



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Dec. 21, 2015

Commissioners Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Ann Howell, Commissioners Gwen Knight, JoeRoam Myrick, Pamela Ransome

Staff Present: Town Clerk Calvin Adkins, Town Attorney Benn Brewington, Town Manager Byron Ellis

Board of Commissioners Call to Order: Mayor Jones 7 p.m.

Invocation: Minister Alice Schanal

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Public Comments:

Calvin Sherrod; said the town should considering paying out the Town Manager's contract and hire a replacement immediately; Leaves should be carried to the landfill instead of dumping area off of Greenwood Boulevard.

James "Ed" Bridgers 302 Otis Avenue; would like the board to consider bringing back the police department.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the consent agenda; **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; motion passed. **(4-0)**

Presentation of donated bicycles: The town awarded bicycles to seven Princeville Elementary school students who participated in a town-sponsored essay contest. Five of the bikes were donated to the town by the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance. Walmart and the Town Manager donated the other two. Walmart also donated bicycle locks to the winners.

Oath of Office: Sen. Erica Ingram administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected commissioners Linda Joyner (Ward 2) and Milton Bullock (Ward 1) and the new Commissioners were seated. Commissioner Howell said she will keep her eyes on the new board and she would like for the town to purchase a tractor in the near future. Commissioner Knight thanked the citizens for their support.

Proposed contract with the UCPCOG: Ron Townley with the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments presented a proposal to prepare and submit a 2015-2016 NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant for the town. Compensation for the services will not exceed \$8,500. The grant would fund upgrades to the facilities at Heritage Park which could include: walking trails, adult exercise facilities, shelters, a bandstand, upgrades to the athletic fields, etc. Townley stated that the UCPCOG has been very successful in securing PARTF grants that are specifically geared towards parks and recreation.

Commissioner Ransome made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to execute the contract as presented and approve the preparation of the PARTF Grant as proposed by the UCPCOG. **Commissioner Myrick** second; Motion passed (4-0)

Property Donation: Putnam Heirs Inc. had offered to donate to the town a parcel of land on Main Street, just south of, and adjacent to, Powell Park (PIN: 4738-52-0855). The property has a tax value of \$3,150. **Commissioner Myrick** made a motion to accept the donation of the Putnam Heirs, Inc. property (PIN: 4738-52-0855) and authorize the town attorney and town manager to execute all documents relating to the transfer. **Commissioner Bullock** second; motion passed **(4-0)**

Town Manager Report: TM said he has worked for several months on the Town's Code of Ordinances. He asked the board to present him with any changes they deemed necessary. He stated that any amendments needed to be submitted ASAP in order to meet the February 15, 2016 deadline.

Senior Citizen Report: Linda Worsley, director, said the senior citizens are doing well.

Closed Session: Personnel Matter (NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)) and attorney consultation (NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)). **Commissioner Myrick** made a motion to go into closed session; **Commissioner Bullock** seconded; Motion Passed **(4-0)**

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to come out of closed session; **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; **Motion passed (4-0).**

Commissioner Joyner made a motion to send a letter to Edgecombe County proposing a reduction in the amount of the annual law enforcement contract from \$250,000 to \$125,000. **Commissioner Ransome** second; **Motion Passed (4-0).**

Commissioner Joyner made a motion to adjourn; **Commissioner Bullock** seconded; Motion passed **(4-0) Meeting adjourned 9:42**

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Bobbie D. Jones
Mayor

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Calvin Adkins
Town Clerk