

Town Council Meeting Minutes
Public Hearing – Sewer rate increase
Oct.8, 2024

Attendees: Mayor Jamie Yeager, Comm. Deb Bush, Comm. Kelly Carver, Jeannette DeLude

Public Attendees: Attorney Tom Yeager, Greensboro Town Comm. Harrison, Greensboro Town Comm. Brelia, Brandon Greensboro PW,

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. The council discussed the need to get mulch for the park. Mr. Bush reported one of the tables at the park that were anchored in the ground had a broken pipe. The Mayor stated he will check to see if it can be repaired.

The public hearing for the rate increase was opened by Mayor Yeager.

Public Comments:

Attorney Yeager stated the hearing was published and proper notice was given.

Mayor Yeager stated he would like to have better communication with the Greensboro Town Council. Comm Brelia said the council thought Ms. DeLude had been copied on emails re: the search for new operator. Ms. DeLude did not recall getting that info. Comm. Brelia stated they can copy us on emails. Brandon Cunningham gives Tammy Kalledes a list of what has been done and she can forward to Goldsboro. Comm. Carver asked about the reason for a change in operator. Greensboro council explained the former company was not operating the plant correctly and they had to fix neglect. They said they are hoping to get an intern and eventually get them licensed so they can have an operator on staff. Ms. DeLude mentioned talking to MRWA. The mayor asked why they had to do a huge increase all at once, why couldn't it be phased in? Greensboro council said the whole increase was due to the operator cost and they had to cover that expense.

The Goldsboro council discussed an option to open a "Hardship" account for those in need to be paid by Goldsboro. Attorney Yeager stated this is something that is possible, but the Town would need to develop a process for who qualifies and how the money was handled

and it would need to be discussed with MDE. Some items to discuss would include developing an application and set limits on the amount granted and the length of time someone can get the “grant” The possibility of connecting with the local church to set up funds was discussed. The Council also discussed doing a fundraiser to set up money to help cover the cost.

The public hearing was closed at 638pm with further comment.

Ordinance 2024-4 was adopted a motion was made by Comm. Carver and Seconded by Comm. Bush, unanimously approved

Ordinance 2024-5 was adopted. a motion was made by Comm. Carver and Seconded by Comm. Bush, unanimously approved

The mayor asked the Attorney Yeager if there were any laws etc. that could be used so we could get info from Greensboro. The Attorney stated he would need to look at the agreement. The Attorney also stated since it was discussed this evening, the town should wait to see what they do going forward. It may be necessary to do an amendment to the agreement.

Old Business –

Comm. Carver will do the town car for trunk or treat. It will be held on Halloween from 6-8pm. The Council asked Ms. DeLude to send a message to Pastor Krupla to see if they wanted to participate as well.

Fall fest was canceled due to the weather. The mayor suggested we work with the Fire Dept and the Church and possibly hold it at the Fire Dept. next year so we can go inside if the weather is bad. By combining efforts, the three parties could also pool volunteers/resources. Comm. Carver suggested we could let the Fire Dept do a fundraiser (food, beer garden), we do vendors, church do whatever. All agreed this was a good idea, the Town will reach out to the other two parties.

House at 531 Old Town – Ms. DeLude has received comments about the permit for 531 Old Town Rd. It should have gone to the Planning Commission for approval. Ms. DeLude apologized. There are currently no procedures in place so those need to be created so there are clear guidelines on what does or does not go to the commission.

Comm. Carver stated we need to add Trunk or Treat to the town website and add events as they come in.

Christmas lights contest flyer – Ms. DeLude will create and send to website

Mulch for park – Comm. Carver asked about the status of getting mulch since the park needs it. Can we have the lawn care company, do it? The mayor stated the contract says only mowing not mulch and spraying of weeds etc. The mowing company said they can only spray when no one is at the park. Comm. Bush asked if the town wanted to pay Mr. Bush to go up weekly and do weed whacking etc. since he already goes to check the park weekly. The mayor said the lawncare company must have insurance and it isn't fair to have someone do it when the lawn guy must have insurance, and he doesn't? The mayor asked if wanted the lawn company to clean up leaves? Comm. Carver suggested the town get a quote first so we know how much it will cost.

The Planning Commission mentioned that they were supposed to get paid \$15 per meeting but haven't been getting it. Ms. DeLude will look at the ordinances to see what the regulation says regarding this.

New Business –

Meeting Date - Comm. Carver asked if we could change the meeting date as she will have to leave early each meeting due to personal commitments. The mayor suggested we try to just let Kelly come for part of the meeting and then leave early and see how it goes. Comm. Carver stated she can only stay ½ hour. Comm. Carver also suggested maybe she could call in when she must leave so she can still hear what is going on. A suggestion was made to move the important stuff to the top of the agenda so she can be present.

Old School House – Hoping to move the building in the 1st week of December.
Waiting on State and county permits.

30ac. Land donation from Chaney – The council got email with plot to show the land layout. All members agreed to the land as submitted.

Council comments – None

Town Mgr. – Report submitted. Ms. DeLude asked for direction on what food we wanted to have at the CCAM dinner – After some discussion it was decided to order Lasagna, Salad with bread from La DeLizia

The meet the towns event is tomorrow and Comm. Bush will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm