

**Town of Garner
Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2018**

The Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Garner Town Hall located at 900 7th Avenue.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Ronnie Williams

Mayor Ronnie Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Marshburn, Council Member Kathy Behringer, Council Member Jackie Johns, Council Member Buck Kennedy, and Council Member Gra Singleton (arrived at 7:33 p.m.)

Staff Present: Rodney Dickerson-Town Manager, John Hodges-Asst. Town Manager-Development Services, Matt Roynance-Asst. Town Manager-Operations, Jeff Triezenberg-Planning Director, David Bamford-Planning Services Manager, Jonathan Ham-Asst. Planning Director, Tony Chalk-Town Engineer, Het Patel-Senior Planner-Transportation & Land Use, Brandon Zuidema-Police Chief, William E. Anderson-Town Attorney, and Stella Gibson-Town Clerk

Also Present: Sam Bridges-Lobbyist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Buck Kennedy invited members of Boy Scout Troop 391 to lead the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: Council Member Buck Kennedy

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Miss Garner and Miss Garner Outstanding Teen
Presenter: Harold Garner, Executive Director of Miss Garner Pageant Association

Mr. Garner introduced Miss Garner, Kaylee Spruille and Miss Garner Outstanding Teen, Madison Walker.

Update of Investment Portfolio

Presenter: Craig Robinson, PFM

Mr. Robinson presented an update of the Town's investment portfolio as of the end of December 2017 and recommendations for changes to the current investment policy.

CONSENT

Council Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Stella Gibson, Town Clerk

Adopt minutes from the November 28, 2017, December 19, 2017, January 2, 2018, January 16, 2018 and February 5, 2018 Council Meetings and Closed Session minutes from December 19, 2017 and February 5, 2018.

Action: Adopt Minutes

Stop and Yield Conditions for Oak Park Subdivision

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

The Engineering Department is recommending approval of six (6) stop conditions and two (2) yield conditions within the Oak Park Subdivision to serve as basic traffic control measures.

Action: Approve Stop and Yield Conditions

Stop Conditions for Clifford Grove Subdivision

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

The Engineering Department is recommending approval of three (3) stop conditions within the Clifford Grove Subdivision to serve as basic traffic control measures.

Action: Approve Stop Conditions

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Johns
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Design Services for White Oak, Ackerman, and Hebron Church Road Intersection Improvements Project

Presenter: Het Patel, Senior Planner

Mr. Patel presented the Town's staff report for the White Oak Road, Ackerman Road, and Hebron Church Road Intersection Improvements Project. Improvements in this area will help alleviate the congestion and increase safety.

Action: Authorize Execution of Contract

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Behringer
Vote: Unanimous

ETJ Removal Request – Jack Parker Properties

Presenter: David Bamford, Planning Services Manager

Mr. Bamford explained 19.6-acres owned by Jack Parker Properties NC, LLC was de-annexed by action of the General Assembly on June 30, 2017 (Session Law 2017-76 (Senate Bill 105)). While the site was removed from the municipal corporate limits, it was not also removed from Garner's zoning and ETJ jurisdiction.

Action: Adopt Resolution (2018) 2345

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Singleton
Vote: Unanimous

Additional Design Services for New Rand Road Sidewalk

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

Mr. Chalk stated Kimley-Horn amended their design services agreement with the Town to design a sidewalk crossing over the railroad at New Rand and the installation of curb and gutter and sidewalk along Garner Road to connect to the sidewalk system.

Action: Authorize Contract Amendment

Motion: Singleton
Second: Kennedy
Vote: Unanimous

Sewer Project Award for US 70 to White Oak Creek Outfall

Presenter: Jonathan Ham, Asst. Town Engineer

Mr. Ham presented a recommendation to award the US 70 to White Oak Creek Outfall Sewer Project to The Wooten Company. Engineering services provided by The Wooten Company under this contract includes survey, design and supplemental construction contract administration/auditing services.

Action: Authorize Execution of Agreement

Motion: Marshburn
Second: Behringer
Vote: Unanimous

Introduction of FY 2018-19 Budget Process

Presenter: Mike Franks, Budget & Special Projects Manager

Mr. Franks reviewed the FY 2018/19 budget process, reviewed key dates in the process, and the Town Manager's priorities for developing the recommended budget.

Action: Discussion only; no action required

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Kennedy reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn attended a meeting with the GVFR to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the possible merger of GVFR and the Town. The next committee meeting will be held on March 19.

LOBBYIST REPORT

Mr. Bridges provided an update on the redistricting of the House and Senate districts.

MANAGER REPORTS

- garner info
- Finance Report
- Building & Permit Report
- Future Development Projects Report
- New Guide to Garner available
- NCDOT seeking comments regarding the NC50 bridge replacement – staff will follow-up with the design team to request alternate configurations that would allow better access to area businesses.
- Garner 101 – March 1
- TCC Coffee Chat – March 7
- Additional grading for Thompson Road sidewalk – cost estimate for this project is \$15,225
- Pancake Breakfast – Schedule for March
- Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle & Toast of the Town – March 2
- YMCA ribbon cutting on February 22
- Cost estimates for improvements at Meadowbrook total \$29,000. This item will be placed on the February Work Session agenda for discussion.
- Information on relocating the Historic Depot was distributed to Council for discussion at a March meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

Mr. Anderson requested to add a closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5)) “to discuss possible real estate acquisition and the Town’s negotiating position regarding such real estate.”

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marshburn & Johns

- Had nothing new to report that was not included in the Manager’s Report.

Behringer

- Reported trash along East Garner Road and Jones Sausage Road from the Hwy 40 overpass around the railroad tracks to the White Oak area.
- Spoke with NCDOT Deputy District Engineer regarding the dedicated turn lane and striping on Creech Road.

Singleton

- Asked if staff had monitored the morning and afternoon school traffic at the Creech Road intersection. Mr. Chalk advised this request was forwarded to the NCDOT District Office and they are looking into.
- Asked for a status on improving the paving in front of the YMCA. Mr. Chalk responded that this issue not on the NCDOT punch list of items needing work. However, Mr. Dickerson reported it to YMCA staff a couple of weeks ago.

Kennedy

- Asked about the possibility of re-instating an Appearance Committee.

Williams

- Asked if the Town could provide any assistance to the Bellarose Assisted Living Facility in obtaining authorization for offsite signage (which is prohibited in the Town's Code of Ordinances). Mr. Triezenberg is working with Bellarose and the adjoining property owner to facilitate a resolution.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(3) "to consult with the Town Attorney regarding litigation."

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 10:49 p.m.