

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
March 12, 2019
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council Members Jerry Rice, Cindy Wheeler, and Lee Greeson.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and three Town residents. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noted that a quorum was present; and asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor, and no one asked to be acknowledged.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Fennell asked for changes to the minutes from the February 12, 2019 regular meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Council Member Jerry Rice; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion to adopt the February regular meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote.

2. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business; and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

Last week's Board meeting was convened; but no quorum was present to conduct business. While there, two Board members Tyler Harris and Ken Jacobs and Council Member liaison Jerry Rice, discussed Town-wide activities, goings on, projects, and other topics.

2. Enforcement Committee

3. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Jacobs reported that there had been no Enforcement Committee activity this month; and no development clearance certificates (DCCs) had been issued since last month's Council meeting.

4. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Jacobs reported the following informational items:

- **Town Businesses:** New owner of mini-mart at US 70 and NC 61; asked owner to come to Town Hall to (1) get business license, (2) sign water user agreement and receive water policies, (3) receive sign ordinance with regard to business restrictions, etc. Welcomed new flower and gift shop at 7210 Burlington Road; grand opening expected in March. Owner completed paperwork and payments as public water system customer.
- **Meetings Held:** (1) Met with Harold Owen last week for over two hours on Town operations and particular issues of property taxes and water system charges and revenues. Owen serves as NCLM circuit rider consultant. (2) Meeting with First Bank representatives for options on primarily new checking account and other services.
- **Town Hall improvements:** Ball field fence replaced by Ace Fencing Builders; Sure Top Roofing work completed, and very pleased; electrical work by Randall Sutton nearing finish; and Town grounds grooming and landscaping soon completed by American Mulch Supply Inc.
- **Parks and Recreation grant:** From mass mailing to residents, received 32 responses out of 230 letters and surveys sent out. Looking to receiving more before the March 14 evening meeting with the public. Will relay outcome of responses and meeting at April's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown announced that the annual meeting of the Whitsett Fire Company would take place on at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18; and encouraged all citizens to attend in order for a voting quorum to be present.

2. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and Town Administrator Jacobs reminded those present about the invitation sent to all residents to attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m., this Thursday, March 14, to voice opinions and ideas on parks and recreational initiatives on Town Hall grounds that would be funded by a state grant.

3. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion passed by unanimous vote; and the March 12, 2019 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: April 9, 2019