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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, November 4, 2013 **China Grove Town Hall**
7:00 p.m. **China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of November 4th, 2013 to order and called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Seaford. 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. Upright made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

CITIZEN COMMENT

I) Barbara Doby

Mrs. Barbara Doby of 805 N Main Street thanked the Council for letting her speak as well as the Public Works Department and Ken Deal for the benches downtown as well as the flower pots that are very inviting. Mrs. Doby offered up prayer for the Council and meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Withers stated that he plans to meet with a committee within two weeks with a report back to the Council at the December meeting concerning the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

OTHER BUSINESS

I) Southern Rowan Christmas Parade Reminder

Mayor Bringle reminded the audience of the parade and asked the Council to meet at 2:00 pm to ride in the parade.

II) Police Department Event – "Movember"

Officer Reese Helms stated that the officers are expected to participate in community events. He stated that they would like to do the event of "No Shave November". He stated that the "Movember Foundation" raises money for men's health world-wide. He stated that the project is to "change the face of men's health". He stated that no department has had a force with full beards. He stated that the event began November 1st and will continue to the end of the month. He stated that they have received great support throughout the community. He stated that at this point, they have raised $95. He stated that the China Grove Police Department has created a Facebook page for ways to share events with the public.

Mayor Bringle thanked Officer Helms. He asked how many officers are available for this project.

Officer Helms stated that they have twelve officers and nine who will be participating. He stated that the female officers will participate by wearing fake beards when they take photos. He stated that men need more encouragement to visit their doctors.

Mr. Upright asked how money is raised.

Officer Helms stated that each officer has a profile on the event site that allows people to donate money directly through the site by credit card. He stated that they will accept cash but it is not preferred due to the time constraints. He stated that they are the only agency participating in this and is encouraged that people are already noticing because it allows them to explain to people for their support.

Mr. Linn stated that he feels it is a great cause and feels it is important for community outreach.

Mr. Upright asked Officer Helms to return to the meeting in December with an update for the Council.

Officer Helms stated that he is working with the community in other ways including Boy Scouts and the Explorer Program. He also stated that they are interested in helping the seniors in China Grove and the Food Bank at Main Street Mission.

Mayor Bringle thanked Officer Helms and extended a special “thank you” to Chief Kluttz for their efforts in the community projects including “Cop on Top” and “Relay for Life”. He stated that Main Street Mission is definitely struggling taking on around twenty three new families each month.

Attorney Tom Brooke stated that 375 families have already signed up for the family Thanksgiving dinner through Main Street Mission…

Mr. Withers stated that the school system is working toward implementing an iPad program. He stated that an issue is with connectivity for these devices and would like to see a pilot program for connectivity in our community for wireless connections in parks and public areas. He stated that he believes having Fibrant & other internet providers in this area would be beneficial for competitive purposes. He believes a pilot program by the Town of China Grove would be something he would like to consider once the new Council is in place. He stated that a committee should be formed.

Mayor Bringle encouraged everyone to vote Tuesday at the Elections. He wished all the best of luck to those running for the seats available.

Mayor Bringle stated that SRU will begin meter change-outs this week.

Mr. Behmer stated that the vendor will begin Tuesday with changing out ten to twenty meters each day over the next couple of days and weeks. He stated that the change-out should be completed by the end of the year. He stated that they will try to not upset the reading period but there will be notification to the customers. He stated that the streamlined reading process should work well once completed. He stated that no businesses will be interrupted.

Mayor Bringle thanked staff for the newsletter and information about leaf collection. He also thanked staff for the new benches downtown.

Mayor Bringle thanked the downtown merchants for their involvement in the Downtown Merchant Trick-or-Treating event. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Bringle stated that Carson High School Band is entering the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. and looking for funding.

Mayor Bringle reminded again of the Southern Rowan Christmas Parade November 26th at 3:00 in Landis and 4:00 in China Grove.

Mr. Deal stated that the Town is looking to provide carriage rides during the holiday season and will be providing information at a later time.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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