

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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.

A. Invocation

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jordan.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Mayor Page requested that a Main Street Façade Committee report be added to the Agenda during the Reports of Boards and Commissions. Councilmember Ruffin made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously, that Council approve the request to add the report to the Agenda.

Mayor Page presented Ptl. Charles Johnson's wife, Tracy and sons, Dustin and Travis with a shadow box in his memory.

3. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Kim Council – 1702 Ambleside Drive

Ms. Council expressed concerns about safety and littering in the neighborhood. She requested added Police presence in the neighborhood.

Rodney Brewer – 1701 Preston Drive

Mr. Brewer also expressed concerns about neighborhood safety.

4. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget

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

**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 9, 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 item:

1. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.

All citizens and interested parties are urged to be present at said Public Hearing and make their views known on said proposed FY2014-2015 budget.

A summary of the proposed budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$8,967,678
Powell Bill Fund	332,000
Emergency Telephone Fund	106,533
Electric Fund	27,508,000
Water and Sewer Fund	4,261,915
Solid Waste Management Fund	1,031,500
Law Enforcement Fund	12,000
Total	\$42,209,626

At the hearing, oral and written comments will be received from any interested citizen.

This the 28th day of May, 2013.

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

The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

John Wooten, 3706 N Main Street, asked for an overview of the budget and asked if there were funds appropriated for youth programs.

The Mayor gave background information and budget overview.

No one spoke in favor of or against the 2014-2015 FY Budget.

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

Council discussed the Budget and questions and concerns were answered. Councilman Shephard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jenkins that Council not approve the presented budget. The motion did not have a majority vote, therefore did not pass.

Councilmembers expressed concerns about Police vehicles and Recreation funds for Clark Park. Councilman Woodard requested that the budget be amended to increase the funding by \$10,000 for the walking trail at Clark Park.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 14-04
TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2014-2015**

which motion was seconded by Councilman Woodard and passed by a 5 to 3 vote that Council approve the budget after the \$10,000 amendment for the walking trail. Councilmembers Woodard, Jordan, Hull, Knight and Ruffin voted for the motion. Councilmembers Shephard, Jenkins and Burnette voted against the motion.

5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Josh Edmondson, Planning Director, presented the Main Street Façade Committee report, attached at page 72-72a.

A. Charles Alford – 409 N Main Street

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan and passed unanimously, that Council approve the grant application.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Consent Items

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

(1) Memo 14-37 – 2013 Tax Levy Adjustment

Action taken: Council

- (1) increased the 2013 Tax Levy in the amount of \$15.38 for auto taxes billed by Edgecombe County,
- (2) decreased the 2013 Tax Levy in the amount of \$22.00 for auto taxes released by Edgecombe County, and
- (3) approved the *Schedule of 2013 Tax Levy Adjusted as of June 9, 2014*, attached at page 72-72b, in the amount of \$3,486,197.89.

(2) Minutes

Action taken: Council approved the minutes of the May 12, 2014 regular meeting and the May 22, 2014 budget session.

B. Action Items

(1) Memo 14-38 – Town of Tarboro Cab Ordinance Update

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Burnette and passed unanimously, that Council call for and hold a public hearing at the July 14, 2014 meeting.

Councilmember Jordan asked for an update on Off-Premises Signs, Josh Edmondson, Planning Director, informed Council that he was researching the ordinances and would report back to Council.

(2) Memo 14-39 – Resolution – Disposal of Cargo Van

Councilman Knight made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously, that Council approve the Resolution, attached at page 72-72c, for the disposal of a 1993 Dodge cargo van (Vehicle #703, VIN #7986).

(3) Memo 14-40 – Down East Home Consortium Joint Cooperative Agreement

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Hull and passed unanimously, that Council authorize the Mayor to execute the joint cooperative agreement to remain as a member of the Down East Home Consortium.

(4) Memo 14-41 – Call Public Hearing – Closeout of Talent Enhancement Capacity Building Grant, 12-C-2464

Councilman Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Knight and passed unanimously, that Council call for and hold a public hearing at the July 14, 2014 meeting.

(5) Memo 14-42 – Appointments – Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council

Councilmember Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Knight and passed unanimously, that Council appoint Melodie Menke and Dorothy Davis to fill two expired terms on

the Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council. The 3 year term will expire June 2017.

7. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

The Town Manager informed Council that the Electric Sales Tax would increase from 3% to 7% beginning July 1, 2014 and reminded Council of the NC Symphony, Wednesday June 11, 2014 on the Town Commons.

The Town Manager also informed Council that he received a letter from N E Carolina Prep School stating that the school has requested the speed limit be changed to 45 mph from Western Blvd to McNair Road. Councilmember Ruffin made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Burnette and passed unanimously, that Council authorize the Town Manager to send the NC DOT a letter supporting the change in speed limit.

B. Town Attorney

Chad Hinton, Town Attorney, informed Council he had information on the storm water issues and that he would send all Councilmembers an email with the information.

C. Mayor

None

D. Council Members

Councilman Jenkins informed Council that the Rotary Club will hold its first meeting regarding the trees on the Town Commons soon.

Councilman Burnette suggested staff consider sending utility bill inserts to advertise Recreation information since the Daily Southerner was no longer operating. He mentioned the Town renaming Indian Lake when a new website was launched. Councilman Burnette also suggested the athletic fees be reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Board.

Councilmember Jordan expressed concerns about flooding and drainage issues in her neighborhood. Troy Lewis, Planning Director, will look into. Councilmember Jordan also asked Edgecombe County Arts Director, Joyce Turner to inform Council about the 2nd Saturday Concert Event at Courthouse Square.

Councilman Knight asked if Council would get information about the Boys & Girls Club at the next meeting. The Town Manager said he was working on it and would present as soon as possible.

Councilman Hull asked for an update on the storm water drainage on Colony Drive, he was informed that it is in progress and they are waiting on property owners to continue.

Councilman Shephard asked questions about the financial summary report. Questions were answered.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Knight 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