

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rick Page	Mayor
Steve Burnette	Councilman
Al Hull	Councilman
John Jenkins	Councilman
Deborah Jordan	Councilmember
Taro Knight	Councilman
Carol F. Ruffin	Councilmember
Garland Shephard	Councilman
Othar Woodard	Councilman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**ALSO PRESENT**

M Alan Thornton	Town Manager
Leslie M. Lunsford	Town Clerk
Chad Hinton	Town Attorney

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

**A. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Councilman Knight.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Page asked that a closed session be added to the Agenda. Councilmember Jordan asked that Council add Memo 15-15 Autism Awareness Month Proclamation to the Agenda. Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Hull and passed unanimously, that Council approve the amended Agenda.

**3. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

**A. Titus Jackson – 614 E. Wilson Street**

Mr. Jackson asked for Council and community support for Autism Awareness.

**B. Dominic Williams – 185 Horton Road**

Mr. Williams also asked for Council and community support for Autism Awareness.

**C. Jasper Whitaker – Boys & Girls Club**

Mr. Whitaker updated Council on the Boys & Girls Club enrollment and invited Council to visit the Ray Center during Boys & Girls Club hours.

**D. Deborah Jordan – 614 E. Wilson Street**

Ms. Jordan asked that Council proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month. She also asked that Council allow blue bows on the light posts on Main Street during the month of April, she stated that she would be responsible for maintaining and taking the bows down.

**4. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Josh Edmondson, Planning Director, presented the Planning Board and Zoning Commission report for March 9, 2015 to Council. The report is attached at page 72-92a. Action taken on the report follows: Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously, that Council call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. regarding Zoning Map Amendment 15-01.

Josh Edmondson also presented to Council a draft ordinance concerning transportation by animal drawn vehicles to operate in the Town. Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed unanimously, that staff work with the operators to present an agreement that addresses Council concerns at the April 2015 meeting.

**6. TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Consent Items**

Councilmember Ruffin made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed unanimously, that the following consent items be approved:

**(1) Memo 15-11 – 2012 Tax Levy Adjustment**

Action taken: Council

- (1) entered into the minutes 2012 Tax Levy release number 17 in the amount of \$5.28, and
- (2) approved the *Schedule of 2012 Tax Levy Adjusted as of March 9, 2015*, attached at page 72-92b, in the amount of \$3,592,005.15.

**(2) Memo 15-12 – 2013 Tax Levy Adjustment**

Action taken: Council

- (1) entered into the minutes 2013 Tax Levy release number 15 in the amount of \$5.01, and
- (2) approved the *Schedule of 2013 Tax Levy Adjusted as of March 9, 2015*, attached at page 72-92c, in the amount of \$3,511,555.11.

**(3) Memo 15-13 – 2014 Tax Levy Adjustment**

Action taken: Council

- (1) entered into the minutes 2014 Tax Levy release numbers 19-20 in the amount of \$18.99, and
- (2) approved the *Schedule of 2014 Tax Levy Adjusted as of March 9, 2015*, attached at page 72-92d, in the amount of \$3,394,874.47.

**(4) Minutes**

Action taken: Council approved the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular meeting.

**B. Action Items**

**(1) Memo 15-14 – Resolution – Disposal of Fixed Asset**

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously, that Council approve the Resolution, attached at page 72-92e, for disposal of a Digger Derrick, Electric Department fixed asset.

**(2) Memo 15-15 – Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month**

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Shephard and passed unanimously, that Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Proclamation attached at page 72-92f.

**7. OTHER REPORTS**

**A. Town Manager**

The Town Manager expressed appreciation to Council and staff for involvement in the Council Retreat. He also thanked the Tarboro Police Department for handling the shootings on Saturday February 28, 2015. He expressed prayers for the families of the victims and for Sgt. Keith Morris and his family.

**B. Town Attorney**

None.

**C. Mayor**

None.

**D. Council Members**

**Ward 8 - Councilman Shephard** – asked questions regarding the Financial Summary Report, questions were answered by Anne Mann, Finance Director.

**Ward 7 – Councilman Knight** – requested staff look into the parked cars on Saint Patrick Street.

**Ward 6 – Councilmember Jordan** - None

**Ward 5 – Councilman Jenkins** - None

**Ward 4 – Councilmember Ruffin** - None

**Ward 3 – Councilman Burnette** – thanked the Chief for his update at the Retreat on the shootings.

**Ward 2 - Councilman Hull** – requested staff look into the ordinance regarding tractor trailers parked in neighborhoods.

**Ward 1 – Councilman Woodard** - None

**8. CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously, that Council enter into Closed Session.

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Knight and passed unanimously, that Council resume regular session.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned.

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Rick Page, Mayor

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Leslie M. Lunsford, Town Clerk