

January 7, 2019

Board of Commissioners meeting

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. at the Ramseur Municipal Building, 724 Liberty Street, Ramseur, NC. The following members were present: Mayor Danny R. Shaw, Commissioners: Grant Cheek, David Overman, Vicki Caudle, Adam Smith, and Randy Cox, Clerk Bobbie Hatley and Attorney Bob Wilhoit.

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Randy Cox led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Comm. Cheek motions to approve the agenda. Comm. Caudle seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Consent agenda was presented with invoices from C&J Utilities for \$3,531. December Police report and Fire Monthly Payout \$565 were presented. Board minutes from December 17th, 2018. Comm. Caudle motions to approve consent agenda. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Jill Wood presented information on a Code Enforcement program. Mrs. Wood gave updates on several violations that were out of compliance. Letters were sent out giving property owners until January 15th to come into compliance. Updates on Downtown district violations: Tim Matthews, Johnny Luck, Randy Cox, Brown's Auto, and Stout Street property. Mr. Matthews has meeting with Mr. Pinnix in the next couple days. Mr. Pinnix presented a letter to the Board giving an extension date of April 15th, 2019 for Mr. Cox. Comm. Overman motions to abate the RV issue. Comm. Caudle seconds. Discussion held. Comm. Cox recused himself from the vote. Vote was 2-2 with Comm. Smith and Comm. Cheek against. Mayor Shaw broke the tie making the vote 2-3. Mr. Cox will be given until April 15th to come into compliance. Mr. Pinnix has a meeting set with Jimmy Brown to work with him on abating the violations. Meetings have been scheduled with property owners with Mr. Pinnix. Mrs. Wood discussed code enforcement cases that have been turned over to the Town for further abatement. Addresses were 105 Weatherly Square, 2022 Brooklyn Avenue, 1209 Lineberry Street, Vacant lots on King Road (behind, beside of Bojangles', 2001 Craven Street. Mrs. Wood gave detailed

updates on each violation. Bobbie Hatley requested a letter of intent from contractor to demo 2001 Craven Street. Mrs. Wood discussed a complaint of individuals residing in an RV located at 2043 Brooklyn Avenue. Mr. Pinnix has sent out a Notice of Violation and is set to inspect on Wednesday. Mr. Pinnix will set a hearing if not brought into compliance. If not resolved, Mr. Pinnix will turn over to the Town for abatement. Discussion held on 1209 Lineberry Street and vacant lots on King Road. Confusion on which vacant lots are becoming discussed. Comm. Cheek motions to excuse Comm. Overman from voting on 1209 Lineberry Street. Comm. Caudle seconds. Vote passes 4-0. Comm. Caudle motions to allow Attorney Wilhoit to send a letter to rectify in 30 days and proceed with legal action if not rectified. Comm. Cheek seconds. Vote passes 4-0. Mrs. Wood was asked to confirm which vacant lot needs action with Mr. Pinnix and return with findings later in meeting.

Comm. Cheek discussed Jason Delk invoice approved at last month's meeting. Mr. Delk has requested 75% be paid upfront. Comm. Caudle motions to approve 75% down payment by cashier's check. Comm. Cheek seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Comm. Cheek stated that street patching has started around Town.

Comm. Smith discussed that the ground wire at the cemetery was broken during some repairs. This will be repaired soon.

Comm. Caudle discussed Parks and Rec updates. Comm. Caudle has spoken with several insurance agents for ball league. Discussion held on the insurance levels and cost. These costs would be covered by the registration fees collected. Comm. Caudle stated that the Town was approved for a \$3,000 grant from DART Foundation for purchasing equipment and field maintenance. Comm. Caudle motions to approve baseball in Ramseur. Comm. Overman seconds. Comm. Cox inquired on who would be responsible for monies collected with the ball league. Comm. Caudle states that parents and volunteers would be running concessions and a level of trust will be needed. Vote passes 5-0. Discussion held on registration fees. Comm. Caudle motions to set registration fees at \$45 a child. Comm. Overman seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Comm. Caudle motions to accept the DART grant of \$3,000 for purchasing equipment and ball field dirt. Comm. Overman seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Donations and scholarships were discussed. Comm. Caudle motions that additional insurance costs would be covered by registration fees. Comm. Cheek seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Mrs. Wood returned to discuss vacant lot on the east side of Bojangles'. Comm. Cheek motions to turn over to Attorney and report back to the Board for further action if needed. Comm. Overman seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Mr. Pinnix advised Mrs. Wood of two additional updates to address the Board with. There is a violation at 593 Coleridge Road and 212 Holly Hill Street. Notice of Violation was sent to the property owners at 593 Coleridge Road giving 15 days to comply. Comm. Cheek was asked to check into contracting the abatement of 212 Holly Street. Mrs. Wood would like to get permission from the Board for Dennis Pinnix and herself to establish a written procedure for handling code enforcement issues. Discussion on Town's expense. Comm. Overman motions to allow Jill to bring code enforcement procedures and instructions for

streamlining code enforcement to the Board. Comm. Caudle seconds. Comm. Caudle inquired on the hourly expenses for State Code Enforcement billing. Bobbie Hatley would get an explanation from Dennis Pinnix. Vote passes 5-0.

Comm. Smith inquired on the Rail Trail process. Mayor Shaw gave an update on process, waiting on grant acceptance, and what is needed to finish up the Rail Trail. Comm. Smith brought up a piece of property acquired by a Commissioner of the Board. Comm. Caudle stated this is a matter of property acquisition and should be discussed in closed session. Comm. Cheek motions to amend the agenda to include a closed session for property acquisition. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Comm. Cox motions to go into closed session. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Property acquisition was discussed. Comm. Cox motions to exit closed session. Comm. Cheek seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Comm. Caudle motions to return to regular session. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Mayor Shaw states no action was taken in closed session.

Bobbie Hatley presented the Board with the option of accepting phone payments by debit/credit cards for water bills with a convenience fee of \$1.50. Comm. Caudle motions to approve phone payments with convenience fees of \$1.50. Comm. Cheek seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Mayor Shaw gives announcements. Planning & Zoning Board meeting will be on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 6pm. Town Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 21st. February Board meeting will be Monday, February 4th at 7:30 pm.

Comm. Cheek motions to adjourn. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Danny R. Shaw, Mayor

Bobbie Hatley, Town Clerk