

MINUTES  
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 19, 2018

The Town Council met on Monday, February 19, 2018, 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 Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented a request for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone a lot located on Highway 39 South around Wade Moore Drive from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to B-2 (Highway Business). Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. Allen Davis, 301 Green Hill Road asked what the B-2 zoning was and if the Town knew what the plans were for the property. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing. Council Member Sturges moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-1 rezoning Franklin County Tax Parcel #015445, owned by Wade Moore Construction Company from the current A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to B-2 (Highway Business). Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented a request for a Text Amendment to the Louisburg Zoning Ordinance regarding modifications to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) standards. Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the text amendment. Council Member Sturges moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-2 modifying the text regarding Planned Unit Developments. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing to consider the purchase of real property located at 118 North Main Street. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the purchase. Council Member Sturges moved to approve the purchase of the property located at 118 North Main Street, identified as Franklin County Tax Record #016162 for a purchase price of \$96,530.00, and such cost being an appropriation from the Downtown Revitalization Fund. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The new President of Louisburg College, Dr. Gary Brown was introduced to the Council. He explained that he and his wife have been in town less than 50 days and have found Louisburg to be a warm and welcoming community. Dr. Brown said that he looks forward to helping grow Louisburg College and believes the College should be a part of the community.

The new Superintendent of Franklin County Schools, Dr. Rhonda Schuhler was introduced to the Council. She stated that she believes in leading with vision, direction and courage. Dr. Schuhler explained that she is committed to doing what is best for the students in Franklin County and making sure the resources are being used wisely.

Dale Place of May & Place, PA presented the Audit Report for the FY 2016-2017. He explained that his firm did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that are considered to be material weaknesses. Mr. Place said the audit looked good, and he encouraged the Council to keep in the present direction.

During public comment, Paulina Alston, 103 McKenzie Park Apartments, Louisburg, N. C. complained about her high utility bill.

Council Member Sturges moved to go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Neal moved to return to open session at 8:45 p.m. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that the Town enter into a lease with Attorney Jeffrey Scott Thompson at 103 | South Main Street and incorporate by reference the attached lease. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Carolyn D. Patterson

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