**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, March 6, 2012** **China Grove Town Hall**
**7:00 p.m.** **China Grove, North Carolina**

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of March 6, 2012 to order and called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Stroud. 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 March 6, 2012 with addition under New Business I) Severe Weather Awareness Week Resolution and Other Business II) JROTC Support III) Carson Cultural Arts Dept. Support. 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 February 7, 2011. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle welcomed Mr. Mike Gaskey and Mr. Gene Miller who are candidates for Rowan County Commissioners.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

Mr. Barclay stated that he came to the meeting last month with eye witness statements that the Town of China Grove did not mow his lawn. He stated that he was told that someone who be in contact with him. He stated that he received a lien on his property but no other documents or bills. He stated that he has been disregarded and believes that the Town will do whatever they please and that there is nothing that the citizens can do about it and also that the Town thinks it is acceptable to spend the Town's tax money to pay someone to mow yards.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Barclay.

**PUBLIC HEARING -** Public Hearing for Zoning Case 2001-A-02 Altec Industries

Mr. Andy Goodall presented the zoning case for Altec properties. He stated that the property is not zoned at this time and they recommend zoning the property to Light Industrial.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing for comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Linn made a motion that the request is consistent with adopted Town Plans and Policies and the surrounding area. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to approve to zone Rowan County Tax Parcel 117 079 to Light Industrial. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

I) Severe Weather Awareness Week Resolution

Chief Gledhill presented the resolution to the Town Council.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the Severe Weather Awareness Week Resolution. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

I) South Rowan Alumni Association Golf Tournament

Mayor Bringle asked if the Town Council would be interested in supporting the Tournament.

Mr. Withers made a motion to sponsor the event at a $100 level and each golfer to pay his own entry fee. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) JROTC Support

Mr. Seaford made a motion to make a donation of $400 to the JROTC. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III) Carson Cultural Arts Department Support

Mr. made Linn a motion to award the Carson Cultural Arts Department with a $100 donation. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Deal stated that the goal for completion at the Fire Department for May 25, 2012. He stated that they are working diligently and have poured the concrete for the entrance to the bays and will be working on the sidewalks and parking lot this week. He stated that the Fire Department will move their vehicles from the current bays once the concrete cures and conduit for the parking lot installed.

Mr. Upright asked if we have received a second bid for the electrical work needed downtown.

Mr. Deal stated that they are working to obtain that second bid.

Mayor Bringle thanked staff and those present for the meeting with NCDOT Railroad division and NCRR concerning the railroad widening project. He stated that the new plan will not affect as many parcels as previously planned. He stated that they have listened to the requests of the Town and are working to decrease the time needed for street closings. He stated that the project must be completed by 2017 and will begin construction in 2013.

Mr. Withers stated that the Planning Board has requested a joint meeting and assigning representatives from the Council to the committees.

Mr. Deal stated that he would like to see a Councilman assigned to attend the Planning Board members.

Mr. Linn stated that he would volunteer to attend the Planning Board meetings.

Mayor Bringle appointed Mr. Linn as the Council liaison to the Planning Board.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Deal to look into a date to have a joint meeting with the Council.

**ADJOURN**

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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