

MINUTES
Snow Hill Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Snow Hill Town Hall
201 North Greene Street, Snow Hill, North Carolina

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Liles.
2. Prayer and Pledge – Prayer was offered by Commissioner Whitson. Commissioner Scarborough led the Pledge.
3. Roll Call – Cathy Webb called the roll. All members were present and a quorum was declared.
4. Consider Approving Meeting Agenda – Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough seconded by Commissioner Shackelford and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.
5. Consider approval of Minutes of October 11, 2010 – Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2010 minutes.
6. Presentation by David Jones, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church – Pastor Jones thanked the Board for the cleanup of the property located at 408 West Harper Street. He indicated that some cement blocks and other debris were still left and asked if this would be cleaned up. Town Administrator, Dana Hill, assured him that everything would be cleaned up.
7. Report of Officers:
 - a. Mayor
 - 1) Mayor Liles announced that a Veterans' Day Ceremony would be held On Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Guard Armory and encouraged everyone to attend if possible.
 - 2) Mayor Liles presented a Sweet Potato Week Proclamation. This proclaims the last full week in October to be Snow Hill Potato Week. This will be presented on Friday night, October 29, 2010 at the Sweet Potato Festival and the Key to the Town will be presented to Mr. Bobby Hamm on Saturday, October 30, 2010. He encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

- 3) Mayor Liles told the Board that the Town had received some monies from The Wilson Improvement Association for deferred taxes that had not been budgeted.
 - 4) Mayor Liles introduced Ms. Elizabeth Acevedo, an Early College Student. She said that she was taking a psychology class and that she had to write a paper and she chose to attend a Town meeting and write here paper on her analysis of the meeting. She was also inducted into the Lenoir Community College Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Mayor Liles praised here for her accomplishments.
 - 5) Mayor Liles announced that Mr. & Mrs. Gene Riddle had donated a Christmas tree to the Town and that they would have the honor of turning the lights on at the December 10, 2010 Christmas Extravaganza.
- b) Town Administrator – Dana Hill
- 1) Mr. Hill presented an amended ordinance to allow for consumption of alcoholic beverages at special events. He also presented a Resolution to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the 2010 Sweet Potato Festival.
 - 2) Mr. Hill said that some of the Volunteer Committees could be combined. The Neighborhood Affairs and the Recreation Board will become one committee and they would have a meeting to form to get this Committee organized.
 - 3) Mr. Hill gave a report on the cleanup of the property on Harper Street He said that the majority of the cleanup had been done and that the owner would continue until everything is cleaned up. He said he would continue to work on the abandoned property cleanup.
 - 4) Mr. Hill asked for permission to purchase six new overhead Christmas Decorations. The total cost for the decorations will be \$2272.45. The Snow Hill Development Commission has designated \$1000 and Neighborhood Affairs have designated \$500. This leaves a remaining balance of \$772.45 to be drawn from funds in the General Street Fund and Administration Departments as available.

7. Reports of Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

- 1) Mr. Hill informed the Board that the Neighborhood Affairs Committee had met and discussed the bulk cleanup day for trash collection. The Committee has decided to wait until after the 1st of the year, probably

around Easter, to have this. The Committee will meet and give a definite date later.

- 2) Mayor Liles commented on the Christmas Extravaganza to be held on December 10th. He said that there were lots of things planned and he hoped that we had a lot of participation.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Consider adoption of Ordinance Amending the Compensation Schedule of Town Commissioners (Exhibit D) – A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve this ordinance. Commissioners Scarborough, Shackelford, and Taylor voted yes and Commissioners O'Brien and Whitson voted no.

9. Public Comments:

- 1) Sharon Ginn – Mrs. Ginn informed the Board that David Emory's artwork would be on display at the Museum November and December. A reception will be held on November 11, 2010 at the museum. She also said that raffle tickets for a 17x24 Painting of a Civil War Colonel were on sale now for \$1.00 each.
- 2) David Jones asked if the cement blocks and the holes would be taken care of at the property on Harper Street. He said that water was standing in the holes and that mosquitoes were terrible. Mr. Hill told him that these problems would be taken care of.

10. New Business:

- a. Consider Proclamation Designating the Last Week of October as "Snow Hill Sweet Potato Week" (Exhibit A) – A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously approved to adopt this ordinance.
- b. Consider Adoption of Ordinance Amendment allowing Exemptions to Section 91.03 (Exhibit B) – A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and carried unanimously to approve this ordinance amendment.
- c. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2010-1027 as presented (Exhibit C) Resolution to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the 2010 Sweet Potato Festival. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried Unanimously to approve this resolution.

- d. Consider Authorizing the Consolidation of the Neighborhood Affairs and Recreation Boards. Dan Hill asked that this matter be tabled until later.
 - e. Consider authorizing the Town Administrator to pursue condemnation for 104 SE Third Street and 408 W. Harper Street. Dana Hill asked that this matter be tabled until later.
 - f. Consider Authorizing the Purchase of six (6) new overhead Christmas decorations. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Whitson and carried unanimously to purchase these Decorations.
11. Consider closed Session: Attorney Consultation – A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford and carried unanimously to go into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford and carried unanimously to reconvene to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

12. Commissioner Comments:

- 1) Commissioner Scarborough said that she had several calls concerning the spraying of mosquitoes and asked Mr. Hill if they would be spraying this weekend. He said that they would be spraying Thursday or Friday of this week.
 - 2) Commissioner Scarborough discussed the Housing Code Ordinances and her concern for some of the housing conditions in Snow Hill. The Town cannot condemn but the County can. A Code Enforcement Officer can enforce the ordinances. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
 - 3) Commissioner Shackelford thanked the Board for their visits, flowers, and concerns during the passing of her brother.
13. Adjourn – A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk

