

TOWN OF GREENSBORO  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
May 3, 2018

In Attendance: Mayor Noon, Commissioners DeSimone, Williamson, Reichart and Mackey

Jeannette Delude, Nicole Armour, Dave Kibler

Public: William Schaffner, Alice Winstead, Cathy Spencer, Joyce Watson, Richard Covert

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes from the April Town Council Meetings were reviewed. Mr. Williamson motioned to approve the April Council Meeting and Workshop minutes. Mr. DeSimone seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Covert was introduced by Mayor Noon. Mayor Noon stated that he had spoken with Ms. Delude reference his property and the sewer charges for vacant lots. Ms. Delude explained to council that the ordinance is set up that if the property is vacant and there is a connection they are charged \$36.42. If the lot is not vacant, just not being used then they pay the minimum sewer fee of \$156.00. Mr. Covert stated that he had originally connected to the sewer for a half bath that was in the office. Once he realized that it was not utilized he cut the water off at the meter, but he continues to pay the \$156.00. Ms. Delude stated that in order to change him to the "vacant lot fee" the ordinance would have to be changed to include those lots with buildings on them. Mr. Williamson, Mr. Mackey, and Mr. DeSimone felt that the ordinance should be changed. Mr. Reichart felt that it should not. More discussion and explanation ensued. Mayor Noon stated that with all the information that has been presented he felt that the council needed to discuss this further at their workshop and that they would have an answer for him at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

GVFC- Rick Faust

Mr. Faust went over the GVFC report.

The Tractor Pull is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. They have been watching the weather closely and will have to make a decision by tomorrow evening on whether or not to cancel.

Parks Board-Comm. Williamson

Fishing Derby May 5, 2018-Registration be at 8:30 and fishing will begin at 9:00.

Riverfest is being postponed.

Mayor Noon asked if we had heard anything from the High School regarding the Nativity Scene at the Lighting of the City. Mr. Williamson stated that when the kids come back off summer break they will start setting it up.

Public Works- Dave Kibler

Mr. Kibler stated that they have started to connect Goldsboro in. It is a tedious process; on each job you have an electrician and plumber having to correct issues along the way. Yards are a bit of a mess during the process but as the contractors are leaving the yards are graded, seeded, with straw spread.

Mr. Kibler went over and showed the council the planting plans for River Park. Mayor Noon asked how long it would take to have all the plantings done. Mr. Kibler stated it would take about 2 months. Mr. Kibler went on to explain that the entire project will be several phases and take years to complete, the plantings are just the first phase.

Mr. Kibler stated that Jim Martin resigned and they are in the process for advertising and accepting applications for a replacement.

#### Police Department- Jeannette Delude

Ms. Delude stated that Chief Petyo is in training and was unable to attend the meeting, so he emailed her the report to give.

The most significant thing this month was the arrest of a sex offender. Homeland Safety is also charging him with child pornography. We were able to seize the vehicle and after we go through the process we will be able to sell it for a profit.

Webster is doing well and will be on his own on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ray has completed his supervisor training and should be ready for promotion when Gardner retires.

Community Café went very well. There were about 20 people that came out. The Chief would like to hold them quarterly.

Officers will be at all the upcoming events.

The department received the grant to update the body cameras.

#### Town Manager - Jeannette Delude

Ms. Delude read her report into the minutes which will be attached.

#### Old Business

Ms. Delude stated that the council needed to decide whether or not to extend the sewer further north into Henderson, Templeville, and Marydel. Mr. Reichart motioned not to extend the sewer service further north. Mr. Mackey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### New Business

Mr. Williamson introduced Ordinance 2018-0-3. An error was realized in our Land Development Ordinance when we were starting to do the lot line revision for the sale of the old Town Hall. This ordinance will correct the error. Ms. Spencer asked how long the museum has been there. Ms. Delude stated that the museum has been there for 3 years. She went on to say that all occupants' leases are up and they were all sent a letter last month stating the town's intent to sell.

#### Bills

Bills were reviewed and approved.

#### Town Council Remarks:

None

Public Comments:

Mr. Schaffner thanked the council for the LED lighting placed outside his home. Ms. Delude stated that it was Delmarva Power and that they will put in 20 a year. Mr. Shaffner stated that he was disappointed in the website. That the most current minutes are not on there and in the minutes it refers to the Town Manager's report but that it was not attached. He went on to say that there needs to be more information posted about the public hearings so that the residents will know more and be able to attend.

Mr. Covert wanted to know what is going on with the abandoned houses. Ms. Delude stated there was a notification process that needs to happen before we can take them to court. There are two properties that we are taking to court on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Noon read a Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week for May 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> honoring the Town of Greensboro clerks. Mr. Mackey motioned to accept the proclamation. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Noon went over upcoming events around town.

Mr. Reichart made a motion to move into executive session at 7:55 pm for administrative and legal business unrelated to the public; Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed

Mayor Noon, Comm. Mackey, Reichart, DeSimone and Williamson were in attendance.

The council discussed a legal matter and an administrative matter unrelated to public business. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm from exc. session.

Respectfully Prepared by  
Nicole Armour

# Memo

**To:** Mayor & Council  
**From:** Jeannette DeLude  
**Date:** 5.3.18

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- At our workshop we discussed lighting for Ober Park. I have contacted our government rep from Delmarva Power and they do not have a program that helps with adding or upgrading street lights but they will get me the cost. They do have a Energy Efficient Communities program that may offer some incentives for us doing upgrades which conserve energy. We are going to have a meeting to go over the program and how it can benefit Greensboro. I will send out all the information as I receive it.
- We also discussed signs to help get information out to the public. I did find a company that had the changeable letter signs with glass fronts and have requested a quote from them. I have not received it as of today. I will keep following up with them.
- As we were preparing for our lot line revision in preparation of the sale of the old town hall we discovered a text error in our LDO under the Height, Area and Bulk requirements. Under Central Commercial the chart shows that the maximum percentage of lot coverage is 100% which indicates no setbacks and that is correct and has been the correct information for at least 15 years, however, the minimum rear yard set back shows 10ft which is obviously incorrect if you allow 100% lot coverage. So, tonight you have an ordinance to introduce which will correct that error.
- I reached out to the attorney, Ms. Owings, regarding any updates on the Greensboro Farms parcel. She was happy that we contacted her as it reminded them to look at that project again. She said they discussed options and they are leaning toward a long term plan consisting of initial surface mining to pay off the property and then when the mining is complete to create a lake where the mining was done and build a development around that lake. She will be sending us information on their plans and

I'm sure there will be many future discussions but this was just a very preliminary discussion, there are no concrete plans yet.

- The meeting on the proposed Solar field was held last night. There was little opposition. The majority of the people who testified were people whose farms were being used for the project and they of course are for the project.
- We will need a few minutes in executive session to discuss a legal matter and an administrative matter unrelated to public business