



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

Minutes

Oct. 26, 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

Staff Absent: Town Manager Byron Ellis

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

Invocation: Commissioner Myrick

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Public Comments:

Calvin Sherrod, 909 King Ave., said he was disappointed that the town manager did not attend an auction sponsored by DOT for used equipment; since the town manager resigned (effective March) the board should release him from his contract; the museum should be opened only one day of week; and the contractors did not do a good job on the museum's roof.

James "Ed" Bridgers 402 Otis Avenue, congratulated the board for their work; said the town needs the police department and the town needs to negotiate with the county on the water bill.

Milton Bullock, 407, Mutual Boulevard, asked the board for permission to use the museum to host a public health insurance forum. He said a licensed insurance agent will provide information for the forum.

Adjustments to Agenda:

Added Christmas lights to the agenda; **Commissioner Howell** made the motion, **Commissioner Knight** seconded; **motion passed (4-0)**.

Added advertising the town manager's position to the agenda; **Commissioner Knight** made the motion, **Commissioner Howell** second; **motion passed (4-0)**

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the inclusion of changing Chinquapin Road to reflect Shiloh Farm Road in the Sept. 26, 2015 minutes.

Commissioner Knight seconded the motion; **motion passed (4-0)**

Presentation: Gregory Curtis with Access Control Consultants gave a 16-minute presentation regarding town-wide security cameras. The \$60,000 proposal places cameras at the town hall, museum/basketball court/ intersection of Mutual and Main streets, and Heritage Park.

Public Hearing: Commissioner Howell made a motion to open a public hearing to consider establishing of a new zoning district (RA-1) in the town's ETJ. **Commissioner Myrick** seconded.

Billy Trevathan, 247 S. Shiloh Farm Road, said he supports the proposal because it allows the opportunity for affordable housing in the ETJ.

Carlton Jones, 200 N. Main Street, asked the board to consider allowing manufactured homes throughout the entire town "especially in the back of Southern Terrace" where there are 95 percent of manufactured homes. Jones said he owns lots at 1019 Lynch Drive, 1618 Newton Ave. and 911 King Ave. where manufactured homes once stood. He said he cannot place a manufactured home on those lots due to the current ordinance.

Commissioner Howell asked the Town Attorney if a "grandfather clause" could be used to replace a doublewide manufactured home on a lot where a doublewide once sat.

Commissioner Ransome said she would like to see the ordinance changed to allow doublewide manufactured homes in Southern Terrace. Ransome said if something happens to her doublewide, she would like to be able to replace it with another one.

Calvin Sherrod said he would like the Commissioners to take a strong look at changing the ordinance.

Town Attorney Brewington said he is not aware of a grandfather clause concerning manufactured homes in R-1 Districts but he would look into the issue.

Commissioner Howell asked the Town Attorney to work on an ordinance that will allow doublewides manufactured homes in R-1 Districts. Town Attorney Brewington said he will draft a proposal for the board to review.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to close the Public Hearing; **Commissioner Knight** seconded; **motion passed (4-0)**

Budget Amendment#4:

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt budget amendment #4 as-presented.

Commissioner Ransome seconded; **motion passed 4-0.**

Cemetery Ordinance Proposal:

Mayor Jones suggested changing the minimum size proposal from not less than 10 acres of land in contiguous ownership to reflect not less than 2 acres of land in contiguous ownership.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the proposal with the change of not less than 2 acres of land in contiguous ownership. **Commissioner Myrick** seconded; **motion passed 4-0.**

Health Insurance Resolution

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to authorize the town to enroll in the N.C. State Healthcare Plan. The plan will bring a significant reduction in the town's healthcare cost.

Commissioner Ransome seconded; **motion passed 4-0**

New Zoning District RA-1

Commissioner Howell made a motion to establish a new zoning district (RA-1) and reclassify all property currently contained within the Town's ETJ as RA-1 and direct town staff to prepare an updated zoning map to reflect the change in zoning classification. **Commissioner Myrick** second; **motion passed 4-0**

Christmas Lights

Commissioner Ann Howell made a motion to allow the town to purchase 20 decorative Christmas lights for a total of \$10,000. **Commissioner Ransome** second the motion; **motion passed 4-0.**

Town Manager's Position

Town Manager Byron Ellis announced during a closed session during the September monthly meeting that he will resign in March. He suggested to immediately beginning searching for his replacement. **Commissioner Howell** made a motion to start advertising for a town manager. **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; **motion passed 4-0.**

Speed Humps

Commissioner Myrick began the discussion by using the term "speed humps". He then read from a type-written paper and twice used the term "speed bumps" (instead of "speed humps"). After further board discussion, Myrick made a motion to add two additional "speed humps" for a total of four speed humps to be installed on Otis Avenue. **Commissioner Ransome** seconded; **motion passed 4-0**

Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report: Chief James Powell reported his department responded to 40 calls between Aug. 28 – Sept 28. Mayor Jones said he appreciates the fire department and he would put them up against any fire department in this area.

Senior Center Report: Senior Center Director Linda Worsley "reported things are going well at the Center."

Adjournment: Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn; **Commissioner Ransome** second; **motion passed 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Clerks Notes: Commissioner Knight excused herself from the meeting at around 8 p.m. According to G.S. 160A-74 if a member withdraws from the meeting without being excused by a majority vote of the remaining members present, he or she is still counted as present for purpose of a quorum. The law stipulates that the absent member continues to vote after he or she is gone with the vote being counted as an affirmative vote.