

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Minutes
March 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 Morgan Bulgin from Wakelon Elementary School.

AGENDA

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

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Mayor Matheny recognized student Morgan Bulgin and teacher Amanda Maddox both from Wakelon Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Shannon Baxter stated that she was in favor of using FEMA funds for rebuilding the dam at Little River Park.

Denise Nowell with the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce thanked the Board for being at the annual meeting/banquet and including them in the annual Board retreat. Denise shared information on economic development.

Scott Carpenter stated that he was in favor of rebuilding the dam at Little River Park.

John Middleswarth thanked the Board for working together for the betterment of Zebulon. He stated he was upset about issues with the dam and was not in favor of rebuilding the dam at Little River Park.

PRESENTATIONS

Greg Johnson introduced Vickie Curtis and her work with the Zebulon Youth Council.

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Vickie Curtis gave an update on the progress with the youth council and stated that the group was growing and doing a lot to serve in the community. They will be conducting a camp called Camp Smiles for children 4-7 in June at no cost to the children.

CONSENT

A. Minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Moore to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Moore to approve the minutes of the February 22 & 23, 2018 Board Retreat. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Finance

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

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

C. General

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

NON-PROFIT FUNDING

Mayor Matheny stated that there was an opportunity to allow for groups requesting funding in the FY 2018-2019 budget to present their requests.

Shannon White with the East Wake Education Foundation presented that they were a pre-k program located in Wendell servicing children in eastern Wake County. The services were for children birth to five years of age free of charge.

Allison Strickland with Interact located in Wake County was the only agency that provided comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They provided services to at least 238 people from Zebulon in the last year. They had a 24 hour crisis line, an emergency shelter for women and children, and a success rate of approximately 90% for those that complete the shelter program not returning to a violent home.

Mary Beth Carpenter was with Preservation Zebulon which was a group that promoted preservation of historic buildings, landscapes and districts. They were currently working on the Zebulon Memory Project and would be conducting downtown tours soon. Funding would be used to establish an historic district and would pay for the National Registry application costs.

Laura Johnson was with the Martin Luther King breakfast committee that had been in place for the last 12 years and was asking for funds to continue to hold the event, which was free of charge to all in attendance.

Ayana Joseph with North Carolina Family Training and Counseling Center was requesting funding to continue the Camp I Can summer camp that was academically based and served children ages 5-12.

Susan Pearce represented Zebulon Downtown Arts Council (zdac) that wanted to bring arts to the Town with murals, festivals, an art center with classes and music. The group was requesting that funding to move forward with developing that vision in downtown Zebulon.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works

North Arendell Avenue Access Project

Chris Ray gave an update on the N. Arendell access project and was prepared to share the responses from CAMPO and NCDOT.

1. The elimination of the five foot median did not meet the safety goals of the grant and could not be eliminated from the project.
2. Removal of the sidewalks and curb and gutter at the Sheetz intersection along Pearces Road was a possibility. The potential savings would be approximately \$50,000 after losing the 50% match from CAMPO.
3. Shortening the scope of work north of Pearces Road on Arendell Avenue. The Town had to prove it would not cause a drop in service level for the intersection. The consultants analyzed the information and stated that it would not cause a drop in service and the taper could be shortened by approximately 100'. Savings would be in pavement at \$17,500 after the loss of the 50% CAMPO match.
4. The request to receive funding from CAMPO greater than 50% was made and the Town was told that it was highly unlikely due to setting precedence for future requests.

There was some savings but none of it was significant.

Mayor Matheny asked about the modification of the median. Chris Ray explained that DOT stated that the Town was required to comply with DOT standards.

Commissioner Strickland asked about Jones St. being completed. Chris Ray stated that in the budget amendment there were funds to complete the design of Jones St.

There was discussion about environmental survey at Eddins. Chris said that the phase I environmental had already been done but the federal government required a phase II environmental and a statement from experts that endangered species would not be harmed in the project.

Commissioner Bumgarner asked if scaling back on the project would still accomplish most goals the Board set out to do. Chris Ray said it would.

Commissioner Bumgarner made a motion, second by Commissioner Beck to approve Ordinance 2018-22 to proceed with the project. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Comments

There was no one present that wished to speak on the budget.

B. Police

Ordinance 2018-23

Chief Tim Hayworth presented that they were requesting funding to replace the police vehicle that was wrecked back in February. The insurance company would not pay for it up front but would reimburse the Town for the equipment that was totaled in the accident.

There was discussion on why the insurance company would not pay for it up front.

Commissioner Beck made a motion, second by Commissioner Clark to approve Ordinance 2018-23. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Moore thanked those that came out.

MANAGERS REPORT

Joe Moore stated that Friday was movie night.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny would be on March 23rd and the Easter Egg Hunt would be March 24th. There would not be a joint public hearing or worksession in March. Town Offices would be closed Friday, March 30, for the holiday.

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

4/2/18

Date

SEAL



Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

Lisa M. Markland
Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk