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TOWN COUNCIL
Brandon Linn
Ron Overcash
Charles Seaford
Mike Upright
Lee Withers

MINUTES
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, September 6, 2011
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Withers called the meeting of September 6, 2011 to order. Mayor Bringle was excused from the meeting. Mr. Withers called roll. All council members were present. There was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on September 6, 2011. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of the Town Council on August 2, 2011. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- I) Resolution Authorizing Rowan County Planning Department to Submit Boundary Challenge on Behalf of China Grove

Mr. Deal stated that we received our Census totals and believes the numbers are incorrect. He stated that Rowan County believes that there is a possibility that a previous annexation was not reported. He stated that the County will appeal the Census on our behalf upon approving this resolution.

Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Rowan County Planning Department to Submit Boundary Challenge on Behalf of China Grove. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Request to Change Speed Limit

Mr. Deal stated that the intersection at Church Street and Main Street needs to be marked as 35 mph. He stated that removing the 45 mph sign will make that section safer.

Mr. Deal stated that they also would like to see the south end of Main Street changed to 35 mph as well.

Mr. Linn made a motion to change the speed limit on Church Street and Lentz Road to 35 mph. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Linn made a motion to change the speed limit on south Main Street to 35 mph. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Upright and Mr. Overcash casting the opposing votes.

Mr. Overcash and Mr. Upright had questions concerning where the change would take place. Mr. Overcash stated that there have been concerned citizens about the change of speed limit on Patterson Street.

III) Motion to Set Public Hearing Date to Amend Town of China Grove Ordinance Chapter 58, Section 11. Penalties for Violation

Chief Kluttz stated that the current fee for parking violation is \$50. He requested that the Council consider this amount. He stated that they are prepared to enforce parking and want to be sure the Council is aware of the amount and ask if they are comfortable with the current fee.

Mr. Deal stated that they have received complaints from business owners about parking downtown.

Chief Kluttz stated that the parking downtown is limited to two hours and other parking violations will be enforced as well.

Mr. Withers stated that he would like to see something in writing that would specify subsequent offenses.

Mr. Upright made a motion to set a Public Hearing date on October 4, 2011 to Amend Town of China Grove Ordinance Chapter 58, Section 11. Penalties for Violation. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

IV) Budget Amendments

Mrs. Bopp reviewed the necessary budget amendments.

Mr. Linn asked Chief Kluttz if he will be using the old equipment in the new vehicle.

Chief Kluttz stated that there will be equipment transferred over, including the radio system.

Mr. Seaford asked if this car will have the old light bar from the previous vehicle.

Chief Kluttz stated that it is an unmarked vehicle and they will use what lights they can from the old vehicle.

Mrs. Bopp stated that the old chipper was salvaged and other pieces of equipment.

Mr. Ketner stated that items have been surplused and salvaged.

Mr. Linn made a motion to approve the purchase of the brush chipper and to purchase the new police cruiser. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Withers asked the next time the advisory boards are scheduled to meet. He stated that he would like to consider abolishing the boards. His recommendation is to give the boards thirty days and at that point, if there has not been activity, the Park Advisory Board and Beautification Committee boards be abolished.

OTHER BUSINESS

9/11 Event Invitation – Mr. Deal invited everyone to attend the memorial event on September 11th downtown. He stated that they have invited dignitaries and the public to attend the event. Mr. Withers encouraged all Council to attend.

Request for Donation from SRHS – Mr. Withers read the request from SRHS band and boosters. He stated that the band at South has dwindled dramatically. Mr. Upright stated

Mr. Overcash made a motion to donate \$250 to the SRHS Band Booster Club. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Linn casting the opposing vote.

Mr. Upright made a motion to go into Closed Session. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – Attorney/Client Matters

There was no action taken.

Mr. Linn made a motion to go out of Closed Session at 7:45pm. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor