

**MINUTES
YANCEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
November 11, 2014
7:00 PM**

The meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building on November 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Council members present: Alvin Foster, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brian Massey, Odessa Gwynn, and Keith Tatum.

Staff: Brian Collie, Town Manager, & Lee Farmer, Town Attorney.

Item 1: Call To Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Alvin Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting opened with Mayor Pro-Tem Foster asking everyone to remember our Veterans and those who served and died for our Country before silent prayer that was followed by the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor Pro-Tem also reviewed the Statement of Rules and Procedures.

Item 2: Review and Adoption of Agenda – Mayor Pro-Tem & Council

Mrs. Odessa Gwynn made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keith Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Foster asked Council to review the minutes from October 7th. After review Mrs. Gwynn made a motion to adopt as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Massey and passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Foster then asked Council to review the minutes from the special meeting on October 27th. After review Mrs. Gwynn made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 4: Public Comment

Ms. Margie Badgett-Lampkin addressed Council during public comments asking about the incident that happened during one of the Town's First Friday events over the summer. She said that during one of the events several citizens were offended by the comment one of the band members made about "public hangings". Ms. Badgett-Lampkin said that she thought the citizens had requested that the band member issue a public apology and she wanted to know why that hadn't been done.

Mr. Collie stated that he had contacted the individual after the incident to let him know that his actions were not acceptable and that they were offensive to many, as well as letting him know that his band was no longer welcome to play at any Town event. Mr. Collie said that he informed the gentleman that the offended individuals requested that he submit a public apology but that he could not force the individual to do so. He said that the man did send an apology letter addressed to the Town. Mr. Collie said that he informed the man that the individuals would not be satisfied until he either submitted a letter to the Caswell Messenger or came before Council to issue an apology but that he hasn't heard anything from him since. Mrs. Gwynn said that she thinks the Council handled the issue very well and that the apology on the Town's part was done in a timely matter but that we cannot control what comes out of someone else's mouth. She stated that his employer was contacted about the issue as well. Ms. Badgett-Lampkin requested his contact information.

Item 5: Public Hearing- Annexation Request

Motion to go into public hearing was made by Mr. Massey. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gwynn and passed with a unanimous vote. Town Attorney Lee Farmer provided information to Council concerning the annexation of property located off Murray Rd. being Tax Map 0067 Parcel 122, stating a summary and then saying that a voluntary annexation does not require the Town to provide the property with any services. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster asked if it was all open land. Mr. Collie said that he had provided an aerial view and tax information of the property in the agenda a packet and said that there is an old house and shed on the property but they were not livable and that the remainder of the property was wooded. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster then said that the Town only does voluntary annexations and that we will never do forced annexations.

Mr. Gilbert Anderson asked what would prompt someone to be voluntarily annexed since there is no guarantee of service and fire protection. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster said no, that they currently have Yanceyville fire protection and that insurance for them being inside the Town's limits should be cheaper. He then said that a voluntary annexation is always a win, win. After no further public comment Mr. Massey made a motion to go out of public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 6: Resolution to Approve Annexation Request

Town Attorney Lee Farmer presented Council with a resolution to approve the annexation request of Tax Map 0067 Parcel 122. After discussion and review Mr. Tatum made a motion to accept the resolution as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Massey and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 7: Financial Resolution for Fire Department Construction Period Financing Through BB&T

Attorney Farmer presented and summarized a resolution for BB&T stating it was a form required by them and the Local Government Commission to allow them to do the construction phase financing for the Fire Department expansion project. After review Mr. Massey made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 8: Town Manager Report

Mr. Collie stated that I have begun contacting people to try to locate a company to aid the Town in furthering our Wi-Fi coverage. He said he will keep Council informed once a reputable company has been found that is willing to service the Town's needs.

He said he has also begun contacting providers capable of rehabbing the art work in the Town's Art Museum that has begun to deteriorate. As you recall we allocated funds in this year's budget to start the rehabs so that our valuable art can be persevered.

He said that Story Teller Fred Motley has begun setting up for his exhibit that Council approved last month in our large museum room. The exhibit will open on the 17th and close on December 17th. Council and citizens need to be aware that during this time the room cannot be used for any other events or meetings. He said to please contact him if you have a meeting during that time that needs somewhere to locate.

He then said that the Fire Department Expansion project application to the Local Government Commission has been completed and submitted. The LGC will review our application at their next meeting held on December 2nd. He said hopefully we will hear back from them soon afterwards and we can begin construction on the addition.

Mr. Collie stated that our contracted Code Enforcement Officer has been working towards getting various properties into compliance. Several property owners were negligent in responding to their violations which enabled the Town to hire outside contractors to mow/clean the properties. The Town will have to pay for these services up front but will get reimbursed through placing the charges through the tax department or create liens.

He informed Council that the Emergency Water Line project is going smoothly and is on schedule. All water meter customers have paid their fees and taps will be placed on the lines this week for testing.

He said that with Christmas around the corner he would like to go ahead and set a date for the Town's annual Christmas dinner. He said he thinks that Friday December 5th at the Homestead in Roxboro would be a good possibility but he was open for suggestions if this conflicts with anyone's schedule. Council discussed and agreed that if it suits staff that December 5th at 7:00 p.m. would work. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster said that he has a conflict with the next Joint Council meeting date and would like to move it to February 12th at 6:00 p.m. if everyone agreed. Council discussed and agreed on that date. Mr. Collie stated that he will contact the County and Milton to see if this dates also works for them.

Item 9: Closed Session- Economic Development

Mr. Keith Tatum made a motion to go into closed session for the purposes of economic development. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Odessa Gwynn and passed with a unanimous vote.

After Council re-enters the chambers from closed session Mrs. Gwynn made a motion to go back into regular session. Mr. Tatum seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated that during closed session nothing was addressed that needed discussion in open session.

Item 13: Informal Discussion/Public Comment

Citizen Gilbert Anderson asked about the Town's current economic development discussions and said that he was aware the County just currently approved \$6,500 to go to the School of Government for economic development efforts. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster said that at this time they could not discuss any further into specifics on the project but as soon as Council could he would let the public know. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster did state that the Economic Development Commission has been discussing the possibility of an agricultural center being located within the Town and he also disclosed a \$200,000 grant had been awarded to them from Golden leaf funding.

Mrs. Gwynn said that she thinks Council needs to as soon as possible look into the vacant Mayor position. She said she feels the position should be filled. She suggested that Council approve Mr. Foster as Mayor because of his expertise and experience with the Town and then fill his chair with the person with the next highest votes from last election. Mayor Pro-Tem

Foster stated that he doesn't care whether he is Pro-Tem or Mayor and that titles weren't important to him. Ms. Kim Monroe asked who the person was that cleaned up the overgrown properties around Town because they were doing an excellent job. Mr. Collie said that the Town had contracted with a lawn care service out of Roxboro to clean up the properties where owners were negligent in conforming with the regulations in a timely manner.

Item 14: Adjournment

After no further discussion Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Foster seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Brian Collie, Town Manager/Clerk, prepared the above minutes. They represent a brief description of those matters that were addressed at this meeting. A detailed account of this meeting is available for review on tape at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building.

Respectively Submitted:

Alvin Foster, Mayor Pro Tem

Brian Collie, Town Clerk