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

MINUTES
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 **China Grove Town Hall**
7:00 p.m. **China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of January 3, 2012 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.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on January 3, 2012 with additions under Other Business and Closed Session. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of the Town Council on December 6, 2011. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

I) Urban Archery Ordinance

Mayor Bringle reviewed the Urban Archery Ordinance.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Upright made a motion to approve the Urban Archery Ordinance. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I) China Grove Economic Development Investment Policy

Mr. Robert Van Geons presented the EDC Investment Policy to the Council. He stated that the policy sets principles and guidelines as to what the Town would at minimum include in an arrangement with a new or existing company. The EDIP provides guidelines for the use of grant funds and procedures for grant consideration. He stated that this allows the Council to refuse a company as well. He stated that each product is considered on merit and on a case-by-case basis. He stated that the Council is welcome to change any minimum requirements within this policy as they choose.

Mayor Bringle asked if any other municipalities have similar agreements such as this.

Mr. Withers stated that he has been working with Mr. Van Geons to see what can be done to be sure that China Grove is a front runner in the County. He stated that this gives Mr. Van Geons an idea that he can present to a new company to help initiate growth and partnership.

Mr. Van Geons stated that China Grove would be the only municipality besides Salisbury that has adopted this type plan and policy. He stated that this policy eliminates some of the risk factor for development with China Grove.

Mayor Bringle asked the pleasure of the Council concerning this policy. He thanked Mr. Van Geons for being present.

Mr. Upright stated that he feels as though the Council should look at the parameters for the policy. Council discussed.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to approve the China Grove Economic Development Investment Policy. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chief Kluttz stated that they applied for a grant through the Governors Highway Safety Program for a traffic trailer. He stated that they have received the trailer through the grant program and will take this trailer to scenes when needed. He stated that the trailer is fully funded by NCGSHP, around $19,000. He stated that they are proud to have received the grant as the officers were the ones to write the grant.

Mayor Bringle thanked staff for their work towards receiving this grant.

Mr. Upright asked for an update on the Fire Department.

Mr. Deal updated the Council. He stated that the construction is moving slowly but surely; however they are still behind.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

I) Appoint COG Delegate and Alternate

Mr. Linn made a motion to appoint Mr. Seaford as the COG Delegate. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to appoint Mr. Stroud as the COG Alternate. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Appoint MPO TAC and TCC Representatives

Mr. Seaford made a motion to appoint Mr. Deal as the TCC representative, Mr. Withers as the TAC representative and Mr. Upright as the alternate. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III) Reappointment of Planning Board Members

Mr. Withers made a motion to reappoint James Basinger, Demian Stewart, Harry Corriher and Linda Williams to the Planning Board. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle asked the Town Clerk to notify these members that their appointments have been approved.

Mayor Bringle asked that the remaining positions be advertised in the Salisbury Post that applications are being accepted for the remaining two positions.

Mr. Linn thanked the Town for the flowers that were sent to him and his family while his baby was in intensive care.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Upright made a motion to go into Closed Session for Personnel Matters and Attorney-Client Matters. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing at 7:45.

There was no action.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing at 8:19

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

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk	**Donald E. Bringle, Mayor**