

**MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**June 14, 2016**  
**Whitsett Town Hall Building**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 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, Planning Board Member Craig York, *Creekside Chronicle* reporter Tomas Murawski, and three area residents.

Mayor Richard Fennell requested Council Member Jerry Rice to offer an invocation. Mayor Fennell then asked for a motion to officially open the June public hearing; and a motion was made by Council Member Jerry Rice to open the hearing. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson, and following the unanimous vote, Mayor Fennell declared the hearing in session.

Mayor Fennell stated that the two items open for discussion and public comment during the hearing would be: (1) the proposed 2016-2017 Town budget, and (2) proposed modifications to sections of the zoning development ordinance.

Preview copies of the documents were available for the public after publication of the hearing notice in a newspaper of general circulation, as well as at the hearing. All documents were provided to the members of the Town Council in their advance packets.

**1. Proposed 2016-2017 Whitsett Town Budget**

Mayor Fennell opened the floor for public comment with respect to the 2016-2017 proposed operating budget for Whitsett. Ms. Pat Handwerk of Woodard Drive asked what the \$45,500 allocated for environmental protection was for specifically. The reply was to fund the service contract with Republic Services for garbage collection and curbside recycling.

Then, Ms. Handwerk inquired about the source for the beer and wine revenue, and it was explained that it was an excise tax on beer and sales collected across the state and then annually distributed to counties and municipalities based on per capita.

With no further public comments, Mayor Fennell, in turn, asked Council members for any questions or comments. No further discussion on the budget presented in May was forthcoming; and Mayor Fennell moved on to the next item.

**2. Proposed Modifications to Sections of Zoning Development Ordinance**

Mayor Fennell asked Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia to give an overview of the zoning modifications being proposed who stated that the Board would like to see minor additions to sections dealing with warehouse and outdoor self-storage to better clarify the original intent of the sections relative to permitted uses, first established in 2003 and 2009, respectively.

The two sections with recommended insertions highlighted were provided to Council members in their packets; and the document is a part of the official file for this public hearing and regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fennell offered a final invitation for any public comment on the above documents as proposed; and hearing none, asked Council members for any further questions or comments.

With no further comment on the items presented, Mayor Fennell asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Motion made by Council Member Jerry Rice to close the public hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. Motion carried by unanimous vote, and the June 14, 2016 public hearing was adjourned at 7:08 p.m., to then proceed with the regular Council meeting, at which final actions would be taken.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

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Richard Fennell, Mayor

**APPROVED:** July 12, 2016