Zebulon Board of Commissioners Minutes February 5, 2018

Present: Robert S. Matheny-Mayor, Curtis Strickland, Beverly Clark, Dale Beck, Don Bumgarner, Annie Moore, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Greg Johnson-Parks & Recreation, Bobby Fitts-Finance, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Chris Ray-Public Works, Chris Perry-Fire, Tim Hayworth-Police, Eric Vernon-Attorney

Mayor Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Emely Rodriguez Rivera from Zebulon Elementary School.

AGENDA

Commissioner Bumgarner made a motion, second by Commissioner Beck to approve the agenda. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL RECOGINTION

Mayor Matheny recognized student Emely Rodriguez Rivera and teacher Timothy Chartrand both from Zebulon Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Matheny reminded those speaking that they would have three minutes to speak and the lit timer would designate when their time was up.

Scott Carpenter spoke about the Moore's Mill and Little River Dam. He shared an article that spoke of the history of the 150 year old dam. Mr. Carpenter asked the Board to reconsider their vote to not repair the dam

Cynthia Privette stated that she would like to have the Little River Dam repaired and replaced and wanted the Board to revisit their vote to not repair the dam.

Denise Nowell with the Chamber said that she wanted to update the Board. The annual Chamber dinner would be February 15th, some of the downtown businesses had painted and worked to improve the appearance of their building. Finally, there were discussions with various people interested in bringing businesses to the downtown like a pub or a coffee house.

Tom Gaddy stated that he also would like to see the Little River Dam repaired and thought that FEMA money should be used for that purpose. Mr. Gaddy wanted the Board of Commissioners to revisit their vote on the Little River Dam.

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CONSENT

A. Minutes

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 worksession. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Finance

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the tax report for November 2017. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the financial statements. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve Ordinance 2018-21. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Works

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve Resolution 2018-10. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

D. General

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the quarterly reports. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Department

Alley Encroachment

Mayor Matheny stated that Dallas Pearce asked to remove his request for consideration of an encroachment agreement from the agenda.

Mayor Matheny explained that he would like for staff to work with the Town Attorney to create a template for an encroachment agreement that could be used for future requests.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Moore to instruct the attorney to create an encroachment agreement template. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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B. Finance

Audit Contract

Bobby Fitts presented that staff was recommending that the Town renew their contract with Joyce and Company to do the audit for the Town. Bobby explained that Joyce and Company had been doing the audit since 2003 and would like to extend the contract for three years.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve extending the contract with Joyce and Company for three years. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Bumgarner thanked those that came and spoke on the dam.

MANAGERS REPORT

Joe Moore stated that Friday was movie night at the Community Center.

Mark Hetrick stated that he had been in contact with the various shopping center owners or property managers and stated that they had agreed to get the lighting repaired. He also let them know how to report a street light outage with Duke Energy.

The UDO project would allow for the Board to incorporate uniform maintenance codes for non-residential or commercial shopping centers. Light bleed would also be considered so as to not disturb the adjoining residential property owners

Commissioner Strickland asked about the problem with Dollar Tree having no lights. Mark explained that Kamin Realty had their electrician looking into the problem.

Tim Hayworth introduced Christopher Hamm who was the newest police officer. He came from North Hampton County where he worked for four years.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion, second by Commissioner Moore to adjourn. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Date

Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk