

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Minutes
September 23, 2020

Present: Robert S. Matheny, Beverly Clark, Annie Moore, Shannon Baxter, Larry Loucks, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Stacie Paratore-Deputy Town Clerk, Chris Ray-Public Works, Chris Perry-Fire, Bob Grossman-Police, Michael Clark-Planning, Bobby Fitts-Finance, Sheila Long-Parks and Recreation, Eric Vernon-Attorney
Absent: Commissioner York

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Little River Park

1. Elizabeth Gardner with Whitewater Park Committee

Elizabeth Gardner spoke about the non-profit, Falls Whitewater Park Committee, and the whitewater park the committee created at the base of Falls Lake dam. Ms. Gardner toured the Little River dam in August and thought it would make a nice whitewater park during periods of elevated water levels. Various types of recreation can occur at a whitewater park such as tubing, swimming, picnicking, and fishing. A video of Clear Creek Whitewater Park in Golden, Colorado was shown.

The process to design a whitewater park was explained. A feasibility study was approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000 and a preliminary design was approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Sheila Long introduced Gary Warner from Withers Ravenel who was working on the Town's Parks and Recreation master plan. The plan focused on the entire Parks and Recreation system and operations. Mr. Warner explained the project process and the methods for community engagement.

B. Water Merger Agreement Update and Discussion

Bobby Fitts answered questions the Board had at the August work session. There was discussion about capacity at other merger communities. Staff explained Zebulon's usage and capacity today and for future years with and without the sell back option. There was discussion about sewer capacity. With the Merger Agreement, residents would see about a 50% reduction in their water bills.

The Board agreed to let staff prepare a draft Merger Agreement with the City of Raleigh and present the agreement to the Board at the October 5, 2020 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Matheny stated the Board needed a motion to go into closed session as permitted by NC GS §143-318.11(a)(5) for the purpose of property acquisition and NC GS §143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of personnel discussions.

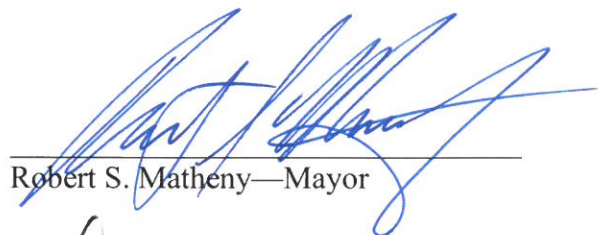
Commissioner Loucks made a motion, second by Commissioner Moore to go into closed session. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Commissioner Baxter made a motion, second by Commissioner Loucks to come out of closed session. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion, second by Commissioner Loucks to have closed session personnel minutes for September 23, 2020 archived with Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2020.



Robert S. Matheny—Mayor



Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk