

MINUTES – October 2, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville met at 7:00pm for a regular meeting in the Gibsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. Alderpersons Shepherd, Owen, Crisp, and Fanelli were present. Alderman Dean was absent. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, Gina Griffeth, Town Clerk, Bob Giles, Town Attorney, James Todd, Fire Chief, Ron Parrish, Police Chief, Lt. BJ Korn, Brandon Parker, Town Planner, Ricky Wade, Assistant Public Works Director, and Troy King, Utility Superintendent, were present. There were several members of the public present. The board meeting was live streamed on Facebook for those unable to attend.

Mayor Protem Shepherd called the meeting to order and lead the pledge of allegiance. Alderman Owen led the invocation.

Public Comments

Mark Sefner of 406 1st Street spoke regarding his neighbor at 402 1st Street. He stated that his neighbor, Mr. Cook, continues to blow yard debris into the roadway. He has contacted the police department, the mayor, and the town planner in the past week regarding this issue. He has also spoken to Mr. Cook but the issue is continuing.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett of 404 1st Street were also present to speak on the same issue.

Alderman Shepherd stated that the town would start with Brandon Parker and the code violation process.

Mayor Williams stated that he wants to form a committee with the town manager, police chief, Brandon Parker, and Bryant Crisp.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Crisp, made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy Welch – Sercap, Inc. water audit

Randy Welch, Technical Assistance Provider of Sercap (Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project) spoke to the board regarding a water audit. He stated that they provide all of their services at no cost to communities.

Troy King stated that the town is required to keep tabs on unaccounted water. It would be nice to have someone who does this full-time to verify the numbers that the town is using.

Alderman Crisp, seconded by Alderwoman Fanelli, made a motion to have SERCAP perform a water audit. The motion was unanimous.

Randy Welch stated that the process will take 30-60 days.

Annexation Petition – 5612 NC HWY 61 North

Property owners Teresa and Donald Merner have submitted a petition requesting to annex Guilford County Parcel 104920, Deed Book 4803, Page 1501-1503, consisting of 0.491 acres. The board will need to direct the clerk to certify the sufficiency of the petition.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion directing the clerk to certify the sufficiency of the petition and report the findings to the board at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Hammerhead parking follow-up discussion

The board discussed the “no-parking” signs placed in four separate hammerhead intersections at the September 18th meeting. These signs are intended to keep vehicles off the streets and allow the garbage, recycling, and other large vehicles a safe turn around area. A final decision will need to be made whether these intersections will or will not be added to the traffic schedule within the Gibsonville Code of Ordinances as no-parking areas.

Mayor Williams continued this item to the next meeting. He stated that he wants board members to meet and discuss this issue.

Reports

Town Manager – Ben Baxley stated that Toastoberfest is October the 7th and the Fall Festival is October 14th. This past Saturday was the last market day. The NC 61 North waterline replacement repaving has begun in the Timbergate area.

Mayor – Mayor Williams stated that the Girl's Night out event was outstanding. He requested more publicity for town events and stated that he was disappointed not to see board members at downtown events. He encouraged board members to speak with anyone who may be able to assist in funding the PD headquarters and library buildings. He also thanked the Fire Chief and fire department for their response to his house yesterday.

Board Members – No one wished to speak.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderwoman Fanelli, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk