

Regular Meeting of the Town Council
Council Chambers
April 15, 2014

6:30 pm

Minutes & General Account

Council Members Present: Mayor Volz, Council Members Thomas, Montgomery, Ragsdale (Council Member Nixon-Roney absent)

Staff Present: Chuck Smith, Paul Blanchard, Judy Gallman, Matthew Johnson, Martha Wolfe and Beth Koonce, Town Attorney.

Visitors Present: Mark Lindsay, Ed Terry and Nicole Arnold from the High Point Regional Association of Realtors, Carol Brooks of the Jamestown News, Greg Flory, PTRWA.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.
2. Amend the Agenda - Mayor Volz called for a motion to amend the agenda to include the addition of a closed session. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to amend the agenda to add a closed session to the Agenda items. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Community Reflections – Mayor Volz announced the following community events:
 - Friday April 18, 2014, Town Hall closed for Easter Holiday. There will be no garbage service that day.
 - April is North Carolina Beer Month
 - April 14 – May 11, 2014 – Water Quality Preventive Maintenance Program
 - April 22, 2014 – Special Budget Workshop – 6:00 pm
 - May 8th, 2014 – Town Hall Meeting with Guilford County Elected Officials – 6:30 pm – open to the public
 - May 10, 2014 – 9:00 am Litter Sweep
 - May 21, 2014 – National Golf Day
 - May 25, 2014 – Memorial Day Parade

Mayor Volz asked for a moment of silence.

4. Approval of minutes from the March 28, 2014 Regular and Closed Session Meetings – Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular & closed session from the March 18, 2014 meeting as presented. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to seal the closed session minutes for the March 19, 2014 meeting. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Ordinance Prohibiting Concealed Weapons on Municipal Properties – Beth Koonce, Town Attorney, presented an amendment to the Town Ordinance concerning concealed carry weapons. When the Town Manager and Town Attorney were working on the Park Rules & Regulations they realized the Town Ordinance did not have a specific provision addressing concealed carry weapons. This amendment is requested to bring the Town of Jamestown’s Ordinance into compliance with the N. C. State law. This amendment is tailored to comply with state law but also allows us to prohibit concealed weapons in Jamestown facilities, certain areas of the park & clubhouse and athletic facilities during athletic events. We cannot prohibit carrying a concealed weapon properly permitted on the greenway or in a specific park area.

Mayor Volz opened the Public Comment Period of the Public Hearing. He asked for anyone in favor of the amendment to please come forward, give your name & address. Please adhere to the 3 min. time limit. There was no one. Mayor Volz then asked for anyone that opposed the amendment to please come forward, give your name & address. Please adhere to the 3 min. time limit. There was no one.

Mayor Volz closed the Public Comment Portion of the Public Hearing. The Mayor opened for Council discussion. It was reiterated that the Amendment conforms to the North Carolina State law.

Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the amendment to the Ordinance Prohibiting Concealed Weapons on Municipal Properties. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. On a roll call vote:

Council Member Ragsdale voted aye
Council Member Montgomery voted aye
Council Member Thomas voted aye

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Ordinance Related to the Collection of Solid Wastes – Paul Blanchard stated the request for consideration is regarding the amendment to the solid waste ordinance. The 3 areas to be amended are:

- Article XII g.(2)b – amend maximum length of limbs to 6’.
- Article XIII – add sharps to the Medical Waste Section to address proposed policies and procedures for collecting sharps and address enforcement and civic penalties.
- Article I – define sharps.

Mayor Volz opened the Public Comment Period of the Public Hearing. The Mayor asked for anyone in favor of the amendment to please come forward. Give your name & address, please adhere to the 3 min. time limit. There was no one. Mayor Volz asked for anyone opposed to the amendment to please come forward. Give your name & address. Please adhere to the 3 min. time limit. There was no one.

The Mayor closed the Public Comment Portion of the Public Hearing. He opened to the Council for discussion.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve the amendment to the Ordinance Related to the Collection of Solid Waste. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. On a roll call vote.

Council Member Ragsdale voted aye
Council Member Montgomery voted aye
Council Member Thomas voted aye

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Public Comment Period – None

8. State of the Housing Market Annual Report – Mayor Volz called on Mark Lindsay, President of the High Point Regional Association of Realtors. Lindsay said the High Point region real estate market includes the Town of Jamestown. He stated the market has shown slow and steady growth over the last 14 months. There are no indications of the market slowing down. They predict sales will remain strong for the next 2 – 5 years. Rental market is very strong. Commercial real estate lags behind residential market typical 15 to 18 months.

9. Consideration of approval of the Uniform Parks Rules & Regulations for Wrenn Miller Park and Jamestown Park – Chuck Smith stated the proposed Rules & Regulations for the Wrenn Miller Park and Jamestown Park were discussed at the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on April 7, 2014. They unanimously recommended to the Council approval of the Rules & Regulations.

Smith called attention to item #9. This item has been updated with the Town's currently adopted concealed weapons handgun policy.

Smith said this basically takes similar language from Guilford County Park Rules and Greensboro Park Rules. Guilford County Sheriff's Dept. will do most of the enforcement. Guilford County Parks & Recreation Commission adopted similar rules recently. Nice to have similar language.

Section #18 (b) is proposed that no alcoholic beverages of any kind may be brought off-site into any park, greenway or trail except for special events approved by the Town Manager. This means no off-site alcohol would be allowed on the golf course. This is a drastic change from what we have allowed for years.

Smith said part of the reason why this is being proposed is because there is a gray area in the current Rules & Regulations. Beyond the Box Grill at the Clubhouse sales beer by the can. People that brought in their own beer brought in bottles. The Owner of the Grill knew who she was selling to. If someone gets in a wreck there is a separation of where the alcohol was purchased. So the Grill's ABC permit would not be in danger.

The approach of the proposed Rules & Regulations is very strict. It states only alcohol can be purchased at Beyond the Box. It is their ABC permit, not the Town's. The alcohol is limited to fenced in area of the Golf Course. It is not allowed in the other Park areas.

Council Member Thomas stated he has heard that one of the attractions to Jamestown Park is that one can bring in their own coolers. Is there a concern that eliminating this activity will affect the amount of play. Smith said there is some concern about losing play and concern with enforcement.

Mayor Volz does not really like changing the alcohol rule. It seems unfriendly. Council discussed the sale of alcohol at the Grill verses patrons/golfers bringing in alcohol. They discussed liability issues. Also

discussed limiting alcohol to the Clubhouse and Golf Course. The rationale was to make it clear and distinctive – no outside alcohol. Smith said there are other public golf courses that allow outside alcohol. If this rule is passed, we would be one of a few courses that do not allow off-site alcohol. Council Member Thomas would like to help the business of the Grill, but not at the expense of the Golf Course. He has not seen abuse of outside alcohol. The Mayor agrees he has seen no abuse.

Smith stated during tournaments there is outside alcohol, but this is in conjunction with package deals providing drinks, etc. Right now one is allowed to bring in outside alcohol during tournaments. If the proposed rule passes, that would not be allowed. Smith said enforcement would be on the staff.

Council Member Ragsdale suggested signage “Report People that had too much to drink.” He does not think people are abusing alcohol. However, he does worry about the liability for the Grill owners. Smith asked the Town Attorney about the Town’s risk of exposure. Koonce said the Town is not serving the alcohol. One gets into liability issues when continue to serve someone that has already consumed too much alcohol. That is not the case here.

Council Member Thomas stated if there are no other issues, he would like to approve the Uniform Parks Rules & Regulations with deleting the fact that alcohol off premises is not allowed and allow the use of off-site alcohol which would mean striking 18 (b). Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Set Public Hearing Date for consideration of street name change for a section of Ragsdale Rd. - Matthew Johnson requested a Public Hearing to change the name of a section of Ragsdale Rd. to Main St. Council Member Thomas made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for May 20, 2014 to consider a street name change for a section of Ragsdale Rd. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. Set Public Hearing date for rezoning request from Industrial (IND) to Commercial/Main Street Transitional (C/MST) for the property located at 207 Oakdale Rd. - Matthew Johnson requested a Public Hearing for a rezoning request. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for May 20, 2014 to consider a rezoning request from Industrial to Commercial/Main Street Transitional for the property located at 207 Oakdale Rd. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. Resolution Designation of Applicant’s Agent Authorized to Apply for FEMA Public Assistance – Smith presented a Resolution for approval to designate the Town Manager, Finance Officer and the Public Service Director as authorized agents to apply for FEMA assistance on behalf of the Town.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to approve the Resolution Designation of Applicant’s Agent Authorizing the Town Manager, Finance Officer and Public Service Director as agents for the Town of Jamestown. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Resolution)

13. Proclamation National Public Works Week – Mayor Volz presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 18 – 24, 2014 as Public Works Week to Paul Blanchard, Public Services Director.

(Proclamation)

Mayor Volz said the Public Services Dept. did a fabulous job of cleaning up the ice storm damage.

14. Proclamation Municipal Clerks Week – Mayor Volz presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 4 – 10, 2014 as Municipal Clerks Week to the Town Clerk, Martha Wolfe.

(Proclamation)

15. Budget amendment – Gallman presented budget amendment #8 in the amount of \$9000.00. Council Member Montgomery made a motion to accept budget amendment #8. Council Member Thomas made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

(Budget amendment)

16. Analysis of Financial Position of the Town of Jamestown – Gallman presented the financial statement for the month ending March 31, 2014. She stated as of March 31, 2014 the Town has cash balances of approximately 8.8 million, of that approximately 2.2 million is reserved for specific usages.

The detailed statement for the month ending 3/31/14 is normal reoccurring expenditures. No question for Gallman.

17. Public Comment Period – None

18. Other Business – none

19. Closed session to preserve the attorney-client privileges per G. C. 143-318.11 (a) – Council Member Thomas made a motion to go into closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege G. S. 143-318.11 (a) 3. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

-----Closed Session -----

Council reconvened in the Office of the Town Manager

Council Member Thomas made a motion to resume the Regular Council meeting. Council Member Montgomery made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting ended at 7:43 pm.