAS, after consideration in a public hearing at their regular September meeting the Gibsonville Planning Board voted 4-0 to approve the proposed ordinance amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE: that the Gibsonville Development Ordinance be amended by amending the definition of “Subdivision” in section 2-2.7, which shall be fully incorporated therein.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2017.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk

Gibsonville Public Library Community Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan

Jessica Arnold, Library Supervisor, presented the Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan for the Gibsonville Public Library. She gave a timeline of the strategic plan: Summer 2016 – focus groups and interviews, Fall 2016 – community-wide survey, Winter 2016 – preliminary report, Summer 2017- draft strategic plan, & Fall 2017-present Strategic Plan. She stated her library values were friendly, accommodating environment; personal attention for those we serve; community-driven collections and services; and free and equal access. She stated some of high level goals included expand the library’s offerings to meet the informational and recreational needs of our population, develop relationships with individuals and organizations that make up our community, and promote library services throughout the community. Mrs. Arnold stated some of her action items for the Fall of 2017 included exploring opportunities to increase space for work, study, and small group activities (State grant project); improve curb appeal/landscaping (State grant project); offer “book a librarian” for one on one help sessions; Spanish language classes for town employees; increase communication with homeschooling families; develop a brochure of library offerings; and highlight online services. She asked the board to consider approving the Resolution approving the 2017 Gibsonville Public Library Strategic Plan.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to approve the Resolution approving the 2017 Gibsonville Public Library Strategic Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked what improvement to the library would be made from the State Grant.

Mrs. Arnold stated they would replace the existing front doors, improve the handicap accessibility, renovate space for tutoring, add sidewalk to side of front of building, add bike rack, and update the front of the building.

Mayor Williams stated he had inquired about the town taking over the library building but had not been given an answer.

Resolution

**Town of Gibsonville
Approval of 2017 Gibsonville Public Library Strategic Plan**

Whereas, a strategic planning document is one of several eligibility requirements for State Aid for public libraries in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Gibsonville Public Library engaged with community leaders, town staff, county representatives and the public to gather information about the needs of our community; and

Whereas, the strategic plan developed by library staff was created in response to the data and opinions gathered through community focus groups, interviews, and surveys. The plan includes high-level goals for the library as an institution and supporting action items to guide the library’s efforts to improve the quality of life for all Gibsonville residents;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville hereby approves the Gibsonville Public Library Strategic Plan.

This is the 16th of October, 2017

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk

Approval of Demolition Bid – 305 Little Ave.

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated Town Planner Brandon Parker had received bids on the demolition of a dwelling at 305 Little Ave. owned by Joseph Riley; this property had severe fire damage and has been declared inhabitable by Alamance County Inspections Department. He stated they received four bids for demolition. He stated staff recommended the bid be awarded to Summers & Son Trucking & Grading at \$8,500; low bidder. He stated the Town will pay the contractor and the property owner will sign an agreement to reimburse the town.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion that the low bid go to Summers & Son Trucking & Grading at \$8,500. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance Amendment #3

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated this Budget Ordinance Amendment is to cover the \$9,000 cost for demolition of the dwelling at 305 Little Ave.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve FY 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance Amendment #3. The motion passed unanimously.

**TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
2017-2018 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #3**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville, North Carolina, a meeting was held this the 16th day of October, 2017 that the following fund revenues and departmental expenditures together with certain restrictions and authorizations be amended.

SECTION I. GENERAL FUND

Anticipated Revenues	FY 2017-2018		FY 2017-2018
	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Amendment Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Taxes, Current Year	2,701,961	-	2,701,961
Taxes, Prior Years	29,700	-	29,700
Motor Vehicle Tax	316,961	-	316,961
Penalties & Interest	12,000	-	12,000
Cemetery	13,000	-	13,000
Recreation	76,000	-	76,000
Sanitation Service Charge	240,000	-	240,000
Interest on Investments	7,500	-	7,500
Fire District Tax (Guilford)		-	

	12,000		12,000
Library	1,500	-	1,500
Transfer Perpetual Care	2,700	-	2,700
Sale of Fixed Assets	5,000	-	5,000
Guilford County Funds	55,500	-	55,500
Code Enforcement/Planning	8,000	-	8,000
Brush/White Goods Pickup Fees	1,500	-	1,500
Transit Card Revenue	200	-	200
Miscellaneous	32,958	-	32,958
GHA	2,340	-	2,340
Stormwater Fee	29,000	-	29,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	4,500	-	4,500
Intangible: Sales Tax (Alamance Co.)	824,000	-	824,000
Intangible: Sales Tax (Guilford Co.)	423,000	-	423,000
Utility Franchise	380,000	-	380,000
Beer & Wine	30,000	-	30,000
Federal Drug Funds	4,323	-	4,323
Insurance Proceeds	670	-	670
Appropriated Recreational Cap. Reserve	34,000	-	34,000
Powell Bill Funds	189,000	-	189,000
Appropriated General Fund Balance	353,112	-	353,112
Total Anticipated Revenues	5,790,425	-	5,790,425

Authorized Expenditures

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Governing Board	73,116	-	73,116
Administration	1,055,693	9,000	1,064,693
Police	1,730,410	-	1,730,410
Fire	840,868	-	840,868
Public Works Administration	210,916	-	210,916
Streets	506,553	-	506,553

Powell Bill	136,600	-	136,600
Sanitation	311,110	-	311,110
Recreation	723,967	-	723,967
Library	133,021	-	133,021
Cemetery	18,170	-	18,170
<i>Contingency</i>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>41,000</u>
Total Authorized Expenditures	<u>5,790,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,790,425</u>
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

SECTION II. WATER & SEWER

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Anticipated W&S Revenues			
<u>Water Revenues</u>			
Water Service Fees	824,263	-	824,263
Tapping Fees	450	-	450
Meter Setting	10,000	-	10,000
Reconnection Fees	40,000	-	40,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	9,900	-	9,900
Development Fees	36,000	-	36,000
Internet Convenience Fees	6,300	-	6,300
Loan Proceeds	<u>152,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,000</u>
Total Anticipated Water Revenues	<u>1,078,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,078,913</u>
<u>Sewer Revenues</u>			
Sewer Service Fees	2,061,797	-	2,061,797
Tapping Fees	550	-	550
Meter Setting	10,000	-	10,000
Reconnection Fees	40,000	-	40,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	12,100	-	12,100
Development Fees	44,000	-	44,000
Internet Convenience Fees	<u>7,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,700</u>
Total Anticipated Sewer Revenues	<u>2,176,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,176,147</u>
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Anticipated W&S Revenues	<u>3,255,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,255,060</u>

Authorized W&S Expenditures

Water Expenditure -

	1,078,913		1,078,913
Sewer Expenditures	2,176,147	-	2,176,147
Total Authorized Expenditures	3,255,060	-	3,255,060
	-	-	-

SECTION III. PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Anticipated Revenues	2,700	-	2,700
Authorized Expenditures	2,700	-	2,700
	-	-	-

SECTION IV. TAX RATE ESTABLISHED

An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 at full valuation is hereby established as the official tax rate for the Town of Gibsonville for the fiscal year 2017-2018. This rate is based on a total valuation of property of \$575,538,354 and an estimated collection rate of 97.25%.

SECTION V.

Charges for services and fees by Town Departments are levied in the amounts set forth in the Fee Schedule (See Attachment A).

SECTION VI. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION - BUDGET OFFICER

- A.** Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among various object of expenditures as he believes necessary.
- B.** The Budget Officer shall be authorized to effect interdepartmental transfers, in the same fund, not to exceed 10% of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocations is reduced. Notation of all such transfers shall be made to the Board on the next succeeding Financial Report.
- C.** He may make interfund loans for a period of not more than 60 days.
- D.** Interfund transfers, established in the budget document may be accomplished without recourse to the Board.

SECTION VII. RESTRICTION - BUDGET OFFICER

- A.** Interfund transfer of monies, except as noted in Section VI. Shall be accomplished by the Board authorization only.
- B.** The utilization of any contingency appropriations shall be accomplished only with Board authorization.

SECTION VIII. UTILIZATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

This Ordinance Amendment and the Budget Document shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Gibsonville Municipal Government during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the budget and shall insure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget. The accounting section shall establish records which are consonance with the Budget and this Ordinance and the appropriate statute of the State of North Carolina.

Amended this the 16th day of October, 2017.

Attest:

Mayor of Gibsonville, NC

Town Clerk of Gibsonville, NC

Discussion of Use of New Beginnings Church Ballfields

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated staff would like to continue the pursuit of an agreement to obtain long term use of the ballfields at New Beginnings Church. He stated he had emailed each board member previously about this. He stated staff is looking for direction from the Board.

Mike Dupree, Recreation Director, stated he was approached by NBC. He stated the greatest under served was the adult sports. He stated the town could put a minimal investment in for more of an opportunity for more field space; compared to a new field between \$400,000 to \$900,000.

Mayor Williams stated a lot of towns get grants; he asked had he consider grants.

Mr. Dupree stated yes but they would be looking at \$200,000 verses \$8,500.

Mayor Williams stated there were so many needs like streets need paving and Powell Bill is not going to pay for this. He stated there was a possible food market wanting to locate here and they are asking for incentivizes.

Alderman Shepherd asked would there be any upfront costs every year.

Mr. Dupree stated no only the first year.

Alderman Pleasants asked about additional cost after the \$8,500.

Mr. Dupree stated they would have to negotiate.

Mayor Williams asked how many teams were there.

Mr. Dupree stated 50 soccer teams, 5 football, and cheerleading.

Mayor Williams stated he would like to see the costs after getting started.

Mr. Dupree asked for permission to continue discussions and work out a possible proposed agreement to bring back to board.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to continue negotiations on an agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

a. Manager

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Gibsonville Fall Festival was a success. He thanked the Police Dept. and Public Works for their help. He stated they had received the Certificate of Occupancy for the new Community Center; looking at the first of November as a move in date. He stated the town had received the paper work for the Downtown Grant; it had been signed and returned to the Department of Commerce. He stated they were moving forward with the sewer project; smoke testing had begun. He stated the new Fire Chief would begin work on October 23, 2017; they had hired James Todd, he had twenty years fire experience, served as risk manager and safety manager. He stated the town appreciated Fire Chief Roof and what he had done for the town.

b. Mayor

Mayor Williams stated his wife was sick and not at the meeting. He recognized the Police and Public Works for their help with the Fall Festival. He stated he would continue to work for the town and continue to work on a food store for the town. He stated a Public Works employee's wife passed away; he asked all to remember him.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk