

MINUTES

LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL

DECEMBER 16, 2019

The Town Council met on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Chris Neal, Emma Stewart, Boyd Sturges, Betty Wright, Tom Clancy and Bill Williamson were present.

Assistant Administrator Tony King gave the invocation.

Council Member Sturges moved that the minutes be approved. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell presented Council Member Bill Williamson and Assistant Administrator Tony King awards for their years of service to the Town of Louisburg. Council Member Williamson decided not to run for re-election and Mr. King is retiring effective January 1, 2020.

Town Clerk Carolyn Patterson gave the oath of office to Council Members Emma Stewart, Chris Neal and Mark Russell.

Council Member Wright moved to appoint Council Member Chris Neal as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented a request from Holden Development, LLC for review and approval of a residential subdivision developed through the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Special Exception procedure. Mr. King explained that the development has been unanimously approved by the Planning Board.

Matthew Winslow, 140 East Main Street, Youngsville, N. C. and Mike Moss, 333 South White Street, Wake Forest, N. C. explained that they were asking for 147 homes, which will include patio homes. Mr. Winslow stated that they will start construction as soon as possible, probably in another six to seven months. He said there will be no properties inside the flood plain, that it is not a gated community, roads will be built to Town specifications, and there will be an active Homeowners Association.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. Bob Hobgood, 307 Edward Lane, Louisburg, N. C. expressed concern with ingress and egress with the elementary school less than one mile from the site, a turning radius concern at the southern end of the plan for emergency vehicles such as a fire truck, and will the cost of utilities be borne by the developer. Mike Perry, 108 Tulliallan Lane, Cary, N. C. asked if there will be landscaping or a buffer along the southern property lines. Mayor Pernell and Council Member Sturges recused themselves due to a small ownership in Green Hill Country Club. Council Member Clancy moved to approve the Special Exception Permit for the Green Hill Subdivision Planned Unit Development (PUD). Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Ordinance 2019-5 rezoning from A-R (Agricultural Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) the lot identified as the 64.205 acre Green Hill Preliminary Subdivision Plat, Franklin Co. Tax Parcel #015380. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for the proposed installment Financing Agreement in the amount of \$500,000 for the Depot Hill project. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the agreement. Council Member Sturges moved to approve Resolution 2019-9 for the installment financing of the Depot Hill project. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the sale of the lot at 127 Mineral Springs Street. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the NCDOT Small Construction Agreement. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the Certification of Municipal Declaration to Enact Speed Limits on East Nash Street from Cedar Street eastward to South Bickett Boulevard. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Ann Brown, 301 Edgewood Drive, Louisburg, N. C. asked if there would be a time for the public to agree to disagree with the Green Hill Subdivision. She asked if there was anything showing the effect on property values. The Mayor explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to ask questions or express your opinion concerning the subdivision. Matthew Winslow said he would be glad to have a neighborhood meeting to answer questions and concerns. Kimberly Pearce, 130 North Hill Court, Louisburg, N. C. inquired about the 8' side yard setbacks. She said she was concerned about the close proximity of the houses regarding fires, etc. Johnnie Clifton, 114 Fox Park Road, Louisburg, N. C. asked if the clubhouse and pool would be public or just for the subdivision. Mr. Winslow explained that it would be just for the subdivision.

Council Member Sturges moved to go into closed session for the purpose of personnel at 8:37 p.m. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to return to open session at 8:50 p.m. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that the Police Chief and Town Clerk be given a 2 ½% merit increase and that the Town Administrator be given a 5% merit raise. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that the meeting be adjourned. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Carolyn D. Patterson, Adm. Asst./Town Clerk CMC