

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2020

The Town Council met on Monday, February 17, 2020 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 Mark Russell were present. Assistant Town Administrator Tony King acted in place of Town Clerk Carolyn Patterson, who was absent from the meeting.

Assistant Administrator Tony King gave the invocation.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the minutes. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented a request from Mr. Richard Williams for an amendment to the Special Exception Permit previously issued for Activated Carbon Innovation (ACI), LLC, located at the site of the previous Advanced Metal Processing industry, and entered into the record the Staff Report. Mr. King stated that ACI wished to purchase additional land at the Louisburg Industrial Park adjacent to their proposed industry in order to enlarge the existing building and enclose additional areas currently open to the weather. He stated the amended permit would allow the building expansion, additional enclosure, and increase the height of the building to 52 feet. Mr. King stated that there would be no impacts or modifications to the operations described and approved in the original Special Exception Permit.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for the amended special exception permit. No one presented comments or testimony.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the amended Special Exception Permit, SE1/20-1. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Assistant Administrator Tony King read a "Proclamation of the Importance of the All-Girl Space Offered by Girl Scouts". Mayor Pernell presented a copy of the Proclamation to Girl Scouts in the audience.

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented an "Ordinance Directing the Removal of an Unsafe Structure". The Ordinance directed the removal of unsafe structures located at 112 Grant Street, 118 Grant Street, and 208 Mineral Springs Street in Louisburg. Mr. King stated that the required hearings and directives for repair or demolition had been completed and the owners had failed to comply with such directives.

Council Member Neal asked Mr. King about the possibility of the Town acquiring the property. Mr. King reviewed the condemnation process and potential means of acquiring the property from the owners.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve Ordinance 2020-1 Directing the Removal of an Unsafe Structure. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Assistant Administrator Tony King presented the “Resolution Supporting the Development of the Rail Corridor Referred to as the S-Line and SA Line for the Benefits of Improved Passenger Rail, Improved Freight Movement, Improved Commuting Options and Economic Development”. Council Member Clancy moved to approve Resolution 2020-1. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Town Administrator Jonathan Franklin presented the Administrator’s Report.

Mayor Pernell presented the Mayor’s Report.

Louisburg Fire Department Chief Randy Lanham distributed and presented the 2019 Fire Department Annual Report. He stated the comprehensive report included data related to call volume, response, and personnel. Chief Lanham stated that the report also focused on strategic planning for the department to respond to anticipated population growth and community fire protection needs.

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

Tony King, Asst. Town Administrator