

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of March 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 March 3, 2009. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Minutes from the February 3, 2009 regular meeting will be on the agenda for April 2009.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Coltrain, Rowan County Commissioner, for being present.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

PRESENTATION

I) Rowan Express

Mr. Phil Conrad gave a presentation to the Council pertaining to the Rowan Express bus service. He stated that this will serve as a linking service between Salisbury and Kannapolis. He presented a brochure that will be available for users of the system that includes the schedule of the routes. The official launch for the Rowan Express is for April 6, 2009 at 8:30 am at South Rowan Library. He stated that there will be three bus stops in southern Rowan County.

Mr. Welter stated that he believes this will be beneficial to him and his family. He stated that he would like to have some posters to put in the windows of his stores of hotel for people to be able to see the information.

Mr. Conrad stated to Mr. Welter that if he has a recommendation on sizes of the posters, they will be working on posters and would like to have those recommendations.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Conrad to clarify the transfer and bus fees.

Mr. Conrad stated that they will need to ask for a transfer before they get off the bus, but there is no fee to transfer the riders to the VA Hospital. He stated that they will pay their \$1.00 fee and they will need to take their transfer with them. He stated that they will pay the \$1.00 fee to return back to their destination.

Mayor Bringle stated that they are excited about this service. He thanked Mr. Conrad.

Mr. Conrad thanked the Town and the County for their financial support. He stated that the buses are ADA accessible.

Mr. Kluttz asked if signage will be posted at the bus stops to include the schedules.

Mayor Bringle stated that there would be.

NEW BUSINESS

D) Preliminary Conditional Use Permit – Northend Plaza

Mrs. Eller swore in Ms. Emily Jackson and Mr. Bill Cone.

Ms. Emily Jackson presented information pertaining to the Town Council concerning the Conditional Use Permit for the Northend Plaza. She stated that the only change will be to add a drive-thru window on the rear of the building. She presented Staff Recommended Findings of Fact. She stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of the conditional use permit by a six to one vote. A map was presented showing the property and the site plan showing where the tenant space and window location would be. She stated that she has been contact by one person and answered those questions. All proper notifications have been made.

Mayor Bringle asked if there would be any problems at this location concerning congestion.

Ms. Jackson stated that conditions could be added.

Mr. Welter stated that he believes there will be congestion problems because there is not enough space and parking.

Ms. Jackson stated that the condition may be made that the building will remain as a pharmacy.

Mayor Bringle asked if the window can be used as pick-up only.

Ms. Jackson stated that as long as the applicant agrees to it, any condition may be made.

Mr. Welter asked if there is room to allow more parking at a later date.

Ms. Jackson stated that there is a large slope and there is no room for parking behind the building.

Mr. Cone stated that he is present to represent the owner. He stated that they realized that there was little room behind the building. He stated that instead of putting a projection alongside the building, they are installing the window on the backside of the building in the same wall structure of the building. He stated that the curb has been moved in as well. He stated that this will allow room for someone to position their vehicle and allow someone else around them.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Cone.

Mr. Withers made a motion to accept the evidence as presented by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve Findings of Fact. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to approve the conditional use permit with the condition that the building be used as a pharmacy, pick up window only. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Solid Waste Contract

Mr. Pless stated that a three year contract was signed in 2006 and per the contract the Town has to give ninety days to notify Waste Management of whether they wish to continue services with them. He stated that if the Town does not notify them, the contract will automatically renew.

Mr. Welter asked if a surcharge on fuel is still being charged.

Mr. Pless stated that the fuel surcharge has been removed.

Mayor Bringle stated that WM has done a good job. He stated that he understands that things do happen where they get behind. He stated that the compaction contamination that the truck leaves behind is less than preferred but believes it is something that can't be controlled.

Mr. Overcash stated that he believes that the citizens should be given the opportunity to recycle. He stated that there needs to be a center or pickup provided.

Mayor Bringle stated that Mr. Pless has given the council direction. He stated that the CPI is fairly low at this point. He stated that a recycling addendum can be considered.

Mr. Welter made a motion to continue the services of Waste Management for the Fiscal Year 09-10 and taking the same consideration next year. Mr. Bivens asked if the motion includes an addendum for recycling. Mr. Welter stated that he would like for them to look at the costs of recycling but not to hold up the contract process. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

D) Stimulus Funding

Mr. Pless stated that funding is available with the new administration for "shovel ready" projects. He stated that a resolution has been provided to appoint himself as the Authorized Official on behalf of the Town of China Grove for the Bostian and Chapel Street – Water Main Improvements project.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to approve the Resolution by Governing Body Applicant, allowing Mr. Pless to act as Authorized Official for the Town of China Grove. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Town of China Grove no longer accepts Duke Energy payments. He stated that there are two locations within the town that accept payments.

Mayor Bringle received a notification from NCDOT concerning the traffic light at Carson High School stating that they do not support the action at this time.

Mayor Bringle stated that the CDBG has been closed out.

Mayor Bringle thanked the staff and Mr. Ketner for maintaining the streets after the snowstorm.

Mr. Welter stated that Mr. Alan Goodman cleared the sidewalks down Main Street with his bobcat.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Goodman for his efforts to help clean the town from the snowstorm as well.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor