



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2020 7:00PM
3003 North Main Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Board Member Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner, Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick, Commissioner Alvin Jones, Commissioner William Johnson

Board Members Absent: 0

Staff Present: Attorney Dana Jones, Town Manager Glenda Knight, Town Clerk Natasha Barrett, Public Works Director Rydedrick Porter

I. Call to Order and Roll Call (Silence Cell phones please). (Mayor)

II. Invocation (Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick)

III. Pledge of Allegiance (All recited)

IV. Public Hearing

1. Pursuant 160A-81, a Public hearing is being held to hear from the citizens relating to a request for allowing a chicken coop within the Town. On October 21, 2019 Mrs. Kelsi Dew came before the board to address ordinance 91.20 which states "No person may have or keep within the Town any livestock or wild animals". Mrs. Dew is asking to amend the ordinance to allow the chicken coop for the purpose of establishing her home as a sustainable living environment. Any citizen who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity so speak.

- a) Kelsi Dew came before the Board to ask for ordinance 91.20 to be amended. Ms. Dew said that she has been working towards living a more sustainable lifestyle. She wants to keep 4-8 hens but do not plan to have roosters. Ms. Dew said that having chickens are a natural pest control as well as other benefits. Mayor Bobbie Jones asked Ms. Dew about how the sanitation will be controlled. Ms. Dew said that with only 4-8 hens, sanitation would not be an issue. The Mayor said if the Board agrees to allow chickens in the Town then that would open approval for other citizens, which may cause a sanitation issue.
- b) Eugene Taylor representing the Sheriff's office and Animal Services said that they are not against having chickens, however there are some concerns. Mr.

Taylor said that if the chickens get off the owner's property, it will be in violation with the nuisance ordinance. Attorney Dana Jones said if the Board amend the ordinance to allow chickens, they will have to amend 91.19 and 91.22. She said that fines and statues will have to be associated. She also stated that the amendment would be on individual basis that will include what type of livestock.

- c) After hearing all for public hearing, the Board agreed 4-0 to request Atty Jones to amend the ordinance specifying livestock and details to permit Ms. Dew to have a chicken coop, bring back for review and approval consideration in March.

V. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes. Please state name and address)

- 1) Carlton Jones said he came to speak because he heard that the County received money for the Dam. He said the river flows from Southern Terrace to Hwy 33 and when the river overflows, it comes in on Hwy 33. Mr. Jones asked where the water goes when the flood gates are closed. Mr. Jones said he had a meeting to find out where the canals are and what solution is there to where the water goes.
- 2) Grayling Batchelor asked what can be done if a person wanted to get rid of their property. He has properties that he wants to get rid of. The Mayor told him to speak with the Town Manager.
- 3) Ed Bridgers asked when the company is going to start working on the Town Hall. The Mayor said that the work has already started. Mr. Bridgers asked if the Town would consider paving 4th street. Public works director said yes.
- 4) Carnell Boyd shared with the Board his experience as a citizen after the flood. He said he felt like he was forced to take a buyout. He was told that he would receive the appraisal value of his home before the flood, however he did not receive that amount. Mr. Boyd said the money that was received was not enough for him to do anything with. He felt that he signed paperwork that he did not understand. He asked the Board for help. The Mayor told him to speak with the Town Manager.

VI. Announcement (Mayor Bobble Jones announced the following from flyers and paused for questions. No questions asked)

- 1) Turner Prince Initiative
- 2) Cerebral Palsy Event
- 3) ECU Hurricon Registration

- 4) Legal Aid Community Outreach
- 5) Calling Post.
- 6) Birthdays: Mayor Bobbie Jones 2/8, Staff Jacoby Ward 2/11, Town Manager Glenda Knight 2/14 and Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner 2/18

VII. Adjustment to Agenda (Approved 4-0)

VIII. Presentations (Limited 5-10 minutes)

- 1) US Census (Eric Evans and Bernadette L Richards) Eric Evans shared the official start date for the US Census is April 1st. He said completing the Census is a part of the US Constitution and is as important as voting. Mr. Evan said that there is over 700 billion to be divided up among the states based on population. Mr. Evans informed the citizens that the County is taking applications for jobs. Bernadette Richards expressed the importance of the Census. She said it will determine how many seats in congress. She said it is important for districting and federal grant funds. Ms. Richards said, "Money does not follow needs, it follows numbers". Mr. Evans and Ms. Richards address all questions.
- 2) Senior Center Director (Linda Worsley) No presentation given, Senior Center Director was not present. The Mayor ask for prayers for Ms. Worsley and extended condolences for the passing of her father.

IX. Approval of the Agenda (Approved 4-0)

A. Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes – January 13 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting.
(Approved 4-0)

B. Department Reports

- 2) Senior Center (no questions)
- 3) Edgecombe County Sheriff Office (no questions)
- 4) Princeville Volunteer Fire Department (no questions)
- 5) Public Works (no questions)
- 6) Finance Reports (Expenditure & Profit vs Actual) Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick asked Town Manager to speak more on Special events why do we feel the need to transfer money to special events. Town Manager said special events are for special events that the Town has such as the Founder's Day Celebration, Hope for life and upcoming retreat for all Board and Staff. Budget amendment (approved 4-0)

X. Town Managers Report:

- 1) Heritage Park: Bottom's finished the work at the park, and it looks great. That Oakley/Collier should have the certified occupancy completed by next meeting for the pavilion. That the accessories were being researched for order (e.g., tables, chairs, trashcans, and benches).
- 2) 6 Million legislature appropriation: Board agreed (4-0) to add 3 positions to scope of work: Legal, Historical Curator and Recovery Consultant.
- 3) Recovery projects and agreements: Town Manager shared highlights from Manager's weekly reports that the contractors were adhering to the timelines for the Town Hall and that demo was well underway. That they were continuing to conference bi-weekly. That the 53 acres is waiting on infrastructure estimation. That the Barnhill paving agreement should be complete soon to lock Barnhill in for Spring work. Public Works Director is collaborating with the County on community needs and is working on obtaining drainage maps to gain a better understanding that will be complementary to the storm water project. The Floodgates repair still awaits an environmental review. That the contractors were still collaborating with SHPO with the museum and Fire Marshall for the Senior Center, concerning water pressure and sprinklers. No questions.

XI. Attorney Report

- 1) Mitigation Program: Attorney Jones explained the content of the Cooperative agreement. She said the State will give the Town the money for the purchase of properties and the Town will be responsible and take ownership. She stated that the agreement seems to be excellent for the citizens. Board approved agreement (4-0)

XII. Old Business

- 1) 2020 Princeville Homecoming: Town Manager said as we prepare for the 2020 Homecoming, she would like to gain the support of the Board and have plans filtered through the planning committee as initially requested by the Board. She stated filtering to the planning committee will allow them to thoroughly assess updates and subsequently offer the Board recommendations towards making informed decisions. Commissioner Alvin Jones agreed that a proper procedure should have been in place before any decisions were made. He stated that decisions could not be made through emails. Attorney Jones said that she needs to see insurance policies, enrollment process, waivers and permits to make sure the Town is protected. Commissioner Alvin Jones made a motion that everything involving the Homecoming should go

through the planning board. Seconded by Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick. Motion carried 4-0.

2) Senior Center Program updates approved by Board (4-0)

- a) Job description: Town Manager shared an updated job description. Commissioner Myrick asked was the Director consulted. Town Manager shared that she used some of the content of the three job descriptions that the Director shared. The Mayor asked was it still a contract position. Town manager said yes and part time hours. Commissioner Myrick asked who did the position report to. Mayor answered, the Board. Town Manager added that the position seems to have reported to previous administrators because updates were provided to the Board from previous administrators and questions were asked of previous administrators about the program. The update would request that this position report to the Town Manager. No further questions asked. Board approved (4-0).
- b) policies guidelines (no questions)
- c) Transportation waiver (no questions)

XIII. New Business

- 1) Conflict of Interest Policy adopted (4-0)
- 2) Proclamation Policy adopted (4-0)
- 3) Resolution Policy adopted (4-0)
- 4) Alcohol Beverage Commission Resolution adopted (4-0)
- 5) US Census Boundary Validation Program Form validated and signed by Mayor

XIV: Executive Session: Voted (4-0)

- N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of the Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- 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.

- (1) Land acquisition and recovery projects: Board heard all updates with no further questions. The Board would like to move forth with the current sales offer agreements while allowing the Broker to continue negotiating the other parcels. The Board also approved 4-0 for the Town to gain control of all recovery projects and agreements independent of the County.
- (2) Personnel: The Board agreed upon an offer for Attorney Jones renewed 2-year contract (3-1 Commissioner Myrick opposed)

XV: Board Comments (no comments)

XVI: Adjournment Commissioner Alvin Jones motioned, and Commissioner Joyner second adjourn at 11:50pm. Motion carried (4-0)

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Bobbie Jones
Mayor

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Natasha Barrett
Town Clerk

