

MINUTES MAY 12, 2014

REGULAR MEETING 7:00pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present.

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting April 14, 2014 and the Budget meeting April 28, 2014 Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

The Town Council of the Town of Jonesville will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jonesville Town Hall located at 1503 N.C. 67 Hwy. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on a proposed text amendment to the Jonesville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment is to include Medical and dental clinics, including laboratories as a permitted use by right in the B-2 (General Business) Zoning District. Under the Zoning Ordinance as currently written, Medical and dental clinics, including laboratories are only allowed in the B-1 (Central Business District).

The proposed amendment was originated after Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital acquired the property located at 526 Winston Road and requested to locate a medical facility thereon. The Jonesville Planning / Zoning Board met on April 14 18, 2014 to hear the request. At the meeting representatives from Hugh Chatham Hospital detailed their plans for the property to include a critical care facility (Urgent Care). The proposal included a rendering of the exterior of the building and a floor plan to show the layout inside. Total cost for renovations has been estimated at approximately \$1.068 million.

The original request from Hugh Chatham Hospital was to rezone the property to B-1, thereby making it an acceptable location for the proposed medical facility. After hearing the proposal, the Planning / Zoning Board recommended that the property not be rezoned, but that the text of the Zoning Ordinance be amended to allow Medical and dental clinics, including laboratories as a use by right in the B-2 (General Business) zoning district. (See page 4 of the Table of Uses by District. New X in B-2 column to indicate Use Permitted By Right.)

Following the public hearing the Council may adopt the proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the new X in B-2 column to indicate medical and dental clinics, including laboratories use permitted by right and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Heather Macy addressed the Board on attending the “A Salute to Those Who Serve” parade. The Jonesville Business Association will be hosting this event and it will take place on June 14, 2014 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. We invite you to join your fellow Veterans and those who serve as Civil Service Personnel, in celebration and to honor the memory of your fallen comrades. The parade will begin at Jonesville Elementary School and end at the Mega Coin Laundry. Following the parade we invite you to join us for an ending ceremony at Lila Swaim Memorial Park.

Council Member Moore made a motion to proclaim June 14, 2014 “A Salute to Those Who Serve” and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At last month’s meeting the Town Council placed a moratorium on new billboards until we could research the subject and discuss in more detail. Town staff has found that the Council investigated this subject several years ago and went as far as considering a proposed amendment to the sign ordinance. However, the process of scheduling a public hearing was not followed and the proposed amendment was never recorded in the Ordinance Book.

The proposed amendment would require that each off-site business sign (billboard) have a 1,200 ft. radius from any other off-site business sign (now 1,000 ft.) and that no off-site business sign be within 500 ft. of any residential zoned property. All other requirements would remain as they currently are. The proposed amendment is included behind Tab 3 (top of page 8 of the Sign Ordinance.) The Council could hold the required public hearing at next month’s meeting (June 9, 2014) and adopt the amendment at that time. The moratorium will stay in effect until such time as the Council votes to remove it.

Note: Town Manager is to research the laws on not allowing bill boards at all in the Town of Jonesville.....

Council Member Green made the motion to have the public hearing for the sign ordinance amendment on June 9, 2014 and the Board to adopt the amendment at that time and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

SETS DATES FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP

The Town Council needs to set the date for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 for June 9, 2014 and set the date for one additional workshop meeting

prior to that date.

Council Member Green made the motion to have the public hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget on June 9, 2014 and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet. The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin addressed that Town Hall Day in Raleigh will be on June 4, 2014, please let me know if any of you would like to attend with me.

Greenway is coming together nicely...road, grass-parking area, bridge beginning offsite, the two houses will come down this week and we are going to try and keep traffic off property.

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin has been asked to be VP of Economics for the Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce and would like the Boards opinion...it will not interfere with my present position. The Board does not have a problem with this request at all.

Council Member Wall made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council Member Darnell, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Green made the motion to recess until May 19, 2014 at 6:30pm for the budget meeting and Council Member Moore , seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

BUDGET MEETING, MAY 19, 2014 6:30PM

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order, meeting continued from May 12, 2014. All Council Members present.

The general fund budget discussed tonight is based on .45 tax rate. This budget proposal will not allow all requested items from department heads and other items discussed during the budget process to be granted, but we can accomplish some now and continue adding to each year.

The governing body will go back to their previous salaries this budget year minus a vacant seat. This is still a decrease in the line item. The salaries are Mayor \$950.00 twice a year and the Board Members \$1600.00 twice a year. A total of \$8300.00 will be in this line item.

Administration requested a server this budget year. (A server is a system software and suitable computer hardware that responds to requests across a computer network to provide, or help to provide, a network service). The one we have is 6 years old. \$5,000 was budgeted for this item this year.

The proposed budget for 2014-2015 will offer a 2.5% merit increase for ½ of the employees in each department.

The building expenses will be very limited and the Town will need to take each improvement that is needed on property owned one project at a time. The Custom Heating & Air building will be the building to start with first. The improvements were estimated at \$16,000. The Board is still discussing what to do with the Arlington Town Hall building and the old Jonesville Town Hall building.

The police department proposed two police cars, but the budget will allow for only one this year. The budget will also allow the police department to get a new used Chief's vehicle or Detective vehicle. \$10,000 line item was created for this. To get a second police car and drug officer for the Town, taxes would have to be increased more.

The fire department line items have been increased some this year, so the building can be improved for the police department to move its operation there. \$5,000 for building expenses has been allowed in the line item.

Salary line item increased by \$10,000 in the public works department to hire part-timers to help during the busy mowing season. The hourly salary has not been determined. The \$11,000 added to capital outlay is to help purchase the excavator. \$11,000 will come out of the Powell bill department and another \$11,000 out of the water department.

The right-away line item \$8,000 under Powell bill department is for a person to come with a side arm to trim trees and limbs for the Town. Still discussing Billy Robbins hard work and changing his position.

The holiday line item needs to be increased \$2,000 for 7 Christmas snowflakes to be ordered. They will be put up and down Hwy 67. Also discussion on new banners is still in the process for the Town. The Board wants to continue supporting the back pack program for Jonesville Elementary.

The increase for water will be on additional gallons over 1,000. It will go from \$5.75 to \$6.05, around 5%. The flat fee of \$19.50 will stay the same for this budget year.

In the water department line item for new equipment for public works it will allow for a 2-ton dump truck and snow plow to be replaced. \$36,000 was budgeted for this.

The Board overall was pleased with the budget and the public hearing will be June 9, 2014.

With no pending business to discuss Council Moore made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Darnell, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette