

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
November 10, 2020
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell and Council Members Cindy Wheeler, Lee Greeson, and Jamie King. Absent was Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Rice.

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

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 October 13, 2020 regular monthly meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Council Member Jamie King made a motion to adopt the minutes as written; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. The motion to adopt the October minutes passed by unanimous vote of those present.

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

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

2. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Ken Jacobs reported that a sign permit had been submitted on behalf of the Stop 'n Shop, Inc. for the mini-mart switchover from Sunoco to Valero. The structure will remain a pylon sign with the lightbox cabinet and face replaced for the name change.

Since the last Council meeting, only one development clearance permit certificate had been issued to Crabbe Service to install electrical service from the house to the new garage for Deanna Shoe at 7054 Kivette House Road.

3. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Jacobs reported that the agreement with two coaches who use the ball field on an ad hoc basis had expired; and they will be settling up with the Town on the monthly rental fee and reimbursements for ball field lights.

Gibsonville Parks and Rec Department remains interested and committed to taking over maintenance and management of the field depending on if and when the coronavirus threat subsides or is over. The original pre-COVID contract terms that had been set for the 2020 season shall still apply, which includes paying for ball field lights use and weekly mowing of the field. In addition and most notably, this arrangement will result in consistent use of the field by Gibsonville youth teams with staff supervision on site at each practice or game.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council Members; and Council Member Cindy Wheeler stated that one night around 11:00 p.m., the basketball court was being used. Town Administrator Jacobs explained that this occurrence predicated his disconnecting the court light shortly thereafter.

2. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and with none from Council Members, Mayor Fennell extended wishes for a "Happy Thanksgiving" to everyone.

3. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor, and Town Administrator Ken Jacobs expressed his gratitude to all for their thoughts and prayers while he is facing challenging times.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell 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 November 10, 2020 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: December 8, 2020