



MINUTES

Monday, January 24, 2022: 3:00 PM
Town Council Work Session

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Haney called the meeting to order. The following members of Town Council were present: Mayor Carol Haney; Taylor Clement; Paul Murphy; Bill Pate; and Ann Petersen.

Mayor Haney thanked the Town staff and Duke Energy staff who helped us all get through the recent storm.

2. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the agenda.

a. CivicClerk Review

Staff will review the recently launched CivicClerk platform.

Assistant Town Manager Jessica Roth gave the Council an overview of the program and its capabilities.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Authorize Demolition of Unsafe Building at 830 Clark Street and Expenditure of \$7,200 for Demolition Work

Chief Building Inspector John Bullock and Code Enforcement Officer Lisa Webb will present the request and history on this property.

Chief Building Inspector John Bullock reviewed the request and answered the Council's questions.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve Condemnation of the Unsafe Structure at 830 Clark Street, Southern Pines and to approve the requested funding of \$7,200.00 for

demolition of said property. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and the vote was unanimous.

b. AX-01-22: Direct Clerk to Investigate Petition for Annexation at 3900 Youngs Road

Michael Tveter and Jamie Tveter are requesting voluntary annexation of a contiguous parcel that is currently outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Southern Pines.

Per the Moore County tax records, the subject parcel is identified as PIN 858100892377; PARID 20210139 and is owned by Michael Tveter and Jamie Tveter.

Town Manager Reagan Parsons reviewed the request for the Council.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Voluntary Annexation of 3900 Youngs Road. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and the vote was unanimous.

c. SU-03-21 Townhouses on Bennett Written Decision

Planning staff has prepared a draft written decision for SU-03-21 that was heard by the Town Council on January 11, 2022.

Planning Director Grieve presented the report to the Council. This is a written version of a decision that was already voted on and approved by the Council.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Written Decision for SU-03-21: Townhouses on Bennett Street. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and the vote was unanimous.

d. PD-10-21: Adopt Written Decision for Pinehurst Surgical Center Site 3N PDP

Planning staff has prepared a draft written decision for PD-10-21 that was heard by the Town Council on January 11, 2022.

Planning Director Grieve presented the request to the Council. This is a written version of a decision that was already voted on and approved by the Council.

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Written Decision for PD-10-21: Pinehurst Surgical Center Site 3N PDP. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and the vote was unanimous.

4. COUNCIL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Arts Council of Moore County Public Art Program

Mr. Chris Dunn, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Moore County, has requested time to speak with the Town Council. He wishes to brief the Council about a revised version of a public art program to install privately-funded murals on buildings in Southern Pines. Consideration of such a program was originally initiated as a request from Mr. Steve Harbour in June of 2020.

Planning Director Grieve gave a brief overview of the request and background.

Chris Dunn, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Moore County, detailed the proposed program and answered any questions raised by the Council.

All of the Council members expressed their support for the project.

b. EPA Inspection of Southern Pines Water System

On October 19th, representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) performed an inspection of the Town's water treatment and distributions systems. The Town was the only water system in North Carolina that was inspected. The Town passed the inspection with flying colors and no violations were noted by EPA.

The Town's water system passed its recent EPA Inspections. The Council congratulated staff on a job well done.

c. Municipal Elections Discussion

Council-initiated discussion on options for future municipal elections.

Assistant Town Manager Roth presented a report on recent election numbers and costs as well as options authorized under NCGS. Council discussed the rising costs of holding primary elections and the voter turn out numbers. The Council asked staff to proceed with starting the process of amending the Town Charter to eliminate primary elections, asking that the matter be addressed again at the March 2022 Town Council Meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Pate motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
