



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

Minutes

Board of Commissioners

February 22, 2015

Commissioners Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner, Commissioners Milton Bullock, JoeRoam Myrick, Pamela Ransome

Staff Present: Town Clerk Calvin Adkins, Town Attorney William Solomon, Town Manager Byron Ellis

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

Invocation: Commissioner Linda Joyner

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Public Comments:

Delia Perkins, Neville St.; Said she is disturbed that the town does not have a police department. She gave the board her plans to hire two police officers.

Calvin Sherrod, 909 King Ave; Sherrod thanked Perkins for her comments and stated that the town does need its police department back. Sherrod said he talked to the former public works director and the director told him that the town manager got "nasty" with him. Sherrod said the town manager "got nasty" with him on a different occasion.

James "Ed" Bridgers 302 Otis Avenue: Said since September he has been asking for the town to bring the police department back. He said he will gather a petition if the board does not honor the citizen's request to bring the police department back.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to accept the consent agenda; **Commissioner Joyner** seconded; motion passed **(4-0)**

Presentation by Capt. Gene Harrell, Edgecombe County Sheriff Department:

Harrell explained the Neighborhood Watch Program. It is a community and neighborhood-based crime prevention program that uses citizen participation in conjunction with law enforcement to reduce crime in neighborhoods. He suggested that each commissioner set up a Neighborhood Watch in their respective wards by recruiting 10-15 citizens and then contacting the Sheriff's department for formal instructions and guidance.

Public Hearing for Updated Zoning Map: Commissioner Myrick made a motion to set a public hearing for March 21 to review the updated zoning map. **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; motion passed **(4-0)**

Parking on Town-Owned Property: Commissioner Joyner made a motion to adopt the proposed parking policy and authorize the Town Staff to install "No Parking" and "No Overnight Parking" signs on town-owned properties. **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; Motion passed (4-0)

PARTF GRANT: Commissioner Joyner made a motion to commit \$100,000 of Town funds to be used as a 50% match (should the grant be awarded) for upgrades at Heritage Park. **Commissioner Bullock** seconded; motion passed **(4-0)**.

Regularly scheduled meeting change: Commissioner Ransome made a motion to change the 7 p.m. March 28 meeting to 7 p.m. March 21 due to the Easter Holiday; **Commissioner Myrick** seconded; motion passed **(4-0)**.

Town Manager Report: Commissioner Myrick asked for more information than was presented in the TM report concerning the HBTS Alliance meeting in Eatonville Florida that Commissioner Joyner and Town Clerk Calvin Adkins attended. Commissioner Joyner gave a brief synopsis.

Commissioner Ransome asked is Southern Terrace included in the ditch cleaning project.

Senior Center Report: Linda Worsley, Senior Center director told the board that the seniors attended several events in February. She also expressed her concerns about the lack of a police department in town.

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m.; **Commissioner Bullock** seconded; Motion passed **(4-0)**

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:45 p.m.;

Commissioner Ransome seconded. Motion passed **(4-0)**

Commissioners Ransome, Joyner, Myrick and Bullock thanked the citizens for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to adjourn; **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; Motion passed **(4-0) Meeting adjourned 8:54**

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Bobbie D. Jones
Mayor

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Calvin Adkins
Town Clerk