

1 other items be added to the agenda. Mayor Hice cited a need for supporting materials to be included
2 for councilmembers' information. Councilman Wyrick responded that was not necessary because he
3 was seeking general discussion, not specific action. Mayor Hice suggested tabling the items until next
4 month so all council members could be better prepared for the discussion. The original motion to
5 approve the agenda was **APPROVED 3-2.** (*Yes – Hice, Johnson, and Smith; No -- Wallace and*
6 *Wyrick*)
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8 **Consent Agenda**

9 Mayor Hice noted that the minutes of the June 10, 2008 Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008-09
10 Budget, the June 10 Regular Meeting, and the Special Meetings of June 17 and May 27, 2008 were on
11 the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Smith noted she had two corrections to the June 10 Regular
12 Meeting minutes: on page 2, line 3 "*of*" should be changed to "*to*" and on page 4, line 4 the wording
13 should be changed to "*the bill to recall elected officials.*"
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15 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction submitted by**
16 **Mayor Pro Tem Smith to the June 10 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem**
17 **Smith. APPROVED 5-0.**
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19 **Special Recognition of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club**

20 Mayor Hice thanked the Pleasant Garden Lions Club for the invitation to their picnic and read the
21 resolution recognizing the Pleasant Garden Lions Club and individual members of the Club.
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23 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to adopt the resolution recognizing the Pleasant Garden Lions Club,**
24 **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. APPROVED 5-0.**
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26 **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE** 27 **PLEASANT GARDEN LIONS CLUB** 28

29 **WHEREAS,** the Pleasant Garden Lions Club is an active civic organization composed of many
30 dedicated Pleasant Garden volunteers who provide numerous hours of valuable service to this
31 community and its citizens;
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33 **WHEREAS,** on June 6, 2008, the North Carolina Lions Foundation District 31-D District composed
34 of 42 clubs held its Installation and Awards Banquet;
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36 **WHEREAS,** the Pleasant Garden Lions Club was honored with many awards on that day including,
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- 38 • The **2007-2008 Outstanding Club Award** in District 31-D,
- 39 • The **100% Club Award** given for community service and for meeting all the club's financial
40 obligations to the district,
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- 42 • The **Camp Dogwood Patch Award** for meeting or exceeding the club's financial obligations
43 to Camp Dogwood, the North Carolina Lions camp for the blind and visually impaired, and
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- 45 • The **Cultural and Community Patch Award** for outstanding contributions to the community;
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47 **WHEREAS,** four members of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club won individual awards including,

- 1 • Glenda McGinnis who received the **Melvin Jones Fellows Award**, representing humanitarian
2 qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate,
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- 4 • Bill Greene and Ken McGinnis who received the **Jack Stickley Fellows Award**, the
5 Foundation's highest honor, and
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- 7 • Sharon Greene who received the 100% Secretary Award for her diligence and promptness in
8 filing all International and State reports as required;
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10 **WHEREAS**, Bill Greene was inducted as the Humanitarian and White Cane District Chairperson.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF**
13 **PLEASANT GARDEN:**

- 14 1. That the Town Council hereby expresses, on behalf of the citizens of Pleasant Garden, its
15 congratulations to the award winners and its sincere appreciation for their compassion and
16 commitment to all the citizens of Pleasant Garden.
- 17 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Pleasant Garden Lions Club as a symbol
18 of the gratitude of the people of Pleasant Garden for their many contributions to this
19 community.
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21 Mayor Hice presented the framed resolution and certificates to the Pleasant Garden Lions Club and the
22 honored individuals. She reminded everyone of the Blood Drive, Vision Van and Health Fair co-
23 sponsored by the Town and the Pleasant Garden Lions Club being held on July 26 at Town Hall. The
24 Lions will collect used eye-glasses that day.
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26 Bill Greene accepted the resolution on behalf of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club and its members.
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28 **Public Comment**

29 *Henry Tripp of 2101 Macon Glen Drive* complained about the behavior of some members of the
30 audience. He stated that it was unfair and disruptive for some to talk, make gestures, applaud and
31 interrupt while Town Council was conducting business. He requested the Town Council to adopt a
32 rule to remove those persons from the audience. A copy of his remarks is attached to these minutes.
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34 *Alan Marshall of 2318 Carlford Road* said Pleasant Garden may lose another business in the next two
35 to three months (Bargain Den) and we could lose the drug store due to pending federal legislation. He
36 would like for the Town Council to find a way to support local businesses.
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38 *Hazel Carroll of 2760 Tabernacle Church Road* stated there is a large white box belonging to the
39 Childhood Dreams Foundation in the right-of-way at the corner of Pleasant Garden Road and Neeley
40 Road at the Shell station, a very dangerous location. Who gave permission for its placement and what
41 is its real purpose? She also asked that detailed instructions for those who pick up trash on the roads
42 be included in a future newsletter to all Pleasant Garden residents. Some of the orange bags have not
43 been picked up on Neelley Road. Mayor Hice volunteered to follow up with NCDOT.
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45 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public comment period, seconded by Councilwoman**
46 **Johnson. APPROVED 5-0.**
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1 **Reports**

2 A. *Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany* said she was delighted with the new Assistant Clerk's work in
3 getting things organized and handling special events such as the July 5 celebration and Blood Drive.
4 Mrs. Carmany has assumed the Finance Officer duties and is already working on items for the 2007-08
5 audit.

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7 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany requested that she be authorized to proceed with items approved
8 in the 2008-09 budget including upgrading the operating system on the Assistant Clerk's computer,
9 purchasing a new copier, installing the new security cameras, and treating the wood in the picnic
10 shelter. She reviewed three options for the security cameras in order to provide coverage of the
11 Veterans Memorial. Councilman Wyrick asked about the placement of the security monitor and
12 console, and Mayor Hice responded that the recording element must remain behind the firewall for
13 protection. Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany will investigate the cost for moving the main monitor
14 and keyboard into the lobby work area. Councilmembers discussed the merits of the three options for
15 placement of the additional security cameras and agreed by consensus that Option 2 with one camera
16 aimed at the Picnic Shelter/back parking lot and one aimed at the Veterans' Memorial was their
17 preference. Price quotes and supporting information for all these proposed purchases will be brought
18 back to the Town Council for their review and action at a future Town Council meeting. Councilman
19 Wyrick clarified that approval was already in place to proceed with the upgrade to the Assistant
20 Clerk's computer.

21
22 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany reported on the June 13 meeting on the Jordan Lake Rules. Due
23 to clarifications that were shared at that meeting, it appears that the impacts to the Town of Pleasant
24 Garden will be significantly less than originally believed. There will still be a need to reduce nitrogen
25 output by 8% if the Rules are upheld by the Rules Review Commission and the General Assembly.
26 Warren Simmons of Guilford County Planning and Development will be developing strategies to
27 achieve that reduction.

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29 Mrs. Carmany highlighted information from the June 25 MPO meeting and noted that improvements to
30 the intersection of South Elm-Eugene Street and Ritters Lake Road are underway.

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32 Pam Spence of Guilford County Environmental Health has suggested holding the public information
33 session on wells and water previously approved by the Town Council on Thursday, August 28, 2008.
34 Councilmembers agreed by consensus to schedule the session for 7:00pm on August 28.

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36 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany has been commissioned as a Notary Public and will make her
37 notary services available to Pleasant Garden residents free of charge.

38
39 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany summarized a meeting held on June 30 between Duke Energy
40 officials, Mayor Hice and her regarding the placement of flags and/or banners on their power poles.
41 The Town must remove all banner brackets and flag holders from the poles after which Duke Energy
42 will grant approval to place flags in the future on poles that meet their criteria. The Town will not be
43 able to use the Christmas banners purchased last year because they will not be high enough from the
44 pavement. A bucket truck will be needed to remove the banner brackets; she presented price quotes
45 from three firms to perform this work, one for \$85/pole, one for \$100/pole, and one from \$30/pole.
46 Councilwoman Johnson asked how many poles were involved. Mrs. Carmany responded a minimum
47 of 20 because of the number of poles that have banner brackets on them, but there are numerous ones

1 with flag holders only. Mayor Pro Tem Smith noted that a deputy would have to be hired to provide
2 traffic control while the work is being done.
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4 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to accept the price from Reddick's Tree Service for \$30/pole**
5 **and acquire the deputy to control traffic as they clean the poles, seconded by Councilwoman**
6 **Johnson.** Councilman Wyrick stated this was ridiculous since only 16-18 poles have flag holders only
7 on them and it could cost up to \$100/pole once the charges for the deputy were included. He said he
8 would personally remove the flag holders from those poles since he had placed flags on those poles
9 many times in the past as a volunteer. There was discussion about liability for volunteers participating
10 in Adopt-a-Highway and other Town programs and whether Duke Energy had granted permission in
11 the past for the placement of the banners on their poles. Mayor Hice noted that Councilman Wyrick is
12 covered under Workers Compensation since he is a councilmember but other volunteers are not.
13

14 Based on Councilman Wyrick's comments, Mayor Pro Tem Smith amended her motion.

15 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to amend her motion to allow members of the Town Council**
16 **to remove the plastic or metal flag holders and to hire Reddick's Tree Service remove the banner**
17 **brackets along Pleasant Garden Road and to pay an off-duty by the hour to back him up,**
18 **seconded by Mayor Hice.** Mayor Hice stated she wanted a member of the Town Council to be in
19 charge of removing the flag holders. She asked Councilman Wyrick if he was willing to be in charge
20 of doing it, and he responded "no," saying he believed it was possible to negotiate with Duke Energy
21 and AT&T to keep the holders on the poles.
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23 Mayor Pro Tem Smith rescinded her second motion.

24 **MOVED BY Mayor Pro Tem Smith to have Reddick's Tree Service clean the poles at \$30 a pole**
25 **and that a deputy be hired to supervise traffic control. APPROVED 3-2.** (*Yes – Hice, Johnson,*
26 *and Smith; No – Wallace and Wyrick*)
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28 Mayor Hice instructed Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany to proceed with hiring Reddick's Tree
29 Service to perform the work. Councilwoman Johnson asked if the recording of the meeting with the
30 Duke Energy officials was available to the public, and Mrs. Carmany responded "yes."
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32 A copy of the complete report is attached to these minutes.
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34 B. *Financial/Budget:* Kim Payne stated that the fund balance as of June 30, 2008 in the General Fund
35 was \$1,077,000 and \$1,778,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund for a total fund balance at year-end of
36 \$2,855,000. He referred to the Budget vs. Actual report that showed an excess of \$127,500 of income
37 over expenses with approximately \$10,000 remaining in outstanding bills. A copy of Mr. Payne's
38 report is attached to these minutes.
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40 Mayor Pro Tem Smith inquired about some items in the check register report and Mr. Payne explained
41 those were voided checks for soccer referees and line judges that were not cashed in 2006. Mayor
42 Hice asked about the red numbers in the spring soccer line item and Mr. Payne explained that there
43 was actually \$1,600 unspent in that line item but a budget adjustment was needed to allocate it. He
44 presented Budget Ordinance #9 for approval.
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46 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to adopt budget amendment #9, seconded by Mayor Hice.**
47 **APPROVED, 5-0.**
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1 **ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT GARDEN FOR**
2 **FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

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4 **AMENDMENT 9**

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6 **By the Request of Council:**

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8 **Increase the following budget line item by the amount shown:**

9	Operations	11026.2	Service on Office Equipment	\$1,000.00	
10	Operations	11032.0	Newspaper Notices	\$1,100.00	
11	Operations	11036.0	Election Cost	\$1,500.00	
12	Operations	11040.0	Building/Office Cleaning	\$1,000.00	
13	Operations	11040.3	Grounds Maintenance	\$ 500.00	
14	Operations	11045.0	Time Warner Internet/Cable	\$ 100.00	
15	Operations	11090.0	Town Improvements	\$1,000.00	
16	Operations	15046.3	Movers and Shakers Facility	\$ 500.00	
17	Operations	15050.2	Spring Soccer Program	\$1,500.00	
18					\$8,200.00

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20 **Decrease the following budget line item by the amount shown:**

21	Operations	11026.3	Office Equipment Purchases	\$1,000.00	
22	Operations	11031.0	Postage	\$1,100.00	
23	Operations	11080.0	GF Contingency	\$4,600.00	
24	Recreation	15050.4	Soccer Sponsor Program Improvement	\$1,500.00	
25					\$8,200.00

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27 **PURPOSE**

28 **Administrative – adjustment of accounts**

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30 Respectfully submitted this 8th day of July 2008

31 Sandy Carmany
32 Finance Officer

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34 Mayor Hice thanked Mr. Payne for his work, and everyone applauded him for his efforts. He will still
35 assist with the audit and bank reconciliations and will remain on call to assist Town Administrator/
36 Clerk Carmany as needed.

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38 *C. Legal Update:* Town Attorney Vaughan reported he had appealed the decision of the Employment
39 Security Commission on the Lakeshia Franklin claim on July 2. She has not collected any benefits at
40 this point. In 1998, someone checked a box on a form for a non-charging employee; this should be
41 changed for the future. Lakeshia resigned voluntarily and decided a year-and-a-half later to file for
42 benefits. Mayor Hice directed Town Attorney Vaughan to change the form and keep the Town
43 Council posted on the appeal.

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45 The second item addressed a NC Supreme Court decision on sex offenders. Towns can legally
46 prohibit registered sex offenders from the Town's parks and facilities. The Town Council can amend
47 the ordinances to include this provision if desired. Mayor Hice cited an inquiry from a parent about
48 conducting a check on all the soccer coaches; this check can be done for free on the Internet. Town

1 Attorney Vaughan confirmed the Town should be conducting those checks. Town Administrator/
2 Clerk Carmany shared that this was discussed previously in a soccer meeting and can be carried out
3 easily.
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5 Town Attorney Vaughan reminded councilmembers that all town emails are to go through the Town's
6 server per the policy that was adopted in February; those emails are available to the public on the
7 computer set up in the lobby. Any emails dealing with Town business are public record. Mayor Hice
8 asked about emails on councilmembers' personal computers that were used until the new server was in
9 place in April. Town Attorney Vaughan responded that they are discoverable and subject to the public
10 record provisions. Lynn Willis of the *Pleasant Garden Post* confirmed that she had requested copies of
11 correspondence between councilmembers conducted on their personal computers pertaining to town
12 business during that time. Town Attorney Vaughan advised councilmembers not to use their personal
13 email accounts for any Town business.
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15 Town Attorney Vaughan had reviewed the shared use agreement from Guilford County Schools for
16 use of the Idol Field for soccer practice and said he had no problems with it after conferring with their
17 attorney.
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19 Town Attorney Vaughan attempted to clarify the personnel action taken at the June 17, 2008 Town
20 Council meeting on a 4-1 vote to increase the Administrator/ Clerk's salary and to authorize insurance
21 benefits for her. Mayor Hice stated it was not a merit raise, but a placement on the salary schedule that
22 was not in place when she was hired. Councilman Wyrick disagreed and stated the placement on the
23 salary schedule was arbitrary and irrelevant. Mayor Hice recapped the compromise reached in the
24 closed session discussion to resolve the situation where the Assistant Clerk would have been earning
25 more than the Administrator/Clerk who supervises her. Extensive debate occurred among
26 councilmembers regarding their action and whether it was in keeping with the adopted Personnel
27 Policy.
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29 *D. Long Range Planning Board:* Vice Chairman Alan Marshall reported on the July 15 meeting of the
30 Long Range Planning Board. Paul Kron completed phases 1 and 2 of the Town Hall Site Plan, and a
31 public workshop will be held on July 24 as part of the next phase. Long Range Planning Board
32 members will act as facilitators during that workshop. The survey is on line and responses are coming
33 in.
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35 The Board received an update on the Jordan Lake rules. The Board discussed ETJ (extra-territorial
36 jurisdiction); a motion was approved 5-1 to recommend that the Town Council not pursue ETJ. Recent
37 crimes statistics were reviewed and crime is down in this area. The Board has suggested writing a
38 letter to Sheriff Barnes commending the good work of his department.
39

40 Charlie Routh has asked about planting a small new magnolia tree in the vicinity of the old tree and a
41 decision is needed about removal of the old tree. A motion was approved 6-0 to allow the placement of
42 the new tree. The Board also discussed a TV program about rural sprawl. There are now five
43 voluntary agricultural districts within the town limits. Mayor Hice asked that specifics of planting a
44 new magnolia tree and taking down the old tree be provided.
45

46 *E. Zoning Board:* Councilwoman Johnson reported on the June 16 meeting due to Chairman Alan
47 Carroll's absence. There was discussion about signs being placed in NCDOT right-of-way and it was
48 decided that the town has no role in monitoring them. Citizens can remove signs from their own

1 personal property. Town Attorney Vaughan confirmed that any signs in NCDOT right-of-way,
2 including Town signs, are illegal. Members briefly discussed the zoning board book.

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4 Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked about the placement of white boxes raised earlier in the meeting;
5 Councilman Wyrick responded that if the box is on private property, the owner must grant permission.
6 The boxes cannot be placed in the right-of-way; Town Attorney Vaughan suggested calling Guilford
7 County Planning and let them handle the problem. There will be a Zoning Board meeting on July 21 to
8 consider a small subdivision plan.

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10 *F. Recreation Board:* Chairman Steve Brandt reported there was an excellent turnout for the July 5
11 Independence Day celebrations, particularly with the long-lasting thunderstorm. The fireworks show
12 went on at 9:30pm as planned. Generally he had received positive comments and the car show was
13 one of the best yet. He thanked John Furlough, Sandy Carmany, Bob and Judy Wyrick, Mayor Hice,
14 and Mayor Pro Tem Smith for their hard work. He offered special thanks to the Pleasant Garden
15 Community Center and their volunteers, Kim Rayle, Jodi McAllen, and Jeanna Stanley, as well as
16 John Carroll, Sgt. Lawrence and the Explorers.

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18 More vendors are participating in the Farmers Market with honey and plants added to the items being
19 sold. There has been a request again for the sale of fresh eggs and vendors want the Town Council to
20 reconsider their previous decision. Mayor Hice offered to supply information from the USDA on this
21 issue to Chairman Brandt.

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23 Address signs are now up on the soccer fields, and the speed limit change on Alliance Church Road is
24 in process. Registration issues have arisen in the past due to lack of communication; the Recreation
25 Board is trying to institute a better chain of command and communication. Onsite registration will be
26 held at Town Hall on Friday July 11, Saturday July 12, Friday July 18 and Saturday July 19. Chairman
27 Brandt, Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany, Councilman Wyrick and Brent Lewis met to work out
28 details for a smoother registration process; all activity will be confined to the lobby area and a system
29 is in place to handle money and forms. He did not foresee any problems and asked that no one other
30 than the Town Administrator/Clerk, Assistant Clerk and assigned members of the soccer committee
31 and Recreation Board be present during registration.

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33 There are still only two Recreation Board members. Lora Cabbage declined her appointment due to
34 professional commitments, but she is still willing to volunteer. Mayor Hice noted that more volunteers
35 are needed for upcoming events. She thanked Chairman Brandt and John Furlough's son Matt;
36 pictures from the event are now at Town Hall. Mr. Brandt mentioned the excellent article in the
37 Pleasant Garden Post and an email effort in the Forest Oaks to get the word out. He stated he would
38 welcome suggestions for improvements for future events.

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40 *G. Piedmont Triad Council of Governments:* Mayor Hice reported on the June 18 40th anniversary
41 celebration event where past directors of the organization were introduced along with pictures from the
42 very beginning. PTCOG provides a strong support system for the Town. She shared information from
43 that meeting and noted that the Town will be receiving a free tree this fall from PTCOG.

44 **Old Business**

45
46 *A. Financial Policy Revision – Community Based Organizations:* Mayor Pro Tem Smith read an
47 explanation of the proposed change that would line up the funding process for Outer Agency Funding
48 (Community Based Organizations) with the adopted financial policy. She read the proposed change

1 into the record.

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3 II. Operating Budget Policy

4 A. Expenditure Policy

5 4. Outer-Agency Funding:

6 The Town Council shall establish a maximum level for Outer-Agency Funding. Non-profit
7 organizations seeking funding shall file verification of current IRS non-profit status and NC
8 authorization [from the Secretary of State] to solicit funds. All organizations must submit a
9 Request for Funding on or before March 31 to be considered for funding during the ensuing
10 fiscal year. Any organization requesting \$10,001 or more for a fiscal year must also submit a
11 copy of a current CPA audit. The Town shall review the financial position of any non-profit
12 agency requesting funding to determine the entity's ability to carry out the intended purpose for
13 which Town funding is requested. The Town Council shall determine the amount each request
14 is funded.

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16 She believed the old statement was not clear and left it up to the Town Council to seek information
17 about the requesting agency. With the change, the requesting agencies would submit the information
18 and verifications with their request for funding.

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20 **MOVED BY Mayor Hice to revise the Pleasant Financial Policy for Outer Agency Funding,**
21 **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. APPROVED 3-2.** (*Yes – Hice, Johnson, and Smith; No --*
22 *Wallace and Wyrick*).

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24 B. *Council Chamber Microphones*: Mayor Hice explained the need for new microphones in the
25 Council Chambers. The new system will tie into the Clerk's recording system, and Town Attorney
26 Vaughan and Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany can use the old lavalier microphones at their
27 places. Devices for hearing-impaired members of the audience can be added to the system at a later
28 time if desired.

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30 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the contract provided by Skip Byerly of Service Telephone**
31 **and Equipment to install new microphones and make other improvements to the Council**
32 **Chamber sound system, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.** Councilman Wyrick asked if three
33 price quotes were obtained, and Mayor Hice responded they were not needed since the cost was under
34 \$5,000. Councilman Wyrick stated he would vote against this motion because there have been no
35 problems with the current microphones recently. Councilman Wallace asked why seven microphones
36 were not being purchased since some of the town boards have seven members; Mayor Hice responded
37 that the board members have not been using microphones. **APPROVED 3-2.** (*Yes – Hice, Johnson,*
38 *and Smith; No – Wallace and Wyrick*)

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40 **New Business**

41 A. *Town Ordinance Revision*: Mayor Pro Tem Smith said that the current ordinance states that a
42 candidate who wants to serve on a board must be a registered voter by the time of the first election
43 following his appointment. She suggested requiring the candidate to be a registered voter in the Town
44 at the time of consideration.

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46 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to call a public hearing on August 12, 2008 to receive input**
47 **on a proposed ordinance amendment to require candidates for boards to be a registered voter in**

1 **the town, seconded by Mayor Hice.** Councilwoman Johnson asked if anyone outside the Town had
2 ever volunteered to be on a board, and Town Attorney Vaughan responded yes. **APPROVED 4-1** (*Yes*
3 *– Hice, Johnson, Smith and Wallace; No –Wyrick*).

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5 32.01 APPOINTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY.

6 (C) To be eligible for appointment t a town board, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 7 (1) Candidate must be a resident of the town.
8 (2) Candidate must be 18 years of age or older.
9 **(3) Candidate must be a registered voter in the town.**
10 (4) Candidate must never have been convicted of a felony.
11 (5) Candidate must never have been convicted of crimes against children.

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13 (Ord. 2, passed 1-27-98; Am. Ord. 10, passed 6-8-99; Am. Ord. 12, passed 6-8-99)

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15 *B. Use of the Idol Field for soccer:* Mayor Hice stated that a shared use agreement with Guilford
16 County Schools for the use of the Idol Field had been reviewed by Town Attorney Vaughan.

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18 **MOVED by Mayor Hice that all soccer games and practices be held on town property, the Idol**
19 **field will not be used, and the shared use agreement will not be pursued, seconded by Mayor Pro**
20 **Tem Smith.** Town Attorney Vaughan explained the town has liability for use of the field and will
21 have to obtain a certificate for \$1 million in liability coverage per incident naming the Guilford County
22 Board of Education. Mayor Hice said there has never been a shared use agreement for the soccer
23 fields. Two teams practice there two nights a week, but the town has paid for port-a-johns and
24 mowing. The goals are still there which creates a liability. The new soccer field on Town property
25 was built to accommodate all the games and practices. Councilwoman Johnson stated that although the
26 Town’s program has an age limit, she had observed players of all ages using the Town’s equipment on
27 the Idol Field, creating a liability. Although Recreation Board Chairman Brandt instructed the
28 placement of this item on Town Council agenda, the Recreation Board has not discussed this issue.
29 Mayor Pro Tem Smith questioned the town’s liability when others are using the field during off-hours;
30 Councilman Wyrick responded that the town should be liable only during the hours specified by the
31 Town for use. Town Attorney Vaughan noted the agreement does say the Town is liable during “open
32 use” if reservations are made for its use. Councilman Wyrick asked if not using the Idol Field would
33 create a hardship for the soccer program?

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35 Recreation Board Chairman volunteered to contact Brent Lewis to have the goals removed from the
36 Idol Field. He requested time to get clarification on the needs of the soccer program; this may not be
37 an issue during the fall season due to smaller registration but could be a problem for the spring season
38 when there is a larger enrollment.

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40 **The motion was TABLED by consensus until the next Town Council meeting.**

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42 **Discussion Items**

43 *A. Financial Policy and B. Personnel Policy:* Councilman Wyrick asked why the Town has policies if
44 the Town Council does not follow them. The Personnel Policy is very explicit, but we went against it.
45 We need consistency in how the Town Council uses its policies. He cited his request for funding of
46 the Pleasant Garden Community Center during the budget process when he was told he had not
47 followed policy and it could not be considered. Either honor the policies or throw them out.

1 Mayor Hice stated the Town Council did not break the Personnel Policy but only adopted a salary
2 schedule. Councilman Wyrick cited the wording in the motion “*not withstanding any policy.*” Mayor
3 Pro Tem Smith recapped the salary schedule issue where the assistant was being placed at the top
4 grade of that salary scale while the administrator had been placed at the beginning grade for
5 administrator. When the evaluations are done, merit increases can be considered at that time.
6 Councilman Wyrick restated that the Town Council broke policy and is trying to cover it up. Town
7 Attorney Vaughan noted this is a moot issue because action had already been taken and acted upon.
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9 **Public Comment**

10 *Alan Marshall of 2318 Carlford Road* apologized for wearing his hat during the first comment session.
11 He urged the Town Council to look out for the welfare of the town and explore ETJ even if the county
12 does not grant it. He asked Town Attorney Vaughan about the status of HB1195. Town Attorney
13 Vaughan responded that it had been enacted.
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15 *Judy Wyrick of 1442 Talbot Road* asked the Town Council to consider placing “do not enter” or “no
16 trespassing” signs on the town soccer fields; there is nothing that designates it as private property.
17 Mayor Hice noted it is not private property, it is public property and we are covered by insurance on
18 our fields. Mayor Pro Tem Smith said that four-wheelers are also used on the fields and this should be
19 addressed.
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21 *Glenda McGinnis of 6829 Branson Mill Road* thanked Steve Brandt and the Recreation Board for the
22 fireworks and the music that coordinated so well with fireworks. The car show was good. She
23 appreciated Henry Tripp’s comments about disruptions from the audience during the meetings. She
24 apologized for not following protocol in the past. It is disrespectful for people to blurt out during the
25 meeting. When our elected folks bicker and can’t agree, it is demeaning to the Town Council and to
26 the audience. She encouraged councilmembers to remember why they were there and who put them
27 there and asked that they be more professional and respect each other’s opinions.
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29 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public comment period. APPROVED 5-0.**
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31 **Staff Comment**

32 Town Administrator/Clerk reminded everyone of the July 24 Blood Drive and urged people to make
33 appointments to donate blood.
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35 **Council Comment**

36 *Councilman Wallace* asked if the ban on carrying concealed weapons applied to municipal property.
37 He heard someone shooting in the woods on town property during recent soccer games. Town
38 Attorney Vaughan responded an ordinance would have to be adopted. Councilman Wallace thanked
39 everyone for coming and staying.
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41 *Councilman Wyrick* congratulated the Lions Club for their hard work and activities. He stated he
42 would not apologize for doing his research and knew he was criticized for being too much by the book.
43 The Town Council is run by three persons and there is no sharing of information. He doesn’t know
44 what others are thinking until we get to the Town Council meeting. He is always available to discuss
45 things at any time. He thanked everyone for coming out.
46

47 *Mayor Pro Tem Smith* noted that she gave two recommendations at the last Town Council meeting and
48 did not communicate further since she had already shared the information at that time. She requested

1 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany to investigate what would be necessary to work with PART to
2 establish park-and-ride lots in Pleasant Garden for commuters. Mrs. Carmany explained those facilities
3 would have to be close to existing PART routes; the Town would have to contribute 10% of the cost to
4 build and/or operate the lots, either in cash or contributed services. She will investigate this issue
5 further.

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7 *Mayor Hice* read from David Lawrence’s book regarding disruptive members of the audience and their
8 removal as well as prohibiting personal attacks during public comments. She has been working on this
9 for six months and will be bringing something back to the Town Council to be enacted.

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11 *Councilwoman Johnson* thanked Glenda McGinnis and the Lions Club for the dinner and thanked Mr.
12 Brandt for his work on the July 5 events. She asked that information about the new CBO policy be
13 included in a future newsletter. If one reads the motion tallies, one would see that the Town Council’s
14 votes are not always 3-2. She thanked everyone for coming.

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16 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany asked councilmembers to review the draft version of the Town
17 newsletter so that it can be printed and mailed as quickly as possible.

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19 **Adjournment**
20 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.**
21 **APPROVED 5-0.**

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23 The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

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29 Clerk Date

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