

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NO. 15-07

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 Mayor Page.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously, that the agenda be approved as presented.

3. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**A. Reginald Moss – 1708 W. Wilson Street, Tarboro**

Mr. Moss expressed his concerns about the lack of summer activities for youth, teens, adults and seniors. He also had concerns about the maintenance of Indian Lake. Mr. Moss was told his concerns would be addressed. Mr. Moss also invited Council to the Senior Games.

B. Connie Sherrill – 1503 E. Canal Street, Tarboro

Ms. Sherrill informed Council that America in Bloom judges will be visiting Tarboro on June 14 - 16, 2015. She provided Council with the 2015 Community Profile of Tarboro highlighting areas that the judges will be visiting while in Tarboro.

C. Melodie Menke – 1101 N. Main Street, Tarboro

Ms. Menke, Arts Council member, explained the Arts Council member nominating committee and the by-laws committee. She stated the current by-laws were in the process of being changed but had not been changed at this point. Ms. Menke also resigned her position on the Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council.

4. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**A. Proposed Sale of North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency jointly owned generation assets to Duke Energy Progress, Inc.**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, June 8, 2015 in the Council Room of the Town Hall of the Town of Tarboro for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following item:

- 1) Proposed Sale of North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency jointly owned generation assets to Duke Energy Progress, Inc.

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

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

This the 19th day of May, 2015

Graham Edwards, ElectriCities, made a presentation and answered questions about the asset sale.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in favor of or against the NCEMPA asset sale.

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 Jenkins and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, DETERMINING THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO TO APPROVE THE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND THE FULL REQUIREMENTS POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, INC., TO CONSENT TO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY, AND TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE DEBT SERVICE SUPPORT CONTRACT, THE FULL REQUIREMENTS POWER SALES AGREEMENT AND THE POWER SALES AGREEMENTS TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF TARBORO AND NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

The Ordinance is recorded in Ordinance Book Number 11.

B. 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF TARBORO BUDGET HEARING

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, June 8, 2015 in the Council Room of the Town Hall of the Town of Tarboro for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following item:

1. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget.

All citizens and interested parties are urged to be present at said Public Hearing and make their views known on said proposed FY2015-2016 budget.

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

This the 18th day of May, 2015.

A summary of the proposed budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$9,576,311
Powell Bill Fund	685,000
Emergency Telephone Fund	113,048
Law Enforcement Fund	20,000
Electric Fund	29,033,021
Water and Sewer Fund	4,306,137
Solid Waste Management Fund	1,046,825
Total	\$44,780,342

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in favor of or against the 2015-2016 FY Budget.

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

Councilman Jenkins introduced and moved the adoption of an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-08
TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2015-2016

which motion was seconded by Councilman Shephard and passed by a 7 to 1 vote that Council approve the presented budget with the exception of the fund 10-8500-1110 Blount-Bridgers House Appropriations due to not being presented an audit which is a requirement listed in the Arts Councils by laws. Councilman Woodard requested that Town staff make a formal request for the audit information. Council agreed that the funds would not be distributed to the Arts Council until the audit was presented. Councilmembers Woodard, Jordan, Hull, Knight, Jenkins, Burnette and Ruffin voted for the motion. Councilman Shephard voted against the motion. Councilman Shephard seconded the motion under the impression that it was just for the Blount-Bridgers House funds. Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Knight and passed unanimously, that all outside agencies produce audits before receiving funds from the Town of Tarboro.

5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

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) Minutes

Action taken: Council approved the minutes of the May 11, 2015 regular meeting.

B. Action Items**(1) Memo 15-39 – Budget Amendment – Sales Tax on Purchased Power**

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the following resolution:

BUDGET RESOLUTION
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO
June 8, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, that the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget be amended as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Amt of Change</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>REVENUES – ELECTRIC FUND</u>				
303720.0100	Metered Sales		0+1,500,000	1,500,000
<u>EXPENDITURES – ELECTRIC FUND</u>				
307230.4801	Sales Tax-Purchased Power		0+1,500,000	1,500,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Officer is hereby authorized and directed to implement said budget as amended.

(2) Memo 15-40 – Budget Amendment – Sewer Line Extension

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the following resolution:

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TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO
June 8, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, that the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget be amended as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Amt of Change</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>REVENUES – WATER & SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>				
<u>Wilson Street Sewer Line Extension</u>				
763760.0100	Contrib in Aid of Constr	0	+316,144	316,144
<u>EXPENDITURES – WATER & SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>				
<u>Wilson Street Sewer Line Extension</u>				
767501.4300	Professional Services	0	+40,500	40,500
767501.7502	Construction-Sewer Lines	0	+275,644	275,644

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Officer is hereby authorized and directed to implement said budget as amended.

(3) Memo 15-41 – Resolution – Disposition of fixed asset - Generator

Councilmember Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously, that Council approve the Resolution, attached at page 72-99a, for disposal of the asset attached at page 72-99b.

(4) Memo 15-42 – Adoption of Edgecombe County Debris Management Plan

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously, that Council adopt the Edgecombe County Debris Management Plan which is in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

(5) Memo 15-43 – Appointments – Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed by a 7 to 1 vote, that Council delay filling the vacant terms until the audit is provided. Councilmembers Woodard, Jordan, Hull, Knight, Ruffin, Jenkins and Burnette voted for the motion. Councilman Shephard voted against the motion.

7. OTHER REPORTS**A. Town Manager**

The Town Manager thanked staff for involvement with the Happening on the Commons and the Beach Blast at Edgecombe Community College.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Mayor

None.

D. Council Members

Ward 8 - Councilman Shephard – None

Ward 7 – Councilman Knight – None

Ward 6 – Councilmember Jordan – asked Troy how far Wilson Street would be paved. He stated that the paving would stop at Panola Street. He informed her that Wilson Street was a state DOT street to Panola Street, after Panola Street it turned into a Town street.

Councilmember Jordan asked that Police Chief Williams explain the Walk & Talk Police program. Chief Williams explained that the Police Department would team up with other local agencies and go door-to-door to speak with citizens about neighborhood concerns. Councilman Hull asked if the officers were riding on bike patrol. The Chief stated that officers did still ride bikes.

Ward 5 – Councilman Jenkins - None

Ward 4 – Councilmember Ruffin - None

Ward 3 – Councilman Burnette – asked for clarification on the Elections and the Salary Survey line items in the budget. Anne Mann, Finance Director, clarified.

Ward 2 - Councilman Hull – None

Ward 1 – Councilman Woodard – asked Troy why the walking trail at Clark Park was so small, Troy explained that it was the size they planned for with the funds appropriated. He also asked for an update on the shelter at Clark Park, he was informed that the shelter would be installed as soon as it was delivered. Councilman Woodard requested that Travis Stigge, Recreation Director, look into recreation fees for in town and out of town residents compared to other areas. Mr. Stigge stated that he would have a report ready for Council at the July meeting.

The Mayor called for a 10 minute break at 8:23 pm.

8. CLOSED SESSION – GS 143-318.11(a)(6)

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

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Rick Page, Mayor

Leslie M. Lunsford, Town Clerk