TOWN MANAGER
Ken Deal

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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, February 7, 2012 **China Grove Town Hall**
7:00 p.m. **China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of February 7, 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. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on February 7, 2012 with additions under Old Business. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of the Town Council on January 3, 2011. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tony Barclay – 739 Fly Fisher Drive, Salisbury, 502 Harris Street (Landlord)

Mr. Barclay stated that he is a landlord at 502 Harris Street. He stated that he had tenants that had moved out at this location and the grass had grown high. He read a document to the Council to clarify his defense as to when the grass had been mowed. He stated that he had been in contact with the Town Manager. He stated that he doesn't approve of the way he was spoken to. He provided information to the Council. He thanked the Council for letting him speak.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Barclay and told him that his comments would be taken into advisory.

Mayor Bringle recognized Mrs. Kelly Withers as Regional Principal of the Year and congratulated her on the achievement.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Set Public Hearing for Zoning Case 2001-A-02

Mr. Goodall stated that the Council would need to set the date for the public hearing to be held at the March meeting for the rezoning of the Altec property.

Mr. Withers made a motion to set the public hearing for March. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Local Water Supply Plan Resolution

Mr. Deal stated that this resolution needs to be approved and submitted to the state. He stated that this will be the last time this resolution will need to be passed since it has now been taken over by SRU.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to approve the Local Water Supply Plan Resolution. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Proclamation

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Proclamation. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

IV) Black History Month Proclamation

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the Black History Month Proclamation. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle requested the Council approve the form of a consent agenda for these type items.

Reverend Jordan spoke to the Council. He stated that he is here to ask the Council to consider a street to be named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He thanked the Council for letting him speak.

Mayor Bringle stated that no new streets have been generated. He stated that changing a street name would affect the homeowners of the street; however, the Council will take into consideration if any new streets are made in Town.

OLD BUSINESS

I) Fire Department/Town Hall Update

Mr. Bill Ashlin was present to provide an update to the Council. He stated that the project is under Phase I and the Town Hall renovation is Phase II. He stated that construction has accelerated over the past month. He stated that they are scheduled to complete by contract April 25th; however, they have provided a new completion date of May 25th due to weather restraints.

He stated that Phase II will go very rapidly and the construction company has committed

to weekend hours to finish the project timely.

Mayor Bringle stated that he has been receiving updates weekly or more frequently. He stated that he is pleased to receive this information to stay in tune with the project. He stated that the building looks very nice. He stated that a change order will be coming to the Council concerning a change from asphalt to concrete in the parking/driving areas.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Ashlin for being present at the meeting and for his updates to the Council.

II) Town Council Retreat

Mr. Deal stated that the Retreat will be held February 18th, 2012 at 8:30 at Town Hall. He stated that they will be meeting at Jimmy's for breakfast at 7:30. He stated that an agenda will be provided to the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

I) Carolina Thread Trail

Mr. Deal reviewed the information provided in the Council packets concerning the Carolina Thread Trail. He stated that approval of the Resolution of Support is being requested by the Town Council.

Mr. Withers stated that our County Commissioners have taken a stance against this project within the County.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the Carolina Thread Trail Resolution. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Appointment of Committee and Advisory Board Members

Mayor Bringle stated that there are currently openings for several committees and advisory boards.

Mr. Withers made a motion to appoint Mr. Reese Helms to the Park Advisory Board for a three year term. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to reappoint Mr. Charles Seaford, Mr. Jim Soloman, Mr. Butch Bivens, Ms. Brie Bivens for a three year term. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to appoint Mr. Rodney Phillips and Mr. Butch Bivens to the Planning Board for a three year term. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to reappoint Mr. Clyde Richards to the Planning Board for a three year term. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

Mr. Linn made a motion to appoint Mr. Butch Bivens as the alternate member to the ZBA for a three year term. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Linn made a motion to reappoint Mr. Rodney Phillips, Ms. Brie Bivens, Mr. Arthur Heggins, Mr. Harry Rogers and Mr. Charles Corriher to the ZBA for a three year term. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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