

MINUTES
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2003
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Nancy R. May called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Nancy R. May, Commissioner Max G. Cotten, Burnice Griffin, Jr., Clinton E. Bryan, Jr., Chris Walker and Gene T. Brooks.

Others present: Manager David B. Hughes, Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr. and Clerk Alice F. Lloyd.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Bryan to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2003 meeting. Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryan to go into a public hearing on Codification of Town Ordinances.
Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

CODIFICATION – PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Griffin to go out of public hearing. Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

CITIZENS MATTERS

NONE

PRESENTATION MR. DAVE DEWHURST
PITTSBORO CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

Dave Dewhurst stated they desire to remain a part of the Town. His board has agreed to abide by the statement (that they will not request tax exemption) if it can be found in writing. They did not request the law be rewritten.

Pittsboro Christian Village provides for the public good – they care for residents regardless of whether they can pay or not. Their ministry loses each year. Pittsboro Christian Village has 5% of the Town’s population which will be decreased if the property is de-annexed which will cause drop in revenues from the state that is figured according to population and you will lose tax on 30 motor vehicles that belong to residents.

The de-annexation will cause a \$17,000 increase in water and sewer rates, they will be hard pressed to deal with a \$17,000 increase.

He urges the Board to reconsider position on this item and to withdraw the request for de-annexation.

Commissioner Cotten stated he wants to see all data before he makes a decision.

Manager Hughes stated it was likely that the Town can raise the sewer rates for the Christian Village even if they are in the Town. Pump station is in dire need of repair, he feels positive that we can have a different sewer rate for the Christian Village.

Commissioner Cotten stated he felt that the matter of de-annexation should go forward so that it can be resolved one way or the other – he has not changed his mind on this issue – it will come up again if we do not get a ruling.

Mayor May asked Mr. Dewhurst whether it passes or not would they still be willing to work with the Town on repair of the pump station.

Mr. Dewhurst stated he felt they would be he would need to discuss it with the Board of Directors.

Commissioner Brooks stated he felt the law was written with the intent to exempt churches and cemetery’s, he feels the state will look at this.

Mr. Dewhurst stated an audit statement goes to the State each year.

Commissioner Walker stated he felt we should let the State handle this matter.

Commissioner Brooks stated he does not know which way to go.

Attorney Messick stated we can establish a rate for restoration of the pump station.

Attorney Messick stated Mr. Dewhurst has offered to work with the Town in repairing the pump station.

Manager Hughes stated it will cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to replace the pump station.

Mr. Dewhurst stated he can put up half without getting Board of Directors approval (\$10,000).

It was decided to let this matter go before legislature.

PERSONNEL POLICY – AMENDMENT

Ms. Becky Veazey, President of the Maps Groups, has provided language that provides for a Family Medical Leave Policy to Pittsboro employees.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Cotten to approve the addition of the Family Medical Leave Policy to our Personnel Policy retroactive to when the original policy was approved.

Attorney Messick stated it could not be retroactive.

Commissioner Walker withdrew his motion and Commissioner Cotten withdrew his second.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Cotten to approve the addition of a Family Medical Leave Policy to our Personnel Policy in Article VII:

- Section 17 Family and Medical Leave
 - Section 18 Family and Medical Leave – Certification
 - Section 19 Leave Without Pay
 - Section 20 Family Medical Leave and Leave Without Pay: Retention
And Continuation of Benefits
- Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

STOP SIGN

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve An Ordinance Regulating Traffic in the Town of Pittsboro with the addition of “528” feet from its....

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC IN THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO IS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF ORDINANCES NUMBER ONE, PAGES

COPS GRANT REQUEST

Chief Clapp was present to request permission to apply for a COPS Grant for a new position, the deadline for the application is June 6, 2003.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryan to approve Chief Clapp’s to apply for a COPS grant.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Commissioner Brooks thanked Mr. Messick for his written response to a question he asked at the last meeting. He would like for the Board to discuss the possibility of getting Mr. David Owens, School of Government to review our zoning ordinances and make a recommendation to the Board.

State laws have changed since our ordinance was approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryan to contact Mr. David Owens, School of Government to see if he will be willing to review our ordinances and make a recommendation to the Board.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Commissioner Brooks stated some time ago the Board approved a resolution to set aside 20% of our capacity for business we need to make sure that we keep that allocation available for business and not over allocate ourselves. Powell Place may be our last chance for business. Not sure we should still be accepting applications.

Mayor May stated the developers of Hunter Ridge Subdivision are aware there is no sewer available for allocation currently.

Commissioner Brooks asked should we continue to accept application.

Manager Hughes stated we are not making promises, we do not know exactly how much allocation we have left, he has only been here two weeks.

Attorney Messick stated it should be on a first come first serve basis or some type policy needs to be in place.

Commissioner Brooks look at the possibility of Rocky River/Deep River as a discharge point – get permission from Corp of Engineers to see if it would be possible to put a pipe in Robeson Creek & run it to the Haw (about three miles). Haw River cleanses itself once a week – this could be another alternative to have the Engineers look at.

Commissioner Cotten stated we might have to build a sewer plant on the North side and take it to the Haw.

The Board agreed this was worth looking into – the Manager is to explore.

Commissioner Walker suggested that we set a worksession to update some of this ordinances they seem a little out dated.

It was suggested if the dates the ordinances were approved were not that it be included on that particular section.

The was discussion about establishing a date for a budget worksession – the board was in agreement hat once Manager Hughes completes the budget, he notify the board and they set a date for maybe sometime next week.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk