

**Town of Garner  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2017**

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Ronnie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Behringer, Council Member Buck Kennedy, Council Member Ken Marshburn, Council Member Singleton. Council Member Jackie Johns was absent.

Staff Present: John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Royslance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Mari Howe-Downtown Development Manager, Michael Gammon-Budget & Special Projects Manager, Tony Chalk-Town Engineer, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, and Stella Gibson-Town Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Behringer

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Behringer

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: Unanimous

**PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Marshburn acknowledged the newly appointed Board and Committee members present: Spence Cardwell-Veterans Advisory, Willis McKoy-Veterans Advisory, Ernestine Durham-PRCR, Amara Williams Jones-Board of Adjustment, Herbetina Johnson-Senior Citizens, Vira Hogan-Planning Commission, Jonathan Blasco-Planning Commission, Francis Liles-Senior Citizens, Anita Powell-Board of Adjustment

Ms. Howe presented the GRA's 2017 Mainstreet Accreditation Certificate.

**CONSENT**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

Adopt minutes from the June 27, 2017 Work Session and the July 6, 2017 Council Meeting.

Action: Adopt Minutes

Resolution to Establish 2018 Employee Holiday Schedule

Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

This Resolution sets forth the Town of Garner employee holidays for 2018.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2017) 2326

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Marshburn  
Vote: Unanimous

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **UDO-17-01, Corrections and Clarifications**

Presenter: Jeff Triezenberg, Planning Director

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Triezenberg to present the staff report.

Mr. Triezenberg stated the Town of Garner Planning Department is requesting a change to amend the Garner Unified Development Ordinance to correct and clarify conflicting and/or duplicate language, changes in terminology or clarify long-standing interpretations. In addition some corrections to the use table are needed to fix errors in items that were carried forward during the last UDO update process.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Action: Refer to Planning Commission

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **MANAGER REPORTS**

- Garner Info
- Building & Permit Report
- Finance Report
- Reminded Council the Connect Conference will be held on August 10
- Advised a request was received to utilize the Police Department Training Room to allow legal aid to meet with the residents of the Forest Hills apartment complex on Thursday at 6:00 p.m
- Advised the owner of the property on Lawndale where the water issue occurred will be piping the water to a different portion of the site to alleviate water being displaced to neighbors.

- Town Hall Updates – as of late this afternoon staff is scheduled to move into Town Hall on Thursday and open for business on Friday. Council consensus to delay the grand opening until the scheduled paving at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is complete.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Kennedy asked about removing the Y-split at Aversboro and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Chalk advised this area contained a floodway that would be difficult to fill-in and additional permits would be required. Staff has reached out to NCDOT to ask them to allow the Town to place plantings in the area.

Council Member Singleton asked about if there was a resolution to the brightness of the Town Hall exterior lights. Mr. Chalk stated no resolution had been reached at this time.

Mr. Marshburn stated he was impressed with interior lighting in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Kennedy requested to be absent for next week's Work Session and thanked the Police Department for the use of their space while Town Hall was under construction.

Council Member Singleton asked for an update on the completion of the Rec Center. Mr. Hodges advised the estimated the project should be complete in the May/June 2018 time frame.

Mayor Pro Tem Behringer asked for a status of the empty house at the corner of Yeargan Road and West Garner Road where the fence had fallen down. It was her understanding the property was going to be sold at the end of June and the new owners were going to clean it up. Mr. Hodges advised staff was working through a plan with owner to demolish the front structures and rehabilitate the back structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Behringer also stated the need for a Law & Finance Committee meeting to revisit the Town's policies related to code enforcement. Staff will bring this matter to the August Work Session.

Mr. Hodges stated the concrete pad at Garner Rec Park was scheduled to be re-poured tomorrow morning and as landscaping was not included in the budget for this project, staff will provide information at the next Work Session regarding landscaping, fencing along the road frontage and side. Council expressed their frustration with the progress of the project.

Council Member Marshburn asked that an update on the Google Fiber project at a future meeting. Council Member Kennedy asked that when Council members attend meetings with Triangle J, CAMPO, etc. that they report to Council at the next meeting.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Kennedy  
Vote: Unanimous

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 8:11 p.m.**