

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2021

The Town Council met on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Chris Neal, Emma Stewart, Betty Wright, Tom Clancy and Mark Russell were present. Council Member Boyd Sturges was absent.

Finance Director Sean Medlin gave the invocation.

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

Town Administrator Jonathan Franklin read the budget message. He explained that the Tax Rate remains the same, and there is no increase in electric, water, sewer or sanitation. Mr. Franklin stated that there is a 1.3% COLA included for Town employees effective July 2, 2021. He told the Council that there are two newly created positions, one in the Fire Department and one in the Electric Department.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing on the FY 2021 – 2022 Budget. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the budget. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing.

Council Member Clancy moved to adopt the FY 2021 – 2022 Budget. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for a proposed text amendment to allow On-Premise and Off-Premise Signage for Agricultural Uses in the Agricultural Residential (A-R) District. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the amendment. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Ordinance 2021-10 to amend the Town of Louisburg's Zoning Ordinance, Section 13, Part A.1.a Permitted Uses "3.5 One (1) On-Premise and one (1) Off-Premise sign not to exceed 32 square feet per sign advertising any single bona fide farm operations or its produce". Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Pernell opened the public hearing for a proposed text amendment regarding changes to the Zoning Ordinance to comply with State Enabling Laws. No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the amendment. Mayor Pernell closed the public hearing.

Council Member Neal moved to approve Ordinance 2021-11 to amend the Town of Louisburg's Zoning Ordinance, Table of Contents and Sections 1, 4, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 in accordance with NCGS 160D. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Resolution 2021-17 to investigate the sufficiency of a Petition for an Annexation. Council Member Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Resolution 2021-18 to dispose of surplus property, 616 South Main Street, Tax Map Parcel ID 015603. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve the Municipal Election Agreement with the Franklin County Board of Elections for the 2021 – 2023 two-year term. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve 2021-19 adopting the Tar Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council Member Russell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Clancy moved to approve Resolution 2021-20 approving financing terms with BB&T for vehicles and equipment. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

During public comment, Silke Stein, 946 North Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., said she was concerned about patients escaping from the mental facility at Maria Parham Franklin. She explained that this has happened several times and she is concerned for the safety of the citizens as well as the patients. Mrs. Stein said she understands that the Town is not in charge of the hospital but is in charge of the approval process should there be an expansion. Mayor Pernell asked the Town Administrator to get in touch with the Administrator of the hospital to encourage better and more security.

D. J. Jones, President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Club explained that Louisburg is one of 11 sites in 5 counties. He said that he is an alumnus and the club definitely makes a difference by helping the boys and girls become successful and develop a plan for the future. Mr. Jones thanked the Town for their help in the past and said he is looking forward to continued support.

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

Carolyn D. Patterson

Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk CMC