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TOWN OF CHINA GROVE

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, May 01, 2018
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Withers called the regular meeting of May 1st, 2018 to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Withers called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Arthur Heggins and Steve Stroud. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:02 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor Withers amended the agenda to add items number five and six under Call To Order. He stated Barbara Doby would like to address the Board and he would like to recognize Donnie Hearing. He stated he would also like to add the Proclamation in Commemoration of the 47th Anniversary of the China Grove Vietnam Memorial under New Business. Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from the April 3rd, 2018 special meeting
- b) Approve Minutes from the April 3rd, 2018 regular meeting

Mr. Seaford made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Barbara Doby stated she wanted to thank the Board and staff for having a well keep town. She stated she has lived here since July 1, 1970. She stated this is a loving town and she is proud of the Board and staff.

Mayor Withers stated on April 15th we lost a strong public servant and member of the community. He stated Donnie Hearing was a member of the China Grove Volunteer Fire Department since 1980. He thanked Mr. Linn and the family for the service they have given and for allowing Mr. Hearing to be a part of it.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Gary Johnson stated he grew up in this town and is very proud to be a part of this town. He stated he grew up with the three young men that are recognized on the China Grove Vietnam Memorial. He stated

he is proud of the Board, China Grove and of the job Mr. Deal has done as Town Manager. He thanked everyone that has worked hard on getting the memorial plaque back in Hanna Park.

PUBLIC HEARING

I) 2018-Z-03 Residential Manufactured Home (R-MH) to Highway Business (H-B)

Mr. Gover stated Mark Huffman is requesting a zoning map amendment for parcel 124 055, located at 225 S US HWY 29. He stated the property is 2.2 acres and has 460 feet of frontage along US HWY 29. He stated there is a 100-foot Duke Energy right of way located on the back of the property. He stated the subject parcel currently contains a legal nonconforming manufactured home park with 12 units. He stated according to the UDO Section 12.10 changing the zoning from R-MH to HB will not prohibit the replacement of homes within the park. He stated this property is located in the General Commercial future land use category and the request aligns with the Land Use Plan.

Mayor Withers opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Withers closed the Public Hearing.

Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve 2018-Z-03 due to the fact that the rezoning is consistent with the adopted China Grove Land Use Plan based on the parcel having approximately 460 feet of frontage along US 29 which is our HB district, the retail, service and commercial district. Furthermore, the adoption of 2018-Z-03 is reasonable and in the public interest based on the fact that rezoning would join our main HB district and the HB district is compatible with our General Commercial future land use category. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to approve 2018-Z-03 to rezone Rowan County Tax Parcel 124 055 from Residential Manufactured Home (R-MH) to Highway Business (H-B). Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Set Public Hearing for FY 18-19 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Withers stated a Public Hearing is needed to pass the FY 18-19 Budget Ordinance.

Mr. Linn made a motion to hold the Public Hearing on June 5th, 2018. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Proclamation in Commemoration of the 47th Anniversary of the China Grove Vietnam Memorial
Mayor Withers stated the China Grove Vietnam Memorial was erected May 5th, 1971 in Hanna Park. He stated renovations have been made in Hanna Park and the plaque has been since been placed on the stage in Hanna Park. He read the proclamation aloud.

Mayor Withers asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

I) Fire Department

Chief Zimmerman stated earlier last month the Fire Department was able to participate in the funeral of Donnie Hearing with the antique fire engine. He thanked the family for allowing the department to do so. He stated this past month the department responded to 102 calls. He

stated thanked Chief Deal for his help with the structure fire on Cove Lane. Mr. Linn thanked the Fire Department for participating in his uncle's funeral.

Mr. Deal asked if there has been a decrease in overdose calls. Chief Zimmerman stated there has been a decrease.

II) Police Department

Chief Deal stated the Police Department and the Fire Department will be holding joint training. He stated the second person on scene may be a police officer and with property training they would be able to asset.

Mayor Withers asked if the Police Department is still working speeding on Power Street. Chief Deal stated there is still an issue with speeding on Power Street and an officer has been monitoring the area and issuing tickets. He stated they have made every effort to inform the citizens. Mayor Withers asked if Chief Deal could look into temporary speed bumps or radar speed limit signs.

III) Public Works Department

Mr. Ketner stated brush and curbside is at an all-time high. Mayor Withers stated he had a large tree fall in his yard and block Patterson Street. He stated he asked Mr. Ketner to send him the ordinance. He stated the ordinance is very clear on what the town picks up and how the limbs and brush should be placed. He stated he has a new understanding of the ordinance and thanked the Public Works Department for picking up his brush.

IV) Administration

Mr. Deal stated the foundation skirt of the stage is almost complete. He stated the material for the stage top has been ordered and hope to start on it soon. Mayor Withers thanked Larry Pittman with assisting Carl Ford to obtain funds for the stage.

Mr. Deal stated the bathroom tile is almost complete and then all that is left is to place the sinks and toilets. He stated the sheet rock is up in the Ballroom and all that is needed is mudding and paint. He stated the radiators and shutters have been removed.

Mr. Deal stated the rededication of the China Grove Vietnam Memorial will be held at Farmer's Day, July 21, 2018. He stated this will take place from 9:15 to 9:30 am during the opening ceremony.

Mr. Deal stated the color is being placed on the bricks for the Veteran Memorial Wall that will be located at the Community Building. He stated the emblems have been ordered for the branches of the Military and the eagle also. He stated we are looking into pavers to be purchased by citizens to be place at the wall.

a) Finance

Mrs. Bopp stated the financial summary reflects we have $\frac{3}{4}$ the revenue and $\frac{3}{4}$ the expenditures, she looks for us to be really close to the expenditures budgeted.

Mayor Withers stated the Park Advisory Board has recommended the town places dog waste stations in the parks. He asked if we can find the funds to do this. Mr. Linn stated he would rather use funds for some items for the Community Building such as an ice machine or new appliances for the kitchen. Mayor Withers suggested we purchase one station to see if people use them. Mr. Phillips made a motion to purchase one dog waste station and for it to be place

at the Community Building Park. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b) Event Coordinator

Ms. Price stated the Cruise In went very well and she thanked Fire, Police and Public Works. Mayor Withers thanked Ms. Price for getting the word out about not parking on Main Street until the time of the event. He stated merchants downtown stated it was one of the best Cruise Ins. She stated First Friday is this weekend on May 4th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. She stated she is working on the June 2nd Community Block Party and Farmer's Day.

c) Code Enforcement

Mr. Linn asked where we are on case 2017-CUP-01 China Grove Motorcoaches. Mr. Gover stated there is a ten-day waiting period and then we can go back to the DA's office.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Deal stated Schnabel Engineering is preparing to start on the next phase. He stated this phase consists of drilling and the State and Mr. Wilson have been informed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Withers recognized Representative Larry Pittman who is running for reelection in the new District 83. Mr. Pittman stated he looks forward to representing this area if he wins. He stated he is proud of the attention to the Veterans.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Linn made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Lee Withers
Mayor