

**TOWN MANAGER**  
Ken Deal

**TOWN CLERK**  
Amanda Eller

**TOWN ATTORNEY**  
Tom Brooke



**MAYOR**  
Don Bringle

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Brandon Linn  
Charles Seaford  
Steve Stroud  
Mike Upright  
Lee Withers

**TOWN OF CHINA GROVE**  
**A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall**  
**China Grove, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the regular meeting of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to order and called roll. All council members were present. There was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor Bringle led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda with an addition under New Business II) Financial Budget Review. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I) Centralina Career Headlight**

Mr. Charles Seaford introduced Mr. Mike Manus from CCOG as a representative to answer any questions that the Council may have. Mr. Seaford stated that the Centralina Career Headlight is an online tool developed by CCOG to help people find a career path. He stated that an account needs to be created to match interests. He reviewed how the site works by way of demonstration of the website. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Manus said that the site is not a job listing website but it is linked to the websites with job links. He stated that they have matched curriculum trainings to industry clusters of occupations/classifications for the county region, which is searchable on a county level. This tool can be used by students, or even adults, as a counseling step to help them learn their interests, skills and aptitudes for finding career paths that one may find at a job link center or site yet on a user-friendly platform. He believes this is a great asset for the economic strategy. Mr. Manus thanked the Council for allowing them to present.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Manus and Mr. Seaford for their presentation.

## II) Financial Budget Review

Mr. Rick Sherrill introduced his son, a Boy Scout who is here to earn a merit badge.

Mr. Sherrill stated that Mrs. Bopp has done a great job working on the budget and doing her job. He mentioned the growth that has taken place, being under budget which makes the LGC happy. He stated that the amendments look great as well and believes that the Town is where they should be and should continue to pay attention to the budget and not overspend. He reminded the Council to make amendments and find the money before making purchases.

Mayor Bringle agreed that this is definitely an improved budget.

Mr. Sherrill thanked Mrs. Bopp, Mr. Deal and staff for their timely and correct responses when asked for materials.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mrs. Bopp for her work on the budget.

Mr. Sherrill thanked the Council for working with Sherrill and Smith and hopes to work with them in the future.

Mr. Deal and Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Sherrill as well.

Mayor Bringle requested the Council to review the Financial Summary as well as the departmental reports that have been provided to the Council.

Mayor Bringle stated that he reached out to Dr. Moody, RSSS, concerning the SR parade and schools being allowed an early dismissal. He also spoke with Mayor Furr in Landis and they plan to review with Dr. Moody the importance of the parade for our Towns. He stated that he has also spoken with the organizers of the parade for their assistance in this matter.

Mr. Withers stated that Dr. Grissom had never been notified in prior years until a couple of months before the parade. He agrees with addressing the subject before it becomes an issue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Withers requested to address a PA system in the meeting room.

Mr. Upright stated that he would like to move the meeting time to 6:30.

Mr. Withers stated that the Rotary function ends around 7:00 and would afford more time.

Mayor Bringle stated that he is open to changing the meeting time.

Mr. Deal stated that any time would be suitable for Town staff.

Mr. Upright made a motion to change the current meeting time from 7:00 to 6:30. There was not a second to the motion.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to go into Closed Session. He requested Mr. Mike Zimmerman to stay in the Closed Session.

## **CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matters**

There was no action taken.

Mr. Withers made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **OTHER**

Mr. Stroud stated that he has provided a quote for a PA system to be installed in the Town Council room. He stated that he would install the equipment at cost.

Mr. Brooke believes this shouldn't be much different than the contract with the Town to perform lock business for the Town. He stated that it may be best that the Town pays for the equipment directly to the business.

Mr. Withers made a motion to move forward with the PA system. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Withers made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller**  
Town Clerk

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**Don Bringle**  
Mayor