

Town of Pleasant Garden
December 1, 2009
Kirkman Municipal Building

Minutes
Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting

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The electronic recording of this meeting constitutes the official minutes.*

In attendance

Mayor Anne Hice
Councilwoman Chris Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Jo Smith
Councilman Wallace
Councilman Bob Wyrick

Also in attendance

Sandy Carmany, Town Administrator/Clerk
Linda Baker, Assistant Clerk
William Hill, Town Attorney

Audience

60+

Call to Order

Mayor Hice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Hice welcomed everyone.

Councilman Wallace delivered the invocation.

Mayor Hice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany called the roll, and all members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Mayor Hice to accept the agenda as written. APPROVED 5-0

Consent Agenda

Mayor Hice reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting and the acknowledgement of the certification of the results of the November 3, 2009 municipal election.

MOVED by Mayor Hice to accept the Consent Agenda. Councilman Wyrick said the minutes should be corrected on line 19 to state the motion to renew the CDs for six months was made by

Councilman Wallace. The motion with the correction to the November 10 minutes was **APPROVED 5-0.**

Public Comment

There were no speakers.

Reports

A. Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany presented the monthly report (*copy attached*). The soccer fields were recently aerated and reseeded. Repairs were made to the vandalized floodlights in the Picnic shelter and the outside security camera that was not operating correctly. The work of the services merger task force is nearly complete. The Census Bureau will be using the council chambers to conduct training on Thursdays in December and January; they are hiring 14,000 people in Guilford County. Pitney-Bowes will be supplying a new postage meter at no additional cost to the town. There is still no answer regarding the appropriate jurisdiction to administer the town's Voluntary Agricultural Districts.

Town Attorney Hill reviewed the new statutes regarding expert testimony at quasi-judicial zoning hearings.

B. Financial/Budget: Finance Officer Carmany presented the financial report as of November 30, 2009. The General Fund balance was \$1,129,577.44 and the Capital Reserve Fund balance was \$2,008,909.90 for a total of \$3,138,487.34.

The four CDs that matured in November were renewed, one at .85% and three at .95%. The first interest payment from the BB&T CD arrived on November 30 in the amount of \$1,652; these monthly interest deposits will boost the interest earnings in the General Fund. Interest in the Capital Reserve Fund will drop because of the lower interest rates on the renewed CDs.

Mrs. Carmany reviewed an analysis of the expenses for the fall soccer season that included the field improvements and the AED purchase. Most of the expenses were covered by the registration fees.

C. Legal Update: Town Attorney Hill did not have anything additional to report.

D. Recreation Board: Board member D J Martin reported that the Veterans Day event was a success and thanked Fire Chief Cole and Mary Ann Yow for their assistance. Planning is complete for the December 5 Christmas Parade. Mr. Martin gave a brief update on the status of Chairman Steve Brandt who has been hospitalized for several weeks.

Old Business

(none)

New Business

A. Approval of Letter of Engagement for Bernard Robinson & Company for the 2009-10 audit: Mayor Hice explained that the Town Council approved the contract at the November 10 meeting and must approve the Letter of Engagement as the next step in the process of hiring the auditor.

MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the letter of engagement with Bernard Robinson & Company for the 2009-10 audit. APPROVED 5-0

Recognition of departing council members

Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked Rick Wallace for his two years of service as mayor and two as councilmember and recognized Anne Hice for two years of service as councilmember and two as mayor. She saluted their dedication, courage, strength and fortitude while serving the citizens of Pleasant Garden and presented each with an appreciation plaque and framed print.

Public Comment

Mayor Hice reviewed the guidelines for the public comment period.

Glenn Morgan of 2404 Hunters Ridge Drive thanked Councilman Wallace and Mayor Hice for the efforts they put in for the past four years and expressed his appreciation for what they had done.

Staff Comment

Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany wished Mayor Hice and Councilman Wallace well in the future.

Town Attorney Hill said people who serve in elected office are not often recognized for the sacrifices they make for the good of the community and expressed appreciation for their service.

Council Comment

Councilman Wyrick (none)

Mayor Pro Tem Smith (none)

Councilman Wallace reviewed his experiences and issues over the last four years. He said he learned from Wilbur Berry that councilmembers' time was important and that communication was key. Mr. Wallace shared a statement from Benjamin Franklin addressing the Continental Congress on June 17, 1787 regarding his desire to open each session with a prayer. He urged that the Town Council continue to open its meetings with a prayer.

Councilwoman Johnson said it had been a pleasure and honor to serve with Councilman Wallace and Mayor Hice and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Hice read a letter she received from a former student who is now incarcerated. The letter expressed that Mrs. Hice was blessed and in the people's hearts and that God would place her where she was needed.

Adjournment

Mayor Hice adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Clerk

Date

Mayor