

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, October 1, 2013
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of October 1st, 2013 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.

Mayor Bringle led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Bringle recognized members of the 2013 Leadership Rowan Class that were present for a class assignment for “Local Government Day”: Natalie Singleton, Don Coggins, Veleria Levy, Jeannie Sherrill, Tara Trexler, Beth Moore, Brent Safrit and Amanda Eller.

Mayor Bringle recognized Mrs. Elaine Spalding, Rowan County Chamber of Commerce President.

Mrs. Spalding introduced herself to the Town Council and stated how happy she is to be in Rowan County and thanked the Mayor and Council for having them here tonight. She invited the Council to upcoming events with the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Bringle thanked the Leadership Rowan attendees for being present and thanked Mrs. Spalding.

CITIZEN COMMENT

I) Barbara Doby

Mrs. Doby thanked the Mayor and Council. She stated that she is the Town of China Grove historian is very proud of this Town. She stated that First Baptist Church will be 125 years old on October 13th. She offered a prayer to the audience.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Town of China Grove will celebrate its 125th Anniversary in March of 2014. He stated that the House of Representatives has presented the Town of China Grove with a resolution honoring the Anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle thanked staff for their hard and diligent work in collecting the garbage and recycling last week.

Mayor Bringle reminded of the Downtown Merchant Trick-or-Treating event on Halloween, October 31st, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. He thanked the merchants for their participation in this program and the police and fire departments for keeping the Town safe during this time.

Mr. Withers stated that the Southern Rowan Parade will go on this year. He stated that he hopes that the school system will consider an early release for students and asked Mrs. Tara Trexler to please make a recommendation to the new superintendent. He invited everyone to the parade.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bringle requested the Council to make a motion to go into Closed Session for Attorney-Client matters.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to go into Closed Session for Attorney-Client matters at 7:15 pm. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Bringle instructed Mr. Tom Brooke to contact Crash Morrison, Inc. of the default of contract as soon as possible.

Mayor Bringle instructed Mr. Deal to negotiate with North Davidson Garbage Service until the end of December for garbage pickup.

Mr. Seaford made a motion for Mr. Deal to negotiate with North Davidson Garbage Service for garbage pickup in the amount of \$8.50 per house until the end of December 2013. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to negotiate the purchase of 4,000 garbage cans. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright asked about the stated of the Stormwater program.

Mr. Deal stated that the Town is in compliance.

Mr. Stroud asked about the status of the Land Use Plan.

Mr. Linn stated that the Planning Board is very excited about developing the Land Use Plan.

Mr. Upright stated that the plan will need to continue to grow along with a direction to grow.

Mr. Deal stated that the estimate was around \$26,000 for a downtown master plan. He stated that this item is something available for discussion for future budgets or now.

Mr. Deal stated that a representative will discuss this with the Town Planner and him and then take it to the Planning Board.

Mayor Bringle stated that this item is not in the current budget, as well as the amount needed for purchasing the garbage cans. He stated that they need to consider where the funds will come from.

Mr. Withers stated that he has been Councilman for almost seven years and wants to see that this moves forward.

Mr. Deal stated that he agrees that they don't want to waste money but the income from Reserves has been very good.

Mr. Withers made a motion to instruct Mr. Deal to continue to work on the project with CCOG. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Jason Wilson stated that they are waiting for a proposal to replace all 1,800 meters in China Grove. He stated that the goal for change-outs to be completed is before the end of the year. He stated that they will begin soon with the change-outs, which includes ultra-sonic meters that should last at least twenty years. He stated that they have ten meters in Salisbury being compared with a standard meter. He stated that the no lead regulations go into effect January 1st, 2014.

Mayor Bringle asked the status of the water tower repairs.

Mr. Wilson stated that they are almost finished with the repairs.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Wilson for keeping the Town informed.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Deal to set a date for him, Lee and Jason to meet concerning the sewer outfall.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor