

**Town of Garner
Town Council Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017**

The Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 900 7th 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 Gra Singleton, and Council Member Jackie Johns.

Staff Present: John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Roylance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Pam Wortham-Finance Director, Rick Mercier-Communications Manager, Michael Gammon-Budget & Special Projects Manager, Brandon Zuidema-Police Chief, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, and Stella Gibson-Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Ken Marshburn

INVOCATION: Council Member Ken Marshburn asked Reverend Susan Hobbs of Garner United Methodist Church to deliver the invocation.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Williams presented the James R. Stevens Service to Garner Award to Richard Gulley. Mr. Gulley, a life-long resident of Garner has served his hometown in innumerable ways during a lifetime of service to the community.

CONSENT

Council Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

Adopt minutes from the March 28, 2017, July 18, 2017, July 25, 2017, and August 7, 2017 Council Meetings and closed session minutes from the March 28, 2017, July 18, 2017, and August 7, 2017 Council Meetings.

Action: Adopt Minutes

Agency Funding Approved in the FY 2017/2018 Budget

Presenter: Michael Gammon, Budget and Special Projects Manager

Following the adoption of the budget, agreements were prepared and forwarded to each of the agencies receiving appropriations this year. Once signed, returned, and approved the Town will make the payments to the organizations in accordance with the schedule set out in the agreement. The following agencies have returned fully executed agreements: Garner Civitan Club, Garner Towne Players, InterAct, Miss Garner Pageant.

Action: Authorize Execution of Agreements

Ordinance Amending FY 2017/2018 Operating Budget

Presenter: Pam Wortham, Finance Director

Request to utilize unappropriated fund balance of \$35,000 for costs of a downtown revitalization project for which we received grant funds during FY 2017, additional cost for the Comprehensive Plan contract that was not included in the purchase order, and to utilize unspent Main Street Facade funds from FY 2017.

Action: Adopt Ordinance (2017) 3869

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Bond Tracking Report

Presenter: Michael Gammon, Budget & Special Projects Manager

Mr. Gammon and Mr. Chalk provided a brief overview of the status of the bond program, specifically changes and updates from the last report.

Action: No action; report only

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hodges announced a Law and Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

MANAGER REPORTS

- garner info
- Town Hall Updates – paving work continues; additional work in Council Chambers and lobby is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Suggested dates for the Town Hall grand opening will be provided at

the next Work Session.

- Finance Report
- Garner Technology Site Environmental Report – notice of remedial action plan was received. This may allow the Town to remove some of the monitoring wells on this site earlier than originally expected.
- Garner Recreation Center Update – Mr. Chalk provided a color board of interior finishes for Council review. Council was also asked to stop by the site and review the mock wall.
- NCDOT will be holding an information session for local officials on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Training Room.
- The ribbon cutting for Garner Rec Park will be on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. This will also coincide with the start of this seasons Pop-Up Markets.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshburn

- Reported the Wake County transit implementation plan and first bus improvements were made this month. He invited everyone to go to their website and comment on the rollout between now and August 31st.
- Commended the Town's Wellness Committee on the work they are doing.
- Reported attending the Parks and Recreation departments eclipse party on the back lawn of GPAC along with over 100 other citizens.

Behringer

- Reported cars for sale parked on Mechanical Blvd. at Oak City Motors.
- Reported the median on Highway 70 at Yeargan Road needs to be mowed as well as inside Garner Town Square near Kroger and Target.
- Attending the League Conference in September.

Singleton

- Suggested the meeting with the Fire Board be scheduled at the second meeting or work session of the month.

Kennedy

- Asked about placing lights on Mechanical Blvd. to Old Stage Road. Mr. Chalk advised this project could be accomplished in coordination with a larger project such as the superstreet project proposed for the area. If lights are installed now, they may need to be relocated as part of a future project.
- Asked to discuss a finance matter with the Law & Finance Committee.
- Asked when the appropriate time was to invite Davenport to present a bonding capacity update. Ms. Wortham advised the first part of October is likely as this will be after the audit report is received and the revenue savings plan numbers will be updated.
- Reported the Drury Inn site needs mowing.
- Asked what could be done to expedite the repair to the dip on the F. Donald Rohrbaugh bridge.

Williams

- Thanked staff for organizing the James R. Stevens reception.
- Announced Senator Chad Barefoot was retiring.

Council Member Johns had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 p.m.

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous