

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 2017

The Town Council met on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Chris Neal, Emma Stewart, Boyd Sturges, Joe Shearon, 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.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing on a request for a Text Amendment to create a definition of distillery and to add distilleries as a permitted use in the Central Business (B-1) District. Lucy Allen, 312 North Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Louisburg Historic District Neighborhood Association. She explained that the members don't think it is appropriate to have manufacturing such as a distillery in the downtown business district as they are concerned about losing the character downtown. Mrs. Allen said that a reputable business is good for economic development and the Association supports have the business in Louisburg, but not downtown as it would open an avenue not appropriate for the town. Council Member Sturges moved to approve Ordinance 2017-2 for a text amendment to the Louisburg Zoning Ordinance to create a definition of Distillery and to add Distilleries a permitted use in the Central Business (B-1) District. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve Resolution 2017-5 for a Water System Asset Inventory and Assessment Project, and Resolution 2017-6 for a Wastewater System Asset Inventory and Assessment Project. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to authorize the Town to seek funding for the Louisburg Depot Project. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to approve Resolution 2017-7 to seek funding for the Bullock Drive Water Line Project. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to approve a Special Events Permit for the Tar River Festival. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve a Food Truck Ordinance 2017-3. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve Resolution 2017-10 to seek funding for the Duke Lifepoint Building Reuse Project. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Resolution 2017-11 to approve a Procurement Plan for CDBG. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Stewart moved to approve documentation for the CDBG Applications (attached): Procurement Policy, Citizen Participation Plan, Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and Equal Employment Plan. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Blaine Holmes, Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 974 Cooke Road, Louisburg, N. C., said he appreciated the Special Events Permit for the Tar River Festival. Mr. Holmes said that the Town of Louisburg was a valuable asset to the Chamber and that they couldn't have the Tar River Festival without the Town's support.

Council Member Sturges moved to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to return to open session at 8:15 p.m. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell announced that no action was taken.

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

Carolyn D. Patterson

Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk CMC