

**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, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the regular meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to order and called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Linn. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

None.

Mayor Bringle recognized Mrs. Carol Spalding who introduced the newest staff member at RowanWORKS who will be working with the municipalities, Ms. Robin Rhyne.

Ms. Rhyne thanked the Council for allowing her to introduce herself. She reviewed some of the areas that they are working on currently at RowanWORKS. She mentioned that at some time the Town may have expressed interest in a touchscreen system at Town Hall and stated that she would follow up at a later time.

Mayor Bringle thanked them for coming to the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- I) Approve the Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for Sale of City Property – Tax Map and Parcel 103 02501

Mr. Deal stated that the Town has made been made an offer for the purchase of property on Centerview at tax value. He stated that the resolution will begin the upset bid process.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for Sale of City Property – Tax Map and Parcel 103 02501. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- II) Rezoning Request 2015-Z-01 RM &RT to HB Tax Map & Parcel 103 02502 and 103 02501

Mr. Franklin Gover reviewed the Staff Report from the Planning Board meeting. He reviewed the action needed by the Town Council to approve the rezoning and stated that the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the rezoning.

Mr. Upright asked if NCDOT is okay with the turning lane.

Mr. Gover stated that he has not heard specifics concerning turn lanes. Entrance will be off Centerview and Ketchie.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing for public comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to approve recommended statements of consistency. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to approve the request to zone Rowan County Tax Parcels 103 02502 and 103 02501 from Mixed Residential and Town Residential to Highway Business. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Bringle stated that many people are very upset with the construction still on-going with the railroad at Centerview Street. He stated that the Council is upset as well, that the road is still closed after four months of construction. He stated that they have been given excuses concerning the construction and the two months given for construction has passed and doesn't see construction workers at Centerview working. He stated that the project is two-months overdue

and understands that it will again be closing to install the new tracks. He stated that Farmers Day is coming up with roughly 25,000 visitors to Town and the road will need to be opened.

NCDOT representatives, Kelly Seitz, resident engineer, and Richard Haff, project engineer, were present to give an update. Mr. Seitz stated that the plans have had to be revised to accommodate sewer lines; they have had rain to work around; and, also work along Harris Street that has caused revisions to the plan to be made so that the contractor can begin. He stated that work has stopped until the plan revision can be accomplished. He stated that the contractor is still working at other locations throughout the job and NCDOT has concerns with Blythe Development accomplishing the job within the time frame. He stated that he wished that they were the appropriate people to be able to fix this issue.

Mayor Bringle stated that he believes it is common sense that the rail could still be laid during this time so that there wouldn't be additional closings. He said that the entire community is affected by this closure. He asked who they can contact.

Mr. Seitz stated that Matthew Simmons would be a contact to start with at NCDOT Railroad Division. He stated that much is out of his hands and will help with any safety issues that he can.

Mayor Bringle thanked them for their time.

Mr. Deal stated that Mr. Seitz and Mr. Haff have been very helpful and appreciates them always working with them.

Mr. Seitz stated that there is a call-in number that they can call-in to hear the next week's update for construction.

Mr. Withers stated that at the last budget meeting, he requested exploring beautification downtown. He requested to move forward to obtain estimates for a plan downtown to consider for next budget.

Mr. Withers stated that there was a water leak on Hillside Drive where SRU placed a cone in the street. He stated that he would like to have this leak fixed.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Jason Wilson for being at the meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Bringle set the next budget meeting for May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:30pm.

Mayor Bringle read a letter inviting the Council to the FFA banquet on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller**  
**Town Clerk**

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**Don Bringle**  
**Mayor**