

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 18, 2018

The Town Council met on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Chris Neal, Emma Stewart, Boyd Sturges, Betty Wright and Tom Clancy were present. Council Member Bill Williamson was absent due to vacation.

Assistant Town 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.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing on the sale of 103 South Main Street. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the sale. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing. Council Member Sturges moved to sell 103 South Main Street to CPT Squared, LLL for the amount of \$162,835. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing on the CDBG Building Reuse. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the building reuse. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing. Council Member Sturges moved to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for building reuse for the hospital. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for adoption of the FY 2018-2019 Budget. Town Administrator Jonathan Franklin reviewed the budget message. Linda Keith, 122 Grant Street, Louisburg, N. C., asked if there are funds designated for recreation activities for children. No one else was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the budget. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing. Council Member Sturges moved to adopt the FY 2018 – 2019 Budget. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the contract with Municipal Engineering Services Co., PA for the preparation of the preliminary report and environmental report per USDA guidelines for the Greenhill Pump Station Replacement, WRF Clarifiers Replacements and Bullock Drive Water Line Replacement. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to reappoint Bill Hill to the ABC Board for a one year term. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell explained that the N. C. Department of Transportation is considering implementing a Road Diet affecting the current four lane section of N. C. Highway 56 East. He said the proposal would stripe three 12' lanes, with the remaining 8' being 4' shoulders which could be a bike lane in the future. Sharon Moore, 309 N. C. Hwy. 56 East was concerned with the traffic backing up when Cross Creek Charter School is complete, and if that happens, it would be difficult for her to access her property in a timely manner. Brenda Robbins, 311 N. C. Hwy. 56 East was also concerned with the same issue and asked when the project would start. Town Administrator Jonathan Franklin explained

that the project started today but at the opposite end of the thirteen mile stretch included in the project.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the Audit Contract with May & Place, PA, Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to add to the agenda consideration of an ordinance regarding removal of an unsafe structure. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Neal moved to approve Ordinance 2018-3 directing the removal of an unsafe structure. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The designated properties are 216 Mineral Springs Road, Tax Record #017543; 220 Mineral Springs Road, Tax Record #016884; and Halifax Street east of Bickett Boulevard, Tax Record #014557.

During public comment, Ernest Thomas, 304 South Bickett Boulevard, Louisburg, N. C., stated that his ditch needs cleaning out as the water from the automatic flushers on the hydrants runs across his yard. Gary Cunard, Editor of The Franklin Times, explained that it has been 9 years since the 401 Citizens Action Committee was formed, and on July 17th the Department of Transportation will open bids for Section C Which will four lane from the county line to Royal. Mr. Cunard said that they anticipate starting in the middle of September or October at the latest, and it will take two years if everything goes right.

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

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