

MINUTES

LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL

May 18, 2020

The Town Council met on Zoom on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Mark Russell, Tom Clancy, Betty Wright, Boyd Sturges, Emma Stewart and Chris Neal were present.

Finance Director Sean Medlin gave the invocation.

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

Assistant Administrator Tony King explained that the legislature gives 24 hours for written comments for public hearings; therefore the Council will not take action tonight on the public hearings. Mr. King presented a request for consideration of a text amendment to allow apartments as a mixed use with commercial uses in the Central Business, B-1 Zoning District. He stated that the commercial use on the first floor would be the primary use with residential use on the upper floors. Mr. King also explained that no additional parking is required. Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. Rochelle Hernandez, 200 East Nash Street, Louisburg, N. C. asked if there is a plan for future parking needs for downtown. Town Administrator Jonathan Franklin explained that the Town plans to hire a consultant for the downtown area, to be funded in 2021. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing.

Mr. King presented a request for a text amendment to consider parking modifications to the Louisburg Zoning Ordinance Parking Standards to establish minimum paved parking for all uses and to require paved parking for auto sales display areas. Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. No one from the public was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing.

Mr. King presented a request for consideration of a text amendment to allow for the placement of photovoltaic (PV) (Solar Panels) on certain structures and within certain zoning districts and Solar Arrays in industrial districts. Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. Rochelle Hernandez, 200 East Nash Street, Louisburg, N. C. asked if she will be able to install solar panels on her building and Mr. King said that the answer is yes. Sean Kingsley, 621 North Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., inquired if there are any restrictions for solar on public buildings/roofs in commercial districts. Mr. King explained that it is a use by right so no additional screening is necessary. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the Rural Economic Development Grant Agreement – Industrial Development Fund Utility Account. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve Resolution 2020-4 for the AIA Grant for water infrastructure needs. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Resolution 2020-5 for the AIA Grant for wastewater infrastructure needs. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve the Industrial Park Concept Plans. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Bobby Cooper, 701 North Main Street, Louisburg, N. C. stated that he thought the Town should rescind its consent to the County's curfew. Mr. Franklin said the curfew ended May 8th.

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

Carolyn D. Patterson

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