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TOWN OF CHINA GROVE
A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, August 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the regular meeting of August 5, 2014 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.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS

D) Zoning Request for 2014-Z-01

Mr. Gover presented a rezoning request for 125 Hardin Drive also known as Rowan County Parcel 129A55A and 129A128 from Highway Business to Suburban Residential. He stated the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the request on June 12, 2014.

The Planning Board recommended the following statements.

Statement of Consistency: “This request is consistent with the Suburban Residential zoning district as defined in the Unified Development Ordinance, and compatible with the surrounding area.”

Statement of Reasonableness: “This request will remove the nonconforming use and ensures the future use of 125 Hardin Drive will remain residential.”

“This request increases compatibility of future land use with the surrounding neighborhood.”

Mayor Bringle opened the public hearing at 7:04.

No comments were made.

Mayor Bringle closed the public hearing.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adopt the Planning Board recommended Statement of Consistency and Statement of Reasonableness. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to approve the request to rezone 125 Hardin Drive also known as Rowan County Tax Parcels 129A55A, 129A148 to Suburban Residential. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Update on Rowan Express

Mr. Conrad gave a presentation on the rising cost of Rowan Express. He stated that the Federal Grant only covers fifty percent of the cost. He stated that riders only pay one dollar and can transfer at each stop and not pay an additional amount. He stated without additional help from municipalities Rowan Express would not be an eligible service in the coming years.

Mr. Price stated a reduction in service could be an option. He stated by cutting out a morning run and a midday run would have no impact to the budgets. He stated without a total of fifteen thousand service would conclude by April 1, 2015.

Multiple questions were asked by the Town Council. No action was taken at the time.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Conrad and Mr. Price for their time.

OTHER BUSINESS

I) Community work day at South Rowan High School

Mr. Withers stated this Saturday South Rowan High School will hold a community work day starting at 8:00 am. He stated that much needed updating a cleaning will be done such as painting, landscaping, mulching. He asked that anyone that could lend a hand was welcome.

II) Update on Board of Trade

Mr. Withers stated the Board of Trade has partnered with Miller Davis, a marketing company out of Salisbury. He stated with their help the Board of Trade has come up with a new logo and are making great strides in getting current members active and new members to sign up. He stated that some new Downtown activities are in the works such as The Patch in October. He stated a Friday night out is in the works also along with a Strawberry festival for spring of 2015.

Mayor Bringle thanked Mr. Withers for volunteering to become the president of Board of Trade to get things rolling again.

Mayor Bringle thanked the Town staff for all the hard work done for Farmers Day.

Mr. Linn thanked Mr. Kluttz for doing a good job on the investigation on South Rowan Family Practice and Dr. Walker.

Mr. Stroud made the motion to authorize the use of the town truck for South Rowan High School on the community service day this Saturday August 9, 2014. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Upright made a motion to go into Closed Session for Personnel Matters at 7:53. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:20. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Mills
Deputy Clerk

Don Bringle
Mayor