

MINUTES
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 27, 2000
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Charles R. Devinney called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Charles R. Devinney, Commissioner Clinton E. Bryan, Jr., Ethel F. Burns, Max G. Cotten and Gene T. Brooks.

Others present: Manager Hugh Montgomery, Clerk Alice F. Lloyd and Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2000 meeting. Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

CITIZENS MATTER

NONE

PITTSBORO MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Motion made by Commissioner Burns seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve a Resolution of Appreciation For the Efforts of the Pittsboro Merchants Association, The Chatham Area Shag Association and the Leadership of Ms. Jenny Bouldin, Ms. Cindy Edwards and Ms. Vickie Oldham toward a successful Pittsboro Street Fair for the year 2000. Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE PITTSBORO MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, THE CHATHAM AREA SHAG ASSOCIATION AND THE LEADERSHIP OF MS. JENNY BOULDIN, MS. CINDY EDWARDS AND MS. VICKIE OLDHAM TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL PITTSBORO STREET FAIR FOR THE YEAR 2000 IS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS NUMBER ONE, PAGE

UTILITY AGREEMENT – NCDOT

Manager Montgomery stated this was back on the agenda because of questions the board had about item 30 & 31.

The board wanted the citizens to know the reason for the cost is because we are not going back with a 10" line, we are upgrading and putting in a bigger and better line so that we will not have to go under the highway.

Mayor Devinney stated he did not want what happen to Lloyd Cooper's property to happen again and the state try to hold the Town responsible.

Manager Montgomery stated the line would be installed 5 ft. back from where the road is.

Commissioner Cotten stated he has a question about 2(a) & 2(b), does it mean the completion of the water line or the total projects.

Manager Montgomery stated the way it was explained to him it was for the total project including the two bridges and the four lanes.

Commissioner Cotten stated he was feel better if the agreement stated that. And at least be on record as having some observation about it.

Motion made by Commissioner Burns seconded by Commissioner Cotten to approve the Utility Agreement concerning water system betterment's to be done in connection with the roadway improvement to be made to US 15-501 North by NCDOT, and asking for clarification to 2 a & b of the contract.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Cotten seconded by Commissioner Burns to appoint Burnice Griffin, Jr. to fill the vacant seat on the Board until November 2001.

Commissioner Cotten stated his big reason for nominating Mr. Griffin is because the area of Town that he lives in is one of the fastest developing areas in Town and he feels we need someone from in that area.

Vote Aye-3 Cotten/Burns/Bryan
Nay-1 Brooks

OATH OF OFFICE – BURNICE N. GRIFFIN, JR.

Mayor Charles R. Devinney administered the oath of office to Burnice Griffin, Jr.

DECEMBER 25, 2000 MEETING

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Burns to cancel the December 25, 2000 board meeting. Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

HELMET ORDINANCE

Manager Montgomery stated the Mayor had requested that an Ordinance be drafted to require mandatory use of helmets while operate a bicycle.

Commissioner Cotten stated he did not have a problem with holding a public hearing, he has concern about the cost of the helmets. Under enforcement the word knowingly is a concern of his and he thinks it could be a PR problem for the Police Department. He would suggest that the Community Police Officer distribute information about helmet safety.

Mayor Devinney stated this all came about due to an accident where a boy hit a car with his head. He feels it is a safety issue.

Commissioner Burns stated she agreed with Commissioner Cotten to use the Community Police Officer to get the information about bicycle safety and wearing a helmet out to the public.

Motion made by Commissioner Burns seconded by Commissioner Bryan to establish a public hearing for the second meeting in January, 2001.

Commissioner Brooks asked what happened to paternal supervision? There seems to be a rule for everything today.

Vote Aye-4 Burns/Bryan/Cotten/Griffin
Nay-1 Brooks

Manager Montgomery advised the board that he would be pursuing a grant from Clean Water Management & Trust Fund for wetland restoration. This 2.4 million-dollar application will involve an artificial wetland and serve as a demonstration for five years. The focus of the application will be to remove the first flush of pollutants that enter Robeson Creek following a rain event.

Commissioner Brooks stated he was under the impression that the Town would be under no obligation to accept the grant.

Manager Montgomery stated that was correct.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Mayor Devinney stated Mr. Atwater has invited the board to his swearing in ceremony on Monday at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Brooks stated he was sorry he was unable to be here at the last meeting but he had to take a family member for extension chemotherapy.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Cotten to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Jimmy Collins for his long and dedicated service to the citizens of Chatham County. Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION IS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS NUMBER ONE, PAGE

Commissioner Burns stated she has had conversation with individuals regarding industry and business in the Town and why they are all going to Siler City.

Mayor Devinney stated all of the business building in Town are filled.

Commissioner Brooks stated we had annexed the property on 15-501 N and tried everything in our financial possibilities to get industry in Cooper's industrial park.

Commissioner Brooks stated we get no help from the State of North Carolina. And he feels we have tried hard.

The Town is continuing to lose tax based from our tax levy. We can not do any more with our resources.

Commissioner Burns asked what is the local Economic Development Director doing for us?

Manager Montgomery stated he would request that Mr. Tony Tucker, Executive Director of EDC come to the next meeting.

Commissioner Brooks stated he would like to see some money in the next budget to be used as seed money for clean industry.

Mayor Devinney asked for a update on stop sign.

Commissioner Brooks stated the street has not been painted yet. What Street?

Commissioner Burns asked if we had contacted the person interested in donating an edger.

Manager Montgomery stated he had not, he was under the impression that the person wanted to loan the edger to us.

Commissioner Brooks stated he wanted to Alarm Ordinance back on the agenda in January.

Manager Montgomery stated Chief Clapp is looking over it currently.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Burns to go into closed session pursuant to GS 143.31.11 a(6) to discuss personnel.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Motion made by Commissioner Burns seconded by Commissioner Bryan to go out of closed session.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Burns to adjourn.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk