

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
March 9, 2021
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 9 2021 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice and Council Members Cindy Wheeler and Lee Greeson. Absent was Mayor Richard Fennell. In addition, a Council Member vacancy exists due to the resignation of Jamie King

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, CPA Becky Loy from the Town's accounting firm of Cobb Ezekiel Loy and Company, resident Craig York, and *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noted that a quorum was present; and offered the invocation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked for any speakers from the floor, and invited Becky Loy from the Town's accounting firm to the floor to give a presentation to Council Members on the annual financial audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020. Ms. Loy opened with explaining the impact of the pandemic on the preparation and submission of this year's audit and then continued with the audit's results.

[A copy of the 40-page financial audit is part of the official file for this meeting.]

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked for any changes to the minutes from the February 9, 2021 regular monthly meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to adopt the minutes as written; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion to adopt the February minutes passed by unanimous vote of those present.

2. Approval of Annual Financial Audit by Cobb Ezekiel Loy & Company, P.A.

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked for a motion to approve the audit conducted by Cobb Ezekiel Loy and Company and formally presented to Council this evening. Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion to approve the annual financial audit carried by unanimous vote of those present.

3. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked if there were any other old business; and there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

With the cancellation of last week's Planning Board meeting, there was nothing to report.

2. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Ken Jacobs reported that since the last Council meeting, one development clearance permit certificate had been issued to Rex Tuggle to convert a principal dwelling to dry storage at 814 NC Highway 61.

3. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Jacobs reported that Gibsonville Parks and Recreation Department will soon be using the Town ball field on a regular basis for youth team practices and games. The terms of the original 2020 contract, executed prior to the coronavirus threat, shall still apply, which include maintenance and management of the field and reimbursing the Town for ball field lights use. In addition, Gibsonville has pledged to provide constant on-site staff supervision for all activities.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment to Fill Town Council Vacancy and Swearing In

Mayor Pro Tem Rice stated that a Council seat had become vacant due to the resignation of Jamie King, and then asked for any nominations to serve the remainder of former Council Member King's term.

Council Member Lee Greeson made a motion to appoint resident and property owner Craig York as Council Member; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present; and Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked Mr. York to come forward to take the oath of office.

Following the swearing in, Mayor Pro Tem Rice invited Craig York to occupy his Council Member seat.

2. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked for any items from Council Members; and there were none.

3. Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked for any announcements; and there were none.

4. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Pro Tem Rice asked for any speakers from the floor, and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Rice invited a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lee Greeson; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion carried; and the March 9, 2021 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: April 13, 2021