



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
October 21, 2019 7:00PM
3003 North Main Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Minutes

Board Members Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Commissioner Linda Joyner, Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick, Mayor ProTem Kenneth Saunders

Board Members Absent: Commissioner Milton Bullock

Staff Present: Attorney Dana Jones, Town Manager Glenda Knight, and Town Clerk Natasha Barrett Finance Officer Gina Lewis

- I. Board of Commissioners Call to Order and Roll Call** Mayor Bobbie Jones
- II. Invocation rendered by Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** Recited by All
- IV. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes)**
 - a) **Mr. Ed Bridgers- 402 Otis Street** Reflect on the Federal Disaster Mitigation meeting held on October 15th at Edgecombe Community College. He spoke with Laura Hogshead regarding 168 million dollars that the government can give to the Town of Princeville. Mr. Bridgers believes that there are citizens in the town that could use some of the money to help rebuild their houses. He urged the board to speak with Ms. Laura Hogshead regarding the funds.
 - b) **Mr. Ellison Howell:** Noted that Curtis and Magelia Bryant is his parents. He shared that he has a company (LLC) that is offering Speech and Occupational Therapy. Graduated from Elizabeth City State University. Came before the board to make the community aware of his company and what services are available for the community. He stated that he would leave information to all those interested.
 - c) **Mrs. Kelsi Dew- 708 Greenwood Blvd.** Came before the board to address ordinance 91.20 which prohibits keeping livestock in the town's limits. Mrs. Dew want to live a more sustainable lifestyle and wants to have hens and build a chicken coop. She provided the board with an

illustration of how the coop will be designed. She would like the Board to consider amending the ordinance to meet her request. Attorney Dana Jones informed the citizen that the Board would have conversations later and get back with her.

- d) Mr. Calvin Sherrod-1298 Greenwood Blvd. Expressed concerns about the Federal Disaster Mitigation meeting held on October 15th at Edgewood Community College. He felt like the Town did not have any support. He feels the Mayor should push the issue regarding the 168 million so that the citizens can get the funds that they need for homes. He felt that the Mayor should have spoke up at the event. He stated, "Mayor you need to go after the money and if not, it is seen as if you don't have a backbone. I know you work out of town but take some time off and go get the money." Commissioner Linda Joyner responded, "I spoke with Mrs. Hogshead to meet another day outside of the public hearing because to address concerns at that time would not have been an appropriate setting in my opinion."
- e) Brother Na'im Akbar: Is a community advocate for Tarboro and Princeville. Mr. Akbar introduced the Reentry Program that works to help men and women who have been in prison transition back into the community and be productive citizens. He passed out his contact information and urged those in attendance not to hesitate to reach out to him in support of the program or if there were questions.

V. Announcements:

- a) See Felicia Cofield for a Resilience and Stress survey. A gift card will be provided for all participants (documents available to those in attendance);
- b) Parade (12/7/2019) Applications due by November 29, 2019;
- c) Early Voting October 16th through November 1st. Election day November 5th (see flyer);
- d) Turner Prince Job Initiative advertisement (flyer available);
- e) NC Museum of History unveils newest exhibit January 25th (flyer available)
- f) Birthdays: Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick 10/18 & Staff Keon Higgs 10/18
- g) New Staff: Ms. Natasha Barrett- Clerk/Adm Asst II & Ms. Gina Lewis- Financial Director
- h) Task Force Meeting 10/24/19 10:00am @ Princeville Temporary Town Hall

VI. Presentations (Limited 8-10 Minutes)

- a) Bruce Naegelen: NC Commerce (Downtown Strong Initiative) Princeville Includes sites that collectively tell the story of generations of African Americans and embody the last vestiges of memory of one of the nation's most storied community. Downtown Strong Implement Plan is to make Princeville a historic destination. There are 2 objectives in the plan. One objective is to identify and establish a location to store the historic collections for future display and research. The second is to collect and inventory all existing historic artifacts, buildings, stories, oral and video histories, books and research papers. To implement these actions, he plans to put together a Princeville History Preservation Committee. **(Adoption 3-0. Motioned by Commissioner Myrick, Seconded by Commissioner Sanders).**

VII. Approval of the Consent Agenda (Approved 3-0. Motioned by Commissioner Sanders, Seconded by Commissioner Joyner)

- a) Minutes-September 2019 Regular Town Meeting & Executive Session.
- b) Princeville Senior Center Report
- c) Edgecombe County Sheriff Office Report
- d) Edgecombe County Disaster Recovery Report
- e) Princeville Volunteer Fire Department
- f) Financial Reports (Expenditure/Profit vs Actual)
- g) Princeville Public Works Report

VIII. Town Manager reports

- a) **Signage Update:** Manager reported that Professor Fox is still waiting to carry out the signage project and discovered that there are additional funds and he recommends using for signage at: Heritage Park, Mt. Zion, Town Hall and Powell Park. Board approved 4-0. Motioned by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Myrick;
- b) **53 Acres Annexation:** Has been registered with the register of deeds and an additional document of the certified survey of the acres forwarded. Will keep the Board abreast;
- c) **General Assembly of North Carolina Section 2019 (Page2, 2L):** 6 million dollars has been appropriated for the Town of Princeville. There will be a conference scheduled to discuss and support usage of the funds with the Office of State and Budget Management (OSBM). The first disbursement is \$100,000 to be sent in the month of November. Manager is working on the development of a Conflict of Interest policy upon request of the governing body (i.e., OSBM);
- d) **Senior Citizen Guidelines:** The manager shared that she has consulted with the Senior Center Director and her only edits were that the age for senior citizen center is 60. She then conferred to the Attorney. Attorney Jones asked that the policy be tabled to give her time to speak with the Director to gain her feedback. Mayor Bobbie Jones added, "and seniors."

IX. Old Business N/A

X. New Business

- a) **Garbage Bin Resolution:** Town manager presented the Resolution in the absence of the Public Works Director, Mr. Porter. She noted that citizens are requesting additional trash cans and the fee assessed by Waste Industries is \$20. Therefore, she is recommending that if citizens request an additional garbage bin then they will be assessed an additional \$20 that will go into effect Dec 1, 2019. Board approved the resolution; 3 ayes 0 nays.

XI. Executive Session There was no Executive Session under the requests of Attorney Dana Jones noting that more time is needed to review the critical documents on the agenda. She recommended a Special Call meeting. Board agreed 3-0 and confirmed date as October 29, 2019 at 5:30pm

- N.C.G.S> 143-318.11(a)(1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States,

or not considered a public record within the meaning of the Chapter 132 of the General Statutes

A. Personnel Matter

- N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) To discuss relating to location or expansion of industries agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment.

A. Land usage

B. CDBG-Mitigation Program

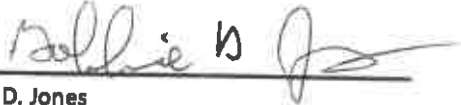
C. Town Hall

XII. Board Comments:

- a) Mayor Bobbie Jones thanks the citizens for coming out and to continue to express their concerns;
b) Commissioner Linda Joyner expressed the same sentiments as the Mayor.

XIII. Adjournment (Approved 4-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

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Bobbie D. Jones
Mayor

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Natasha Barrett
Town Clerk