

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2019

The Town Council met on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Chris Neal, Emma Stewart, Betty Wright, Tom Clancy and Bill Williamson were present. Council Member Boyd Sturges was absent.

Assistant Administrator Tony King gave the invocation.

Council Member Clancy moved that the minutes be approved. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for the purpose of rezoning 107 North Church Street. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing. Council Member Williamson moved to rezone 107 North Church Street, Tax Parcel ID #017945, from O&I (Office & Institutional) to B-1 (Downtown Business). Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for the conveyance of 118 North Main Street. Bobby Cooper, 701 North Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., inquired about the purchase price and how much expense is involved. Mr. Franklin explained that the Town paid \$97,000 for the building and after expenses have \$144,288 in it, and plan to sell it for \$160,000. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing. Council Member Williamson moved to approve the conveyance of 118 North Main Street. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monica Thornton with USDA explained that they have received an application from the Town for the new fire truck, and she is here to present a funding package. She said the total cost of the truck is \$639,742. Ms. Thornton explained that package will include a \$100,000 USDA grant, \$200,000 USDA loan at 4.25% for 20 years, a \$300,000 loan from Wake Electric at 0% interest, and applicant contributions in the amount of \$39,742.00. Council Member Stewart moved to accept the USDA funding package for the fire truck. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Harriette Sturges, Chair for the Tar River Center for History & Culture gave an update on some of their projects such as the canoe restoration, jail restoration, River of Yesteryear, and the Lecture Series. She said their goal was to make history alive and have community involvement. Mrs. Sturges said the group plans to restore tombstones at the Cemetery on the Hill – small restorations in squares.

Council Member Williamson moved to approve the Capital Project Ordinance for the Church Street Redevelopment Project. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to approve the purchase of 106 North Elm Street for \$30,000. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to approve Resolution 2019-1 to apply for funding for the Main Street Water System Improvements Project. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve the budget amendment for the 10" sewer line replacement along the alleyway beside the Franklin County office building at the corner of East Nash and Spring Street. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to add approval of an amendment to the audit contract to the agenda. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Dewey Botts, 675 Howard Tant Road, Bunn, N. C., thanked the Town for helping sponsor the Historic Homes Tour. He explained that there is a lot of architecture in Franklin County and the tour promotes historic preservation and restoration.

Bobby Cooper, 701 North Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., said, with regard to the property acquisitions, he hopes the Town will bring any changes necessary to the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Franklin said architects are being interviewed now and the Town will comply with all rules.

Shirley Thomas, 601 Kenmore Avenue, Louisburg, N. C., said Kenmore Avenue is having a problem with speeding cars. She would like to see traffic slow down.

Council Member Williamson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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