

MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL
February 9, 2016
Whitsett Town Hall Building

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council Members Jerry Rice, Cindy Wheeler, and Lee Greeson.

Also present were Town Administrator Gary Deal, Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia, *Creekside Chronicle* reporter Tomas Murawski, and four area residents. There was no representation from the District II Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order, and asked Council Member Jerry Rice to offer the invocation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be acknowledged.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the January 12, 2016 regular monthly meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes as written. A motion to adopt the minutes as written was made by Council Member Jerry Rice. A second to the motion was interrupted by resident Bill Brown who asked about the customary practice of reading the minutes aloud prior to approval.

Mayor Fennel replied that a copy of the minutes is available for individuals; but reading of the minutes is not practiced here. Reporter Tomas Murawski added nor does Burlington, Graham, Alamance County or Guilford County, which are meetings he also covers.

Mayor Fennell resumed by asking for a second to the motion on the table; and Council Member Cindy Wheeler seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the January minutes were approved.

2. Any Other Old Business

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business to be discussed; there was none.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia had nothing to report at this time.

2. Enforcement Committee

3. Enforcement Officer

Enforcement Officer Gary Deal reported that since last Council meeting, one Development Clearance Permit Certificate had been issued to Swaim Electric for installation of a generator at the home of Donald Wagoner at 7009 Stella Drive; no committee activity had taken place.

4. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Deal reported that he had heard rumblings from folks in Dow Acres about some land clearing being done on a 75 acre tract that adjoins properties in the community. In his research, Deal learned of the logging operation in progress that involved clearing the better part of the agricultural acreage owned by a resident on Crescent Road. This further led Deal to contact NCDOT about authorization for using Dow Acres roadways to access the forestland, and then Guilford County environmental specialists on land and stream disturbance issues.

Accordingly, the site was visited by both agencies; and all was in order. In addition, the NC Forest Service had been overseeing the project, with a “logging” clearance given for forestry management, whereby once the mature trees are harvested, tree seedlings are planted to repopulate the forest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Items from Council Members

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and there were none.

2. Announcements

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements and no one had any.

3. Speakers from the Floor

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be acknowledged.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. Motion passed by unanimous vote; and the February 9, 2016 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

Richard Fennell, Mayor

APPROVED: March 8, 2016

[NOTE: The meeting had been officially adjourned when immediately attendee Bill Brown provided Council with documentation and information regarding a beekeeping operation near rental property he owns. The discussion and exchanges that transpired are captured in the *Creekside Chronicle* article that followed, which will be filed with these minutes for reference; but, shall not be part of the official file.]