

Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024

Attendees: Mayor Yeager, Comm. Bush, Comm. Carver, Jeannette DeLude

Public Attendees: Robert Zimmeroff – CCEDC

The meeting was called to order at 6pm

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

The Public works report was approved as submitted. Mr. Wayne finished the new furniture assembly, took the old furniture to auction, sprayed weeds, monitored port a potty

Robert Zimmeroff (CCEDC) – Introduced himself as new director. He stated he is willing to help however he can even if it's just making a connection. He invited the commissioners to the 250th anniversary of the Resolves reading at CC County Comm. Meeting.

The mayor discussed the need for some businesses in town. He further explained the town doesn't want to grow to the size of Denton but would like some small business to help generate town revenue. Mr. Zimmeroff said destination tourism/marketing is really pushing agribusiness right now. There are lots of grants for farm to table tourism models available currently. Mr. Zimmeroff shared that the county needs to advertise and market to people who pass through the area so we can get them to stop and spend money in our area. Social marketing, piggyback off bigger events held such as Wildfowl festival, apple scrapple etc. are all good ways to advertise. He stated the county is always open to discussing ideas. The mayor asked if there is money available to build a brick and mortar building to attract business to town. Mr. Zimmeroff said yes, possibly through an Enterprise Zone, Sustainable communities, DHCD etc. He said to keep in touch with him so we can be aware of funding opportunities that come along. Mayor asked about grants to do farm to table. Mr. Zimmeroff suggested possibly contacting Maryland Rural Council. Mr. Zimmeroff said personally he sees a large need for trucking food storage for transporting frozen foods in county.

Ms. DeLude mentioned the progress or lack of on the schoolhouse. Mr. Zimmeroff stated he didn't feel that Jonestown was interesting any longer. He also suggested the 250th

anniversary commission also has some money for historical projects. Michelle Johnson is the person in charge, and she may be willing to help.

Ordinance 2024-03 – Landlord Licensing was introduced.

Old Business:

Chaney Agreement – Mayor talked to Kyle Murray. Asked Lawyer to send a plat of what they are thinking for the 30ac. Donation. The town is waiting for a response from them.

Comm. Carver asked if we had contacted the Sheriffs dept regarding their hours in town? The mayor said he and Comm. Bush had discussed before the previous meeting. Previously the Sheriff's office did 32 hours. He asked if we can we afford to continue that many hours? The mayor stated he did tell them to lessen hours a bit. Comm. Carver said we don't want them to do a mess of hours we can't afford to pay for since we get invoiced after the fact with no idea how much they are doing. A letter will be sent to the Sheriff stating maximum hours we will pay is 32 hours per month.

New Business:

Event Application – An application was submitted from Unity in Caroline for a car show. The Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the event. After some discussion it was decided in the future the town will require a deposit to cover the cost of port a potty pickup and garbage removal and ½ will be returned after the event is over and all trash etc. has been cleared.

Appointing positions – Ms. DeLude explained in the charter it states each year the various positions on the board will be appointed by the sitting council. Since Jamie Yeager was just re-elected, the town needs to appoint positions. Comm. Bush said she doesn't want to be Mayor. Comm. Carver said she is ok with whatever the council needs her to do. Comm. Bush said she knows Comm. Yeager has a lot on his plate, so she asked if he still wanted to be Mayor? He said yes since he has started with the Chaney project, he would like to finish it. It was unanimously approved for Jamie Yeager to remain in the mayor position.

Andy Clough came in and said something needs to be done about traffic and the speeding. He stated Templeville has a speed monitor and wanted to question why the Town of Goldsboro can't get one? He stated he fears someone is going to be hurt. Mayor Yeager said Templeville got it donated and we don't have 12k to buy one. He has checked into it. Comm. Bush said we have addressed it many times, but funding is an obstacle and we have told the police. Mayor said he can also call the sheriff's dept, MSP etc. to tell them his concerns. Ms. DeLude mentioned the Town had just agreed to increase the Sheriff's dept. hours from 12 per month to 32 per month.

Council Comments – Mayor said thank you to everyone and he is impressed with the work completed.

Comm. Carver – stated we need to start on Fall Fest planning

Sheriff's Dept report – reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Town Manager report – approved as submitted

Ms. DeLude advised the commissioners the town had to make some decision on the plans as submitted by Rauch engineering for the train station/park. The council approved option b for the bathroom.

Can we do a survey online for the community to get their opinions on the playground equipment?

The council asked Ms. DeLude to ask Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio and Ben Vanest from Rauch to come do an update at the Aug 13th meeting.

Ms. DeLude will ask Rauch what is the construction schedule for the park/train station?

Can we do fall fest? If there is construction issue, can we scale down and do at Trinity Church

Mayor Yeager stated we should consider purchasing a sound system for the town to use for events. All agreed. Ms. DeLude will see what she can find and bring it to the council

Comm. Bush stated we are having trouble finding someone to do Installation of the storm doors. She mentioned that Lowe's does do installations, she will contact them on pricing.

The meeting was adjourned at 809pm