

Regular Meeting of the Town Council
March 21, 2023
6:00 pm in the Civic Center
Minutes & General Account

Council Members Present: Mayor Montgomery, Council Members Wolfe, Rayborn, & Capes

Council Members Absent: Council Member Straughn

Staff Members Present: Matthew Johnson, Katie M. Weiner, Paul Blanchard, Anna Hawryluk. Judy Gallman, Faith Wilson, Elizabeth Greeson, & Beth Koonce

Visitors Present: Pam Burgess, Carl Burgess, Will Ragsdale, Mary Ragsdale, Robert Frederick, Matthew Williams, Samuel Williams, Jacob Tipton, Nicholas Tipton, Davin Powell, Jameson Apple, John Tipton, Jay McQuillan, & Carol Brooks

Call to Order- Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order.

- Roll Call- Weiner took roll call as follows:
 - Council Member Wolfe- Present
 - Council Member Capes- Present
 - Mayor Montgomery- Present
 - Council Member Straughn- Absent
 - Council Member Rayborn- Present

Weiner stated that a quorum was present.

- Pledge of Allegiance- Boy Scout Troop 68 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Moment of Silence- Mayor Montgomery called for a moment of silence.
- Approval of Agenda- Mayor Montgomery asked if anyone had any changes to make to the agenda.

Council Member Rayborn made a motion to remove Budget Amendment #14 and the Whistleblower Policy from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wolfe made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Capes made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 21st Town Council meeting as amended. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda- The consent agenda included the following items:

- Approval of minutes from the January 24th Town Council Budget Retreat
- Approval of minutes from the February 21st Regular Town Council meeting
- Proclamation declaring March 24th as Arbor Day in the Town of Jamestown
- Proclamation Year of the Trail 2023
- Appointment of Phyllis Bridges as a Parks and Recreation Committee Member and Maria Ashburn as a Parks & Recreation Committee Alternate

- Analysis of the Financial Position of the Town of Jamestown
- Analysis of the Financial Position of the Jamestown Park & Golf Course
- Budget Amendment #15
- Approval of Amended Capitalization of Assets Policy for the Town of Jamestown

Council Member Capes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Proclamation declaring March 24th as Arbor Day in the Town of Jamestown, Proclamation Year of the Trail 2023, Budget Amendment #15)

Public Comment-

- Krisdena Reeser, 2621 Glasshouse Road- Reeser spoke about the Town of Jamestown’s March 8th press release regarding the Town’s water supply. She claimed that the calculations included in the release were inaccurate. She said that the Town of Jamestown should be held accountable for any issues that arose from High Point’s Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Robert Frederick, 500 Wyndwood Drive- Frederick thanked everyone that volunteered for the community and those that spoke during meetings. He said he appreciated those that spoke against the Development Agreement with DR Horton. He claimed that the Town had not followed public notice requirements because of the changes made to the Agreement.
- Pam Burgess, 207 Pearce Drive- Burgess said that she had been a resident of the Town for 25 years, and that she had noticed an increase in disrespectful behavior, misinformation campaigns, and people pushing their own personal agendas throughout Town. Burgess noted that the actions were being exhibited by a select few. She added that most residents recognized the Town’s desire to positively involve the community through engagement opportunities. However, she highlighted that non-residents and non-taxpayers continue to focus on pessimistic versions of their expectations of the Town of Jamestown. She added that the Town Council and staff continue to strive for harmony in spite of the corrosive episodes, hostile noise, fabrications, and derogatory statements made by some in an attempt to dismantle the attractiveness of the Town. She said that she hoped the negative dispositions represented by some would be met with positive contributions and involvement by residents who wish to continue to make Jamestown a great place to live. She thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff.

Presentation of Resolution honoring William “Billy” G. Ragsdale, III to William and George Ragsdale- Mayor Montgomery presented the Resolution honoring the life of Billy Ragsdale to Will and Mary Ragsdale.

Council Member Wolfe thanked them for sharing Billy with the Town.

(Resolution honoring William “Billy” G. Ragsdale, III)

Presentation of Resolution to Jay McQuillan honoring his service on the Parks and Recreation Committee- Council Member Capes presented the Resolution to Jay McQuillan and thanked him for his service on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

(Resolution to Jay McQuillan honoring his service on the Parks and Recreation Committee)

Old Business-

- Consideration of adoption of Capital Project Ordinance for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Project- Gallman said that staff was requesting that a grant project fund be set up as a multi-year fund to budget and account for revenue and expenditures related to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Project. She noted that the Guilford County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Act funds would serve as the match for the project. She requested that Council approve the Resolution adopting a Grant Project Ordinance for the PARTF Project.

Council Member Martha made a motion to approve the Resolution to set up a Grant Project Ordinance for the PARTF Project. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Resolution adopting a Grant Project Ordinance for the PARTF Project)

- Consideration of adoption of Capital Project Ordinance for the Accessibility for Parks (AFP) Project- Gallman stated that staff was requesting that a grant project fund be set up for the Accessibility for Parks (AFP) Project . She noted that the Guilford County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Act funds would serve as the match for the project. She requested that Council approve the Resolution adopting a Grant Project Ordinance for the AFP Project.

Council Member Wolfe said she was excited about the upcoming projects at the Park. She thanked staff for their hard work on getting the projects funded.

Council Member Capes made a motion to approve the Resolution to set up a Grant Project Ordinance for the AFP Project. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Resolution adopting a Grant Project Ordinance for the AFP Project)

- Consideration of adoption of Capital Project Ordinance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Sidewalks Project- Gallman said that staff was requesting that a grant project fund be set up for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Sidewalks Project. She noted that the project would be funded by Guilford County's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

Council Member Wolfe thanked Guilford County for funding the sidewalk connections included in the project.

Council Member Rayborn made a motion to approve the Resolution to set up a Grant Project Ordinance for the ARPA (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Sidewalks Project. Council Member Capes made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Resolution adopting a Grant Project Ordinance for the ARPA (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Sidewalks Project)

- Consideration of adoption of Capital Project Ordinance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Stormwater Project- Gallman stated that staff was requesting that a grant project fund be set up for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Stormwater Project. She added that the project would be funded by Guilford County's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the Resolution to set up a Grant Project Ordinance for the ARPA (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Stormwater Project. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Resolution adopting a Grant Project Ordinance for the ARPA (Guilford Co.) Jamestown Stormwater Project)

Manager/Committee Reports-

- Manager Report- Johnson presented his monthly report to Council. He stated that Council would have a Budget Retreat on March 23rd and April 14th. He noted that toters for solid waste would be delivered to customers the week of April 3rd-7th. Johnson stated that the Town would begin collecting solid waste in toters on April 11th and 12th. He highlighted that the Town had been awarded the Accessibility for Parks (AFP) grant in the amount of \$500,000. Johnson thanked Coakley and Hawryluk for their hard work on the grant. He spoke about the MyRec software that would be implemented for the Parks and Recreation Department. He stated that it would allow users to see the availability of amenities and rent those online. Johnson noted that Arbor Day would be observed on March 24th. He also updated Council on ongoing projects. He introduced Jason Pegram, Assistant Director of Public Services, to Council.

Council Member Wolfe discussed the status of ongoing projects with Johnson.

Council Member Capes discussed the possibility of offering a virtual tour of the Mendenhall Room on the MyRec software with Johnson.

Council Member Capes asked Johnson to speak about the safety of Jamestown's water source. Johnson said that there had been some discussion about emerging compounds within the water. He noted that the EPA was aware of the compounds, but they were still trying to determine the appropriate thresholds to set for safety. Johnson stated that treatment agencies were waiting for the EPA and the Federal Government to provide additional guidance about those chemicals. He noted that all agencies would be required to adhere to threshold requirements once they are established.

- Council Member Committee Reports-
 - Council Member Wolfe said that she had attended a TAC meeting on February 28th. She spoke about ongoing sidewalk projects.
 - Council Member Capes stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on March 6th. He noted that they elected Doug Sampson to serve as Chair and Daniel McDaniel to serve as Vice Chair.

Public Comment- Nobody spoke.

Other Business- Council Member Wolfe spoke with Hawryluk about code enforcement issues at the Oakdale Cotton Mill.

Council Member Wolfe also discussed the possibility of adopting a Resolution in opposition of legislative bills being considered by the NC General Assembly with Council.

Adjournment- Council Member Capes made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rayborn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting ended at 6:40 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk