

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, April 6th, 2010
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of April 6, 2010 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on April 6, 2010 with addition under Other Business I) Easter Egg Hunt and II) Recognition of Police Officer Walther and III) Appointment to Planning Board. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the March 2, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the February 27, 2010 special meeting minutes. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

I) Rezoning Request for Case #2010-01

Ms. Emily Jackson reviewed the staff report provided to the Town Council. She stated that there is a favorable recommendation for the rezoning request.

Mr. Upright asked how this zoning would affect the property located alongside the parcels.

Ms. Jackson stated that there will be a buffer that is required when developing the land. She stated that if it remains single family residential, there will be opaque buffering required.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Withers made a motion that the amendment is consistent with adopted Town plans and policies. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to approve the rezoning of Rowan County parcels 129 093, 129 144 and a portion of Rowan County parcel 129 044 from Suburban Residential to Highway Business. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Proposed Amendment to UDO

Ms. Emily Jackson reviewed the staff report. She stated that the Planning Board recommended in favor of the proposed amendment.

Mr. Overcash and Mr. Upright asked if it will cause the adjoining homeowner to request buffering and the council would still have to vote on it.

Mr. Withers asked if this is relevant to all churches.

Ms. Jackson stated that the opaque buffering applies only to churches adjacent to single family residential.

Mayor Bringle asked if there will need to be another Public Hearing. He stated that he would like to take it back to the Planning Board and table this item.

Mr. Withers made a motion to table this agenda item for the May meeting. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Schedule Budget Meetings

Mr. Pless asked the council to schedule budget hearings.

- May 6th General Fund 6-9pm
- May 13th Water and Sewer Fund 6-9pm
- May 25th Conclusion 6-9pm

Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the budget hearing schedule. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Fire Department District Letter of Approval

Chief Jeff Gledhill stated that the parcel of land is located within 2.1 miles of the station. He stated that Atwell had to release this property because of ISO reasons. He stated that they have been to this property one time within the last four years.

Mr. Withers asked if this would fall within our fire tax district.

Chief Gledhill stated that it would and it is also within our ETJ.

Mr. Withers made a motion to accept the proposal from the Rowan County Emergency Services to accept the property into the Town of China Grove Fire District. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle recognized Mr. Donnie Raymer Scout Master of Scout Troop 315 of Grace Lutheran Church and his Scouts.

Mayor Bringle recognized the passing of Mrs. Rachel Masagee.

I) Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. Seaford stated that the Town of China Grove had done an Easter Egg Hunt in years; however, it has been a while. He stated that someone at one of the Park Advisory Board meetings asked to hold this event again. He stated that it was a very successful event. He stated that a moving headcount was about 200 people in attendance. He wanted to recognize the Parks and Recreation committee for organizing the event and the sponsors from downtown. He also recognized the sponsors as well: Community One Bank, Corner Books and More, Dixie's, Napa, F&M Bank, Wal-Mart, Little Debbie, "My Gofer" at Kmart, Mane Zone, Sonic, and the Kluttz Family. He thanked the Fire Department and Police Department as well.

Mr. Seaford announced the Singing in the Park event on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 6-9pm at Hannah Park. He stated that they are asking for sponsorships from local businesses. "Piedmont Natural Grass" bluegrass band will be the entertainment.

II) Recognition of Police Officer David Walther

Mayor Bringle recognized Sgt. David Walter has been awarded his Intermediate Certificate from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

III) Planning Board Appointment

Mr. James Basinger has requested to be a member of the Planning Board and has provided an application to the Town Council.

Mr. Pless stated that Mr. Basinger is an engineer and believes, along with Mr. Withers, that he would be best suited on the Planning Board.

Mr. Linn made a motion to accept Mr. Basinger as a member of the Planning Board. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor