

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

**Tuesday, February 3, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of February 3, 2009 to order. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on February 3, 2009. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Bivens made a motion to adopt the minutes for the regular meeting of the Town Council on January 6, 2009 with a correction to page 3, last paragraph to remove the word “not” as Mr. Welter requested. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

PRESENTATION

D) “CONNECT”

Ms. Rebecca Yarborough thanked the Town Council for allowing her the opportunity to be present. She presented a slideshow with information pertaining to the “CONNECT” regional vision and action agenda. She thanked Mr. Welter for being the delegate for this committee and his participation. Ms. Yarborough represents the Centralina Council of Governments. She stated that the Greater Charlotte Bi-State Region has worked together to see what each community wants and needs for their region and presented the six core values that they have created through their

consensus on regional interests and issues. She stated that the next step is for local governments to adopt the CONNECT resolution.

Mayor Bringle thanked Ms. Yarborough and asked if there were any questions for her. There were no questions or comments.

II) Resolution to Adopt/Endorse/Support the CONNECT Regional Vision and Action Agenda

Mr. Welter made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Adopt/Endorse/Support the CONNECT Regional Vision and Action Agenda. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Welter accepted the opportunity to serve as liaison for this cooperation.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Proposed Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance

Ms. Emily Jackson presented information pertaining to the proposed amendment to the UDO. She clarified the use for the changes. She stated that the Planning Board recommended approval.

Mr. Welter asked if this covers commercial signs.

Ms. Jackson stated that it does not, it only covers civic uses.

Mr. Welter asked if this will grandfather signs.

Ms. Jackson stated that it will not.

Mr. Lyseski asked the recommendation of Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson made the recommendation to approve.

Mr. Overcash made a recommendation to approve the proposed amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Declaration of Items as Surplus

Chief Coffield requested that the Town Council declare the items listed as surplus items so that they may be sold on GovDeals. He stated that the vehicles have been stripped and the striping has been removed and are ready to be sold.

Mr. Bivens made a motion to declare surplus of the listed items. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III) Fire Truck Bids

Chief Gledhill stated that they have received two bids for the purchase of a fire truck.

Mayor Bringle stated that over the last five years, the Town has reserved monies for the purchase of a fire apparatus. He stated that they have accumulated close to all of the funds needed to purchase the equipment.

Mr. Pless stated that the Capital Outlay project was extended by one year to include one more payment to the fund but it is available to purchase at this time.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Town had purchased a fire truck in the past that was not equipped and it ended up being more costly. He asked if this fire truck will be equipped.

Chief Gledhill stated that the truck will be mostly equipped, but there would be more items that are needed but should not exceed \$7,000.

Mayor Bringle stated that he was surprised that there were not more companies interested in bidding on this project.

Chief Gledhill stated that the bid was advertised in the newspaper and these two companies were the only two that placed a bid.

Mr. Pless stated that the Town could make the option to carry this over and allow one more payment into the fund for the purchase of the truck.

Mr. Lyseski stated that he has been working on this for over nine months and there have been several companies that were not interested in placing a bid.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to proceed with the process to purchase a fire truck from Freedom Fire Equipment, Inc with a purchase price of \$179,250. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

I) Carpeting at Town Hall and Police Department

Mr. Ketner presented information pertaining to the bid amounts that he has received for the replacement of the carpeting at Town Hall and the Police Department. He stated that he has checked references for Sam Miller and

makes the recommendation to award the bid to Sam Miller in the amount of \$7321.25.

Mr. Welter stated that there is carpet at the Police Department that will be replaced with tile in the high traffic area.

Mayor Bringle stated that there are trip hazards for the public and employees.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the low bid from Sam Miller in the amount of \$7321.25 for the replacement of the carpet at the Town Hall and Police Department. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Resolution in Opposition of the Expansion of the Rail Corridor along the North Carolina Railroad in China Grove, NC

Mr. Pless stated that it is his understanding that some of the state representation has worked to oppose the Rail Corridor. He stated that there has been some positive news in meeting opposition and if the town chooses to approve this resolution, it will certainly make the state delegation aware of the opposition.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adopt the Resolution in Opposition of the Expansion of the Rail Corridor along the North Carolina Railroad in China Grove, NC. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle stated that Mr. Corriher made a request concerning the asphalt behind the community building.

Mr. Ketner stated that it has not been blocked off but he will see that it is done.

Mayor Bringle stated that there was a request from the JROTC at SRHS on the agenda last month and would like to see that the money is utilized.

Mr. Withers made a motion to apply the \$400 budgeted to the JROTC at SRHS and JCHS (\$400 each). Mr. Welter seconded the motion.

Mr. Lyseski asked what was provided to the school last year.

Mrs. Bopp stated that \$1400 has given in total last year.

Mr. Pless stated that a budget amendment can be done if needed.

Mr. Lyseski stated that Carson is not on their way to the International Competition and feels it is warranted to be given to SRHS.

Mr. Kluttz stated that JCHS is combined with SRHS. He stated that to his best understanding, they are all participating together as a complete battalion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to give SRHS/JCHS \$1000 towards their International Competition. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle made a challenge to the Town of Landis for them to do the same for the JROTC competition.

Mayor Bringle stated that the flags need to be lowered to half mast due to the death of Commissioner Long as declared.

Mayor Bringle recognized Mr. Carl Ford who was present in the audience.

ADJOURN

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor