

**Town of Garner
Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2016**

The Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Garner Police Department Training Room located at 912 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Ronnie Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ronnie Williams

INVOCATION: Mayor Ronnie Williams

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS - None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Kennedy requested to add a closed session to the agenda per N.C.G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6) "to discuss the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or conditions of appointment of an individual public officer or employee."

Action: Agenda revised to include these items.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

Action: Agenda approved.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT

Minutes from December 15, 2015 and January 4, 2016

Motion: Singleton
Second: Marshburn
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Finance Department Re-Organization
Presenter: Pam Wortham, Interim Finance Director

Ms. Wortham provided an update on the status of the Finance Department re-organization as presented at the October 27, 2015 Council Work Session and a request to authorize an Accounting Manager position.

Action: Authorize Accounting Manager Position and Endorse Re-Organization Plan

Motion: Marshburn

Second: Behringer
Vote: Unanimous

Type 1 Sewer Allocation Request

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

With the approval of the Landings at Heather Park Subdivision, the Type I water/sewer allocation for 2016 has been depleted. This matter was discussed at the Public Works committee meeting where it was agreed to place it on the agenda for approval of an additional 150 units of Type I sewer for 2016.

Action: Authorize additional Type 1 water/sewer allocation of 150 lots

Motion: Singleton
Second: Kennedy
Vote: Unanimous

Additional Funding for Storm Drain Project

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

The recently completed drainage project exceeded the approved contract. The majority of the additional charges were the result of poor soils in the area under the roadway on Susan Drive and the cost to replace these soils with suitable material.

Action: Authorize Additional Funding of \$30,163.05

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Marshburn
Vote: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Kennedy reported a meeting of the Public Works Committee on March 9, 2016 to discuss utility fees. The Committee will meet again on March 24 for further discussion of this matter.

MANAGER REPORTS

- garner info
- Finance Report
- Building & Permit Report
- A Community Open House is scheduled for March 24, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Garner Performing Arts Center to invite the community to view renderings and floor plans of the Garner Indoor Recreation Center. Also available will be maps of proposed road improvements along Montague Street and U.S. 70 as well as Town staff and architects to answer any questions.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Marshburn

- Asked if there was anything the Town could do to expedite the light cycle at the intersection of Timber Drive and Aversboro Road. Mr. Chalk advised this delay may be due to work being performed in the right-of-way. The work is scheduled to be complete this week. Mr. Chalk will contact NCDOT Traffic Services Division to verify.
- Attended a Salvation Army forum on homelessness in Wake County and felt this issue was something everyone needed to be more concerned about and to look for positive ways to contribute.
- Expressed appreciation to the Garner Performing Arts staff for continuing to bring quality programming to the Town.

Mayor Pro Tem Behringer

- Reported the concrete medians at the intersection of the off ramp on Vandora Springs Road and U.S. 70 are cracked as well as the medians near the Methodist Church.
- Reported tall grass on Benson Road between Hudson's and the Garner Volunteer Fire Department locations.
- Asked about colorful plantings at Old Stage Road and U.S. 401. Staff will follow-up.
- Attended the Strategic Planning Workshop at NC School of Government and felt it was very informational.
- Attended the NC Main Street Conference last week and was impressed with the progress being made to increase the viability of Main Streets.

Council Member Johns

- Noticed slow light cycles at Highway 50 and New Rand Road. Will monitor for follow-up.

Council Member Singleton

- Asked if the stakes in the right-of-way along Buffalo Road were for the installation of fiber or sidewalks. Mr. Chalk responded that the stakes were related to the installation of fiber by AT&T. Concern was expressed regarding both projects occurring at the same time and Mr. Chalk advised AT&T's project should be completed before the sidewalk project begins.

Council Member Kennedy

- Mentioned the recent mowing contract for Highway 70 and the impact of cables in the median.
- Asked about the installation schedule of sidewalks along Timber Drive. Mr. Chalk advised that other work is required in the area before they can be installed and at this time, no schedule is available.
- Stated he had received complaints about the dip in the Don Rohrbaugh bridge and asked if further work was scheduled. Mr. Chalk advised no further work is scheduled at this time.
- Will be attending the North Carolina Railroad Company's Progress in Motion 2016 event in Raleigh on April 18-19, 2016.
- Asked if materials would need to be prepared in advance in preparation of the Triangle Community Coalition 'Coffee Chat' meeting on April 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Behringer reminded Council that at previous 'Coffee Chat' events, no material preparation was required and Mr. Dickerson indicated, based on the number of participants, the location of the meeting may change from Town Hall to the Police Department Training Room.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Marshburn

Vote: Unanimous

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURN: 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stella Gibson