

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Mayor Page requested that a Closed Session be added to the agenda to discuss an Industrial matter. Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously, that Council approve the request to add the Closed Session to the agenda.

3. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Candis Owens – 104 W Park Avenue

Ms. Owens asked that Council re-evaluate the Off-Premises Sign Ordinance.

4. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

(A) Taxicab – Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

The following Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the Town Hall and mailed to all current holders of Certificates of Convenience and Necessity:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Tarboro Code of Ordinances, Section 18-48, that a PUBLIC HEARING will be conducted by the Town Council at its regular meeting in the Council Room in the Town Hall at 7:00 P.M., Monday, May 12, 2014, to consider and act upon an application of Vernon Garrison., 2417 Cannon Road, Winterville NC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate one (1) taxi in the Town of Tarboro for the remainder of the calendar year 2014.

All interested citizens and all parties of interest will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any interested person may file with the Town Clerk a memorandum in support or opposition to the issuance of such a certificate.

This 28th day of April, 2014.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Carolyn Higgins, Checker Cab Company, asked if Mr. Garrison would have to follow the same rules she has to operate by. She was informed that Mr. Garrison would have to operate by the rules.

Everyone having had an opportunity to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Burnette and passed unanimously, that Council approve Vernon Garrison for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate one taxicab in Tarboro for the remainder of the calendar year 2014.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Councilman Shephard.

(B) Destruction of rodents, squirrels, pigeons, etc. (Chapter 11, Section 11-12)

The following Notice of Public Hearing was duly published in The Daily Southerner:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Tarboro will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Council Room of the Town Hall of the Town of Tarboro for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following.

1. To consider a request for a change in the Code of Ordinances,(Chapter 11, Section 11-12, Destruction of Rodents, Squirrels, Pigeons, etc) that would regulate the use of firearms in the destruction of rodents, squirrels, pigeons or similar animals or reptiles that are considered a menace to public health or property.

The full text of this proposed ordinance which if adopted, will effectuate the proposed changes are on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Tarboro in the Town Hall and are available for review by interested parties during normal business hours prior to the holding of the public hearing.

All citizens and interested parties are urged to be present at said Public Hearing and make their views known on said proposed changes.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO.

This the 25th day of April, 2014.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Damon Williams, Police Chief, gave background information.

No one spoke in favor of or against the change in the ordinance.

Everyone having had an opportunity to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins that Council reject the proposed change in the ordinance, the motion died due to a substitute motion made by Councilman Shephard. Council discussed the ordinance and the changes, leading to the substitute motion.. Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins and passed by a 6 to 2 vote, that Council approve the current ordinance adding a required background check on all permit applications. Councilmembers Hull, Jenkins, Shephard, Burnette, Woodard and Knight voted for the motion. Councilmembers Ruffin and Jordan voted against the motion.

5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Planning Board and Zoning Commission Report

Josh Edmondson, Planning Director, presented the Planning Board and Zoning Commission report for May 2014 to Council. The report is attached at page 72-70a.

Josh Edmondson, Planning Director, presented the joint annual report of the Planning Board and Zoning Commission and the Development Review Committee to Council. The report is attached at page 72-70b.

B. Historic District Commission

Josh Edmondson, Planning Director, presented the annual report of the Tarboro Historic District Commission to Council. The report is attached at page 72-70c through 72-70f.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Consent Items

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

(1) Memo 14-30 – 2012 Tax Levy Adjustment

Action taken: Council

- (1) decreased the 2012 Tax Levy in the amount of \$12.93 for auto taxes released by Edgecombe County, and
- (2) approved the *Schedule of 2012 Tax Levy Adjusted as of May 12, 2014*, attached at page 72-70g, in the amount of \$3,544,075.11.

(2) Memo 14-31 – 2013 Tax Levy Adjustment

Action taken: Council

- (1) increased the 2013 Tax Levy in the amount of \$128.66 for auto taxes billed by Edgecombe County,
- (2) decreased the 2013 Tax Levy in the amount of \$145.17 for auto taxes released by Edgecombe County, and
- (3) approved the *Schedule of 2013 Tax Levy Adjusted as of May 12, 2014*, attached at page 72-70h, in the amount of \$3,486,007.61.

(3) Memo 14-32 – Utilities – Annual Charge Off of Uncollectable Bills

Action taken: Council approved the list, attached at pages 72-70i through 72-70k, and authorized the Collector of Revenue to charge off utility bills of 171 former accounts which amount to \$63,272.66.

(4) Minutes

Action taken: Council approved the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Council meeting.

B. Action Items

(1) Memo 14-33 – Taxicabs – Certificates of Convenience and Necessity

Action taken during 4 A.

(2) Memo 14-34 – Resolution – Disposal of a Fixed Asset

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the resolution, attached at page 72-71a and 72-71b, for disposal of a 2004 Johnston 605 Street Sweeper – VIN # 1FVAB6BVX4DM70663.

(3) Memo 14-35 – Call Public Hearing – 2014-2015 FY Budget

Councilman Hull made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Shephard and passed unanimously, that Council call for and hold a public hearing at the June 9, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilman Hull made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Shephard and passed unanimously, that Council schedule a budget study session for Thursday May 22 & 29 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

(4) Memo 14-36 – Appointments for June 2014 – Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council

Council was informed that they need to be prepared to appoint two individuals to fill two expired terms for the Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council at the regular June Council meeting. The Arts Council submitted Melodie Menke and Dorothy Davis for consideration.

7. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

Presentation of FY 2014-2015 Budget presented at Memo 14-35.

The Town Manager reminded Council of the Happening on the Commons, Saturday May 17, 2014.

B. Town Attorney

Chad Hinton, Town Attorney, informed Council he had researched a drainage issue and would have a report for Council at the next meeting.

C. Mayor

None

D. Council Members

Councilman Knight asked if Council would get information about the Boys & Girls Club at the June meeting. The Town Manager said he was working on it and would hopefully have something to present at the June meeting.

Councilman Shephard asked about the water loss issue. The Town Manager will get a report for Councilman Shephard.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously that Council enter into Open Session.

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously that Council accept and approve an Inducement Agreement with Keihin Carolina System Technology, LLC that will result in a \$12 million dollar expansion and the addition of at least 40 new full time positions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Rick Page, Mayor

Leslie M. Lunsford, Town Clerk