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TOWN COUNCIL
Brandon Linn
Charles Seaford
Steve Stroud
Mike Upright
Lee Withers

MINUTES
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Thursday, September 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Historical Roller Mill
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of September 11, 2012 to order and called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Roller Mill.

Chief Kluttz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

Mr. Withers made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mrs. Doby for allowing the Town to hold their meetings here until our construction project is complete.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Memorandum of Understanding for CONNECTION Consortium Membership

Mayor Bringle stated that Mr. Seaford provided a power point to the Council at the last meeting.

Mr. Seaford stated that Rebecca Yarborough is present to provide more information concerning the COG CONNECT Consortium to the Council.

Ms. Yarborough stated that she is present to answer any questions that the Council may have. She stated that this project is an extension to help communities plan for

population growth. She stated that we are the largest region in the Country that doesn't have a plan at this point.

There were no further questions from the Council.

Mr. Seaford stated that this will be an ongoing process between now and the next two and a half years.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) SRHS Marching Band

Mayor Bringle stated that the request has been presented to the Council.

Mr. Seaford asked how much is requested.

Mrs. Bopp stated that \$250 was given last year. She stated that there is \$800 remaining in the budget for donations.

Mr. Upright stated that he does not oppose giving the same amount in the previous year in the spirit of the community.

Mr. Upright made a motion to submit the donation of \$250 to the South Rowan Raider Booster Club. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion.

Mr. Withers stated that he has concerns in this area. He stated that Mr. Deal stated that he is willing to voice the concerns to the administration. He stated that there are parental and community concerns and would like to see different results. He stated that he would like to support the kids but feel the Town should find a way to help turn the program around. He stated that he would pledge the funds at this time.

Mr. Upright stated that he feels that it is goodwill to the school.

Mr. Seaford stated that we should support the school.

Mr. Withers stated that Mr. Linn confronted the school principal concerning this and would like to see this item tabled.

Mr. Stroud stated that he is under the impression that Landis did not give money to South Rowan. He stated that the Town is not in a position to give money to the community when we are fighting to keep the Town running. He stated that he doesn't feel that the taxpayers of China Grove should support the band.

Mr. Upright called for question.

Mayor Bringle asked those in favor to raise their right hand. The motion was denied with a vote of 2-3 with Mr. Linn, Mr. Withers and Mr. Stroud casting the opposing

votes.

III) Request to change Ordinance

Mr. Deal stated that this change is in reference to the chronic violation of the ordinance concerning nuisances with grass height in town.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the request to change Ordinance Sec. 26-22 - Abatement by Town. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle thanked Town Staff for working with the construction progress and relocating to the new facilities. He asked for an update from Mr. Deal.

Mr. Deal stated that the plumbing is being completed and the framing will begin Thursday.

Mayor Bringle asked if there has been a presence since the previous meeting.

Mr. Deal stated that they have been moving along better than they were before.

Mayor Bringle stated he hopes that the fire department will continue with the pride of the new department.

Mr. Withers asked how the Town will administer the ordinances.

Mr. Deal stated that most will be complaint-based.

Mr. Withers stated that he wants to be sure that all are held accountable under this item.

Mr. Withers stated that he attended the Planning Board meeting and that they worked on the Land Use Plan and felt it was a progressive meeting.

Mr. Upright asked the latest on the Bojangles' property.

Mr. Deal stated that nothing has changed.

Mr. Withers asked about the mill site.

Mr. Deal stated that it should be cleaned up soon.

Mayor Bringle asked about the Christmas Lights.

Mr. Deal stated that a committee has been formed and believes we have a commitment of around 17 lights and they hope to get more.

OTHER BUSINESS

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