

MINUTES

LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

The Town Council met on Monday, February 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Bill Williamson, Tom Clancy, Joe Shearon, Emma Stewart and Chris Neal were present. Council Member Boyd Sturges was absent.

Assistant Administrator Tony King gave the invocation.

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

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented a request from B. N. Williamson, III and John Williamson, Jr. to rezone their property at the intersection of Bickett Boulevard and Williamson Street from R-1 to O & I. Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. Ken Ketterer, 106 John Street, Louisburg, N. C., explained that his property is adjacent to this property and he does not believe it is the time to rezone it. Mr. Ketterer explained that there are 33 properties in town for sale or lease that can accommodate development. He stated that he lives in a historic home and believes his property value would go down, and that the Town should protect this kind of property instead of devaluing it. Council Member Clancy moved to approve Ordinance 2017-1 to rezone from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to O&I (Office & Institutional) the property, Tax Record #018845, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Williamson Street and Bickett Boulevard directly to the north of Rite Aid Pharmacy. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. King explained that the Louisburg Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to comply with NCGS regarding Notice to Property Owners for Map and Text Amendments, as well as, Notice Procedures or Quasi-Judicial hearings. Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the amendments. Council Member Stewart moved to approve the following text amendments (attached): Section 24. AMENDMENTS: 24-B Amend to remove two weeks and replace with three weeks; C-2 Amend to change 15 days to 10 days and "Notice shall be made by posting the affected property as required by NCGS 160A-384"; BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – CONDITIONAL USES AND VARIANCES: 5-e (1) Remove "at least two (2) of", (2) remove "in the neighborhood" and replace with "upon the property", and (3) adding at the end "per NCGS 160A-388"; SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT PROCEDURES: 4 INSERT: Notice of said hearings being made public in the following ways per NCGS 160A-388: (1) Published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the community, (2) Posting signage concerning the hearing upon the property which is affected, (3) Sending written notices to all of the adjoining property owners. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Louisburg College Art Professor Will Hinton made a presentation to the Board regarding restoration of the 1972 C & P Music Company sign on East Nash Street. He said he has been working closely with the Peoples family, and Al Peoples remarked that they are honored that Will has chosen the C & P Music Company sign. Mr. Hinton said, "Art is aspirational and it's nice to revitalize something that

is there.” He asked that the Town contribute \$1,500 to the restoration project. Council Member Williamson moved to go forward with the project, donating \$1,500 to be held in trust by Will Hinton until all the funds are in hand. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dale Place of May & Place, PA presented the Audit Report for the FY 2015-2016. He explained that the Town has no material weaknesses. Mr. Place said the audit looked good as expenses have been cut, and he encouraged the Council to keep it in the present direction.

Council Member Shearon moved to appoint Council Member Stewart to the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments TAC Committee, and Assistant Administrator Tony King to the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments TCC Committee. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve the Budget Ordinance Amendment #2 (attached) in the amount of \$9,000. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved that the Town be a sponsor for the Louisburg Fire Department “Maude Fest” in the amount of \$1,000. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Ken Ketterer, 106 John Street, Louisburg, N. C. said that Waste Industries is not picking up his garbage on a consistent basis, but Town staff has been helpful in following up on his complaints.

Council Member Clancy moved to go into closed session at 8:35 p.m. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Pernell announced that no action was taken.

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

Carolyn D. Patterson

Adm. Asst./Town Clerk CMC

