



**MINUTES
TOWN OF WELDON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 11, 2018**



PRESENT: Mayor Julia M. Meacham
Mayor Pro-Tem Charlotte Moss

Commissioner Larry Brunson
Commissioner Walter Clark, Jr.
Commissioner John Smith
Commissioner Reilyn Stanbeck

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chester Alston, Tyrone Hargrove, Ysad Sykes, Lisa Sykes, Justin Aryes, Dillon Clark, D. L. McG ee, Susie Adams, Helen Taylor, Anitra Wells, Helen Vicent, Bernie Harding, Angela Cheatham, Mildred Patterson, Louise Williams, Officer Godley, Don Stottlemeyer, Lynn Armstrong, Bettie F. Scott-Arrington

MEDIA PRESENT: Roger Bell, Daily Herald

STAFF PRESENT: Mitchell Robinson, Town Administrator; Tom Wellman, Town Attorney (arrived 6:02 pm); Faith McDuffie, Town Clerk; Richard Brown, Code Enforcement Officer; Chief Ricky Hammack, Deputy Fire Chief; Chief James Avens, Police Chief; Antonio Williams, Street Department Supervisor

VOTING KEY: Aye – Nay – Abstain – Absent

ITEM ONE: Call to Order

Mayor Meacham called the Regular Session of the Town of Weldon Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 pm.

ITEM TWO: Invocation

Commissioner Smith gave the invocation.

ITEM THREE: Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly was led in the pledge of allegiance by Mayor Julia Meacham.

ITEM FOUR: Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Julia M. Meacham added Code Enforcement to the agenda. This item was subsequently given the designation of item 6-D under Old Business.

Mayor Julia M. Meacham added agenda item 11.1 Closed Session for Contract Negotiation (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5)) and Personnel (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)). These items were subsequently given the designation of agenda items 11.1-A and 11.1-B respectively.

Commissioner Stanback made a motion to adopt the agenda with the above listed additions. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

ITEM FIVE-A: Presentation to Ysad Sykes – 1A NCHSAA Men’s High Jump Champion

Mayor Julia M. Meacham presented a plaque to Mr. Ysad Sykes, sophomore at Weldon High School, for earning the 1A NC High School Athletic Association Men’s High Jump Championship at NC A&T State University.

ITEM FIVE-B: Resolution of Appreciation Richard C. Brown

Mayor Julia M. Meacham presented a resolution to Richard C. Brown, Code Enforcement Officer, for forty-six years of faithful service to the Town of Weldon.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM SIX-A: BB&T Building - TABLED

Mayor Julia M. Meacham advised that there was no new information related to this topic and requested the item be tabled until the next work session.

ITEM SIX-B: Application of a Temporary Special Event Permit by Pastor Catherine Hale

Mayor Julia M. Meacham advised that this topic was heard at the work session June 6, 2018. Mayor Meacham asked for any additional discussion. No additional discussion.

Commissioner Smith motioned that the temporary special event permit by Pastor Catherine Hale be approved. Mayor Pro-Tempore Moss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0

ITEM SIX-C: Water Shortage Response Plan

Mitchell Robinson, Town Administrator, advised that the plan was submitted during the work session of June 6, 2018 as part of the Water/Sewer Department report. Mr. Robinson requested that the Board of Commissioners approve the plan.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss motioned that the Water Shortage Response Plan be approved. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0.

ITEM SIX-D: Code Enforcement

Richard Brown, Code Enforcement Officer, advised that during the work session of the June 6, 2018 the Board of Commissioner came to a consensus that the appeal of Junk Vehicle by Jeremy Boone be upheld. Mr. Brown was asking for a vote to that effect.

Commissioner Smith motioned that the appeal of Mr. Jeremy Boone for the junked vehicles at 807 Maple Street be upheld. Commissioner Stanback seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM SEVEN-A: Bertha Gray

Ms. Gray appeared before the Board this date and advised of her interest in the Weldon Halifax Community Center. Ms. Gray would like to have more activities for the children of the community.

After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was for Ms. Gray to meet with Code Enforcement Officer Richard Brown about the use of the building.

ITEM SEVEN-B: Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy

Mitchell Robinson, Town Administration, advised that the federal government is requiring municipalities which receive grant or aid monies from the federal government to have written procurement policies that comply with federal regulations.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Moss motioned that the Town of Weldon Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy be approved as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0.

ITEM SEVEN-C: Uniform Guidance Conflict of Interest Policy

Mitchell Robinson, Town Administrator, advised that this policy establishes conflicts of interest guidelines as required under 2 C.F.R. 200.318(c)(1).

Commissioner Stanback motioned that the Town of Weldon Uniform Guidance Conflict of Interest Policy be approved as presented. Mayor Pro-Tempore Moss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ITEM EIGHT-A: Street Department

Antonio Williams, Street Department Supervisor, gave the monthly report for the Street Department. Full copy of file in clerk's office. Mr. Williams advised that Mr. Joe Gorham has returned to work. Mr. Williams advised that he has received four workers from CADA to assist the Street Department in their work.

The Board and Mr. Williams discussed options for Bulk Collection services in the Town of Weldon. Mr. Williams advised that there should be system for fining people who violate the pick-up policy.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss suggested a call-in fee system for Bulk Collection. This will be added to the next work session agenda.

Town Administrator, Mitchell Robinson, advised that the CADA workers will be with the Street Department until the end of July.

ITEM EIGHT-B: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Fire Chief Ricky Hammack presented the monthly report for Fire Department. Full report on file with the clerk's office. Mr. Hammack advised the Board on what it is like to be a Fireman and what it means to be a Firefighter.

ITEM EIGHT-C: Police Department

Police Chief James Avens gave the departmental report for the police department. Full report on file at the clerk's office. No additional questions.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

ITEM NINE-A: Healthy Places for Healthy People Grant

Town Administrator, Mitchell Robinson, advised that Weldon was selected for the Healthy Places for the Healthy People Grant in partnership with Halifax Community

College. Mr. Robinson advised that he would bring the Board further details about the implementation of the grant when those became available.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss advised that she would be interested in helping out with this initiative.

ITEN NINE-B: Budget Amendments

Town Administrator, Mitchell Robinson, advised that the budget for 2017-2018 will need to have some budget amendments to clean up at the end of the year. Mr. Robinson advised that those amendments will be forth coming.

ITEN NINE-C: Budget Discussion

Town Administrator, Mitchell Robinson, reviewed his budget message and advised of some additional budget cuts totaling an additional \$11,000.

After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was that the Town Administrator provide a budget option that does not utilize fund balance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Meacham opened the floor for public comment at 7:53 pm.

Ms. Beatrice Clark came forward to address the Board. Ms. Clark advised that there is an abandon home at the corner of Cedar and Woodlawn. Ms. Clark advised that the home is infested with rats and the grass is very tall. Ms. Clark advised that children play around the property and she is concerned for their safety. Ms. Clark advised that she complained about the property in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Mr. Derrick McGhee came forward to address the Board. Mr. McGhee advised that he is currently a volunteer firefighter with the Town of Weldon. Mr. McGhee advised that his is an Army Veteran and was selected as Fireman of the Year. Mr. McGhee emphasized the need for paid personnel in the Fire Department.

Chief James Avens, Police Chief, came forward to address the Board. Chief Avens advised that he wished for the Board to understand the tough position that he is in as

Police Chief. Chief Avens advised that he wished for Commissioner Stanback to know how much he valued his service to the Town of Weldon as the Animal Control Officer.

Ms. Susie Adams of 16 Stewart Circle came forward to address the Board. Ms. Adams advised that she was a board member when the decision was made to put the new roof on the Helig Myers building rather than the BB&T building. Ms. Adams advised that the Town of Weldon was receiving revenue off of the Helig Myers building at that time and they felt it was a better investment.

No other person came forward to address the Board. Mayor Meacham closed the floor for public comment at 8:06 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss motioned that the Town of Weldon Board of Commissioners enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiation (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5)) and Personnel (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)). Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0

The Town of Weldon Board of Commissioners entered closed session at 8:07 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss motioned that the Town of Weldon Board of Commissioner returned to open session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0.

The Town of Weldon Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:39 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss motioned that the Town of Weldon accept \$7,015.00 from Weldon City Schools for arrearage owed on the payment for School Resource Officers provided by the Town of Weldon. Commissioners Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stanback motioned that the Town of Weldon Board of Commissioners regular session of June 11, 2018 be recessed until Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Town Hall located at 109 Washington Ave., Weldon, NC in Council Chambers. Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlotte Moss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0-0-0.

Mayor Meacham recessed the regular session of Town of Weldon Board of Commissioner of June 11, 2018 to the specified date and time at 8:42 pm.

Julia M. Meacham

Julia M Meacham – Mayor

Faith E. McDuffie

Faith E McDuffie – Interim Town Clerk