

MINUTES – September 18, 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, Dean, and Fanelli were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, Gina Griffeth, Town Clerk, Bob Giles, Town Attorney, James Todd, Fire Chief, Ron Parrish, Police Chief, Lt. BJ Korn, Rob Elliot, 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 and available via landline for those unable to attend.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and lead the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments

Tangela Mitchell introduced herself and stated that she is running for the Board of Aldermen this election. She currently serves on the Gibsonville Development Advisory Committee.

David Tessmann of 915 Edgewater Rd spoke to the board regarding the newly erected “No Parking” signs in the hammerhead at the end of Edgewater Rd. He stated that he has been parking his vehicle on the road for the past 17 years. He requested that the board approve additional signs that limit the no parking to certain time periods that coincide with trash and recycling pick-up.

Rob Elliott stated that his garbage truck driver is the one who brought this issue to his attention. He spoke with Chief Todd and Chief Parrish and everyone was in agreement that it was a safety issue and that no parking was the fix. He felt that the police chief had the authority to temporarily put up the signs until approved by the board.

Alderwoman Fanelli asked how many hammerheads there were.

Rob Elliott replied that there were four locations in town with hammerheads.

Alderman Crisp stated that the town did its due diligence and believes that we should air on the side of safety. The town needs to be consistent and can't base parking on specific days as pick-up days and times do change.

Mayor Williams asked Ben Baxley to come up with something for the board to vote on at the next meeting.

Ben Baxley stated that this will be added to a traffic schedule that is currently being updated.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Crisp, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Tanneshia Dukes – NC House

Tanneisha Dukes is running for the NC House, District 59. She was at Maple View Creamery from 6-7pm speaking with citizens. She currently resides in Pleasant Garden and was previously an assistant principal for the Guilford County school district. She will be campaigning through all of district 59 with a focus on maternal healthcare, public schools, affordable childcare, and voting rights.

Randy Welch – Sercap, Inc. water audit

Randy Welch was unable to attend due to an illness and will be placed on the October 2nd agenda.

Chelsea Dickey

Chelsea Dickey of Motley Local provided an economic development update. She stated that the town currently has over 2,000 followers on Instagram. The Gibsonville area mixer will be on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30pm at the Burke Manor Inn. Gibsonville Girls Night is Thursday the 28th from 5-8pm and over 20 businesses will be participating.

New businesses coming to downtown include a brew spot/bottle shop, Pink Lola (women's apparel and home goods), Nadia's Alterations, Faith & Blessings, a florist, and an afterschool care center.

Reports

Town Manager – Ben Baxley asked Chief Todd to go over the upcoming fire department events.

Chief Todd stated that the fire department is celebrating its 100th anniversary this December and will be hosting a dinner on Friday evening for those who served 5+ years. Saturday from 12-2pm will be an open house for the public with hot dogs, chips, drinks, Kona Ice, and obstacle courses for kids.

Mayor – Mayor Williams stated that he has a BGMPO meeting Tuesday night and plans to ask DOT about Gibsonville’s growth and traffic issues.

Board Members – Alderman Crisp thanked those who attended the meeting and thanked staff for their hard work.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Crisp, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:39pm.

Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk