



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
April 17, 2023, 7:00PM

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

Staff: Town Manager Glenda Knight, Attorney King

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (Silence Cell phones please. State the date for recording purposes)** Mayor Jones
- II. Invocation** by Commissioner Linda Joyner
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** N/A
- IV. Public Hearing:** Commissioner Joyner motioned to open the PH, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, motioned carried 4-0
 - A. CDBGNR** (\$625,000 for two residential replacements). Terrance Horne (Regional Planner for UCP) shared updates for replacements of the homes and stated that this was the second PH in accordance with NC Commerce requirements. No PH comments. Commissioner Joyner voted to approve the CDBGNR grant, seconded by Commissioner Bullock. Motion carried 4-0. Closed PH by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Joyner. The vote was carried 4-0.
 - B. ETJ (Stewart, Inc).** Motion to open by Commissioner Joyner and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, voted carried 4-0.
 - Andrea Radford presented over the PowerPoint presentation capturing the area of interest for the ETJ, showing the areas of interest on the mapping.
 - Mayor added (using the powerpoint mapping as a guide) that the request is to extend the ETJ beyond it's one-mile corporate city limits currently to an additional mile given the Town's investment in the 53 & 88 acres.
 - Billy Trevathan (Shiloh Farm Road): He noted that the map didn't make too much sense. But wanted clarity on the ETJ being extended before or after Shiloh Farm Road. Mayor elaborated that the ETJ would only be extended because of the purchase of the 88 acres. Living in residence for 63 years, history is good, but history is behind us so the future needs to be the focus. Like the vision but want to see the Town get to it. See houses that have not been fixed in town and that needs to be the focused opposed to expanding. Take care of your home first before running off to get additional property. The people before this board had not done too much so keep your eye on the future because there is much to be done. Let the people know what's going on. Love to see some sewage on Shiloh Farm Road.
 - Terry Williams: HWY 11. Why the Town want to add us to the planning area, why would she want to be in it to look at all the abandoned houses which impacts neighbors. They are constant reminders of the flood. Drove from the beach to attend the meeting the last time and it was not rescheduled. That was unorganized and inconsiderate. Do the houses in Princeville meet a standard. When Princeville cleans up what they have, then they can get more.

Clean up what you have, and people might want to live here. I have heard nothing but negativity of how finance and other matters were handled since I've known about Princeville. I don't want to be part of anything like this.

- Levon Braswell: Get the money but see no progress. We hear a whole lot but see nothing. Been here over 65 years and it's been Princeville just like it is, when a change going to come? The meeting was supposed to be for the public in Princeville, but you shut us out. We see the darkness, when are we going to see the light?
- Evelyn Stokes: 350 Ridgewood Road, like the rest of the comments, I want to see progression on the inside before you try to bring us in. What do you have to offer? Right now, I don't see nothing that makes me want to be apart of Princeville.
- Close PH motioned by Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, motion carried 4-0. Vote to approve the ETJ expansion by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Jones, voted carried 4-0.

V. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes. Read by Clerk) N/A

VI. Announcement

- 1) Carolina Health Center is offering weekly recovery meetings from four dimensions: Health, Home, Purpose, and Community at the Senior Center from 6pm-8pm.
- 2) Monthly bingo games start the end of March, the last Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Senior Center. \$1 for the first card and .50 for every additional card.
- 3) Aging conference June 15 at ECC. Mayor stated that he was thankful to see all the Seniors present this evening. He called on Ms. Tate to highlight the Seniors. Ms. Tate shared that next month, will be one year of operation. She shared how enjoyable the Senior Center is for the Seniors and being a part of history after the Town just celebrated 138th. She also encouraged any citizens 55 and older to please come and participate. Lastly, she recognized all the Senior presents.
- 4) Princeville Youth Academy is accepting applications and the purpose is to secure activities for the youth by partnering with organizations such as CTNC, ECU Corps, UNCG, Conetoe Family Life Center, etc.

VII. Adjustment to Agenda ARP under old business (number 2). Motioned by Commissioner Joyner, Seconded by Commissioner Bullock. Voted Carried 4-0.

VIII. Approval of the Agenda Motioned by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Myrick. Voted carried 4-0.

- 1) **Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Jones voted for approval, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, Passed 4-0.

IX. Presentations (Limited 5-10 minutes. Ask presenters to speak from podium).

- 1) Town Manager: Presented appreciation plaques to the Public Works lead's wife in his absence and to the Senior Center Director, Ms. Tate. She highlighted both of their commitment and team spirit. She also read from the plaque to the audience. The Senior Center participant (Ms. Powell) also presented to Ms. Tate a token of appreciation.
 - The mayor asked for a five-minute recess for refreshments.
- 2) NC State (Dr Leslie & Fox): provided updates on the tree installation and future tour of the high-risk areas with Commissioners Myrick and Bullock. Town Hall, Church/Walston and Beasley and Walston are the three locations for stormwater management tree installations. Commissioner Joyner motioned to approve the Tree planting and stormwater project proposal, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, voted carried 4-0.
- 3) Auditor (Shannon Dennison): Presented the 2020 audit results. Ms. Dennison went through all outcomes and started by sharing that there was no difficulty getting the information requested but the timeliness of this audit is also

contingent upon the lack of timeliness with past audits. She captured various pages to highlight outcomes. Allowed for Q&A from the Board. Commissioner Joyner inquired about spending of funds not in the budget. Ms. Dennison stated that all expenses must be budgeted. The example that she gave is that if the Town receives a grant, a budget amendment must be made. She noted that budget amendments are necessary and can happen monthly. A recommendation is to number the budget amendments as they are created and approved. Mayor inquired about Ms. Dennison disclosure of numbers needing to be positive. She replied that each of the numbers of general government showed an overspent by \$124,640. So, each of those lines would need to be positive. Each Board member was provided a copy of the results.

X. Department Reports (See attachments)

- 1) Finance: Extension for the 2 million revolving loan with NCORR included.
- 2) Public Works: Discussed Heritage Park and trying to remove items for rental.
- 3) Grants Compliance Coordinator: no questions
- 4) Senior Center: no questions
- 5) Edgecombe County Sheriff Office: Ensuring that the deputies are patrolling the community.
- 6) Princeville Volunteer Fire Department: No questions.
- 7) School Service (Education): Commissioner Myrick inquired about Victor's report. TM confirmed that the report was produced by the LCSW/LCAS, Victor Jones. Commissioner Joyner added that it is written in the 3rd person.

XI. Town Managers Report:

1. Farmer's Market (RFQ). The Town Manager explained that Wooten & Associates produced the RFQ, and it will remain live until 5/2.
2. USACE: TM shared correspondence from ACE in that leadership had shifted again and hopefully they will have an updated report in the upcoming weeks. She will reengage them in May.
3. American Alarm System: Via correspondence, the TM informed the Board as an FYI that AAS had joined business partnership with Affiliated Monitoring to be their new service provider.
4. Commonwealth agreement: The Board approved the Commonwealth agreement. The TM shared that the Town's atty had reviewed and extended his seal of approval. She explained to the Board that this SOW is at the request of FEMA and SHPO. She also stated that the Town would be reimbursed for the services provided by Commonwealth reps and that they are local right in Tarboro. Commissioner Joyner voted to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones, voted carried 4-0.
5. 88 Acres (RFP): The TM shared the RFP with the Board and shared that OSBM developed the document and will work with the Town during the selection process. She explained that the funds obligated for this project are likely to have increased drastically and this will be an issue to be addressed during the procurement process with those interested in this project and or selected. She shared that a selection recommendation will likely be before the council in May.

XII. Attorney Report

- 1) Atty King shared with the Board that he would have all updates from Atty Parker's office by the next Board meeting in May.

XIII. Old Business:

- 1) 138th Founders celebration: Town Manager shared with the Board that all financial obligations had been met including the intimacy owner paying out her debt. She also shared that she neglected to deduct the custodian coverage with ECC (\$325) and thereafter, the surplus would be \$6,487.06.

- 2) ARP: The Board discussed the remaining of the funds. The mayor suggested waiting for any adjustments until the Town assesses how much expense will go into house repair. No objections.

XIV. New Business

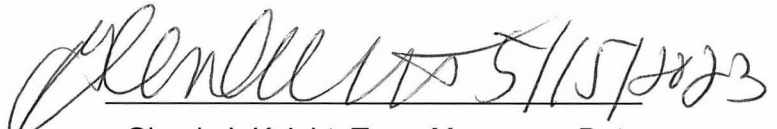
XV. Executive Session: Mayor Pro Tem Jones motioned for approval, seconded by Commissioner Myrick. vote carried 3-0.

- 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.
- 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
 - 1) Economic Development: Atty King shared that he would have updates for all subject matters in May. The Board would have a Special Call meeting to review the housing repair applications after more information is sought by the office.
 - 2) Personnel: The TM shared that the new Clerk would start on the 18th and there will continue to be an ongoing search for a financial officer and public works/facility director.

XV. Board Comments: N/A

XVI. Adjournment Motioned by Commissioner Joyner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Jones, motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

 05/15/23
Bobbie Jones, Mayor Date

 5/15/23
Glenda L Knight, Town Manager Date