

**MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**Whitsett Town Hall Building**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell and Council Members Lee Greeson and Jamie King. Absent were Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice and Council Member Cindy Wheeler.

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

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., noted that a quorum was present; and asked Council Member Lee Greeson 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 any changes to the minutes from the August 11, 2020 public hearing other than the two date references that were corrected and noted in the final delivered packages. Hearing none, Mayor Fennell asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to accept the minutes as last received; Council Member Jamie King seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the August public hearing minutes carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the August 11, 2020 regular meeting. Prior to the meeting, a minor deletion was made under Speakers from the Floor, and it was so noted. Mayor Fennell asked for a motion to adopt the minutes with the adjustment. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Council Member Jamie King; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion to adopt the August regular meeting minutes carried by unanimous quorum 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**

In the absence of Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia, Town Administrator Jacobs reported that last week, the Board held its first meeting since March to lay out plans for potential projects for the remainder of year and beyond. Carry over and new items included (1) mature tree-line preservation, (2) buffer cleanup by permit, (3) instituting fines for derelict buildings and unkempt yards, as well as for (4) sign violations, in particular, e.g., those at Sunoco/Valero.

### **2. Enforcement Officer**

Enforcement Officer Jacobs reported that one development clearance certificate had been issued since the August Council meeting to Elvia Alvarado who purchased the former Busick property at 6902 Burlington Road for removal of an uninhabited structure to prepare for new construction of a two-story principal dwelling.

In addition, water service was disconnected at two residences; one for customer nonpayment, and another when tenants vacated a rental property. Service has been restored in the first instance once the account was settled.

### **3. Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Jacobs reported the following informational items:

- Town Grounds: (1) Received \$9,214 quote from Willie Saul & Son Plumbing for converting the Town's concession stand to a public restroom that will include a handicap-accessible unisex stall and a regular unisex stall with, of course, the other normal plumbing fixtures. For the record, Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to move forward with the project, at which time Mayor Fennell raised the matter of other bids being considered. Fennell cited the existence of a General Statute governing the bid process; but could not recall all the details. Mayor Fennell, then, tabled further discussion and Council action until the General Statute could be consulted and the bid process verified. (2) the walking track is complete, being used, and the surrounding area recently bush hogged.

- Town Hall Activities: (1) Received revised figures from Cobb, Ezekiel, Loy (CEL) accounting firm for conducting the Town’s financial audit for the budget year ending June 30, 2020. The new fee resulted in a \$1,000 decrease from that originally submitted. (2) Will seek to claim the entire COVID-19 relief funds allotment of \$10,180 available to the Town by way of Guilford County. Unfortunately, eligibility requirements are extremely strict; and all county municipalities are dealing with qualifying. (3) Participated in a virtual Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Any Items from Council Members**

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council Members; and no one offered comment.

**2. Announcements**

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and there were none.

**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 Lee Greeson made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Jamie King. The motion passed by unanimous vote; and the September 8, 2020 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

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Richard Fennell, Mayor

**APPROVED:** October 13, 2020