

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
February 11, 2019

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson and Jones

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019, Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019, Special Called Council meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously by those present at the meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer was not in attendance. Mayor Carson introduced the Town's new part time officer Buist Smith.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council reviewed the account statement for January 2018. Mayor Carson noted that as of the printing of the account statement the Penny sales tax we received had not been deposited yet.
- Mayor Carson expressed Council's wish to establish a Town of North Event Committee so that all Town sponsored events would fall under this committee. Mayor Carson made a motion to establish an Event Committee headed by Suzanne Reed. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was approved unanimously.
- Mayor Carson also reminded Council that State Ethics Commission reporting must be filed electronically by noon on March 30, 2019.
- Mrs. Jennifer Williams was sworn in as a new Councilmember. Mrs. Williams introduced herself. She stated that she has lived in North for 25 years. She said that she had worked in healthcare for 30 years but retired early. She also said that she is here for the people of North,
- Councilmember Cook announced that the Event Committee would be having a Spring Fling at Drew-Owen Park on March 30, 2019. She stated that there would be games, an Easter egg hunt that would start at 10am and that the kids could bring their bikes and electric cars to hold a kid's parade around the walking track. Councilmember Cook also asked people wishing to volunteer to contact Suzanne Reed.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson stated that the Event Committee is working hard to improve the sights and sounds of North. She is asking residents to clean the sidewalks adjacent to their residences in accordance with the 2004 Ordinance 16.104. Mayor Carson stated with spring around the corner she wants our residents to be able to walk around town safely and securely. She also stated that there is leash law in Town. Mayor Carson also addressed the misrepresentations posted on social media regarding paperless billing. She went on to say, contrary to social media posts, that there is no fee for paperless billing and that you do not have to pay your water bill online. Mayor Carson said that if you do choose to pay your bill online there is and always has been a fee. She also said that the special election held in January cost the town \$1,049. She announced that the inspection of the elevated tank was completed as of January 9, 2019. A copy of the seven-page report was given to Councilmembers and will be posted to the website. Mayor Carson went on to say that the report noted exterior and interior deficiencies that are widespread. Mayor Carson reminded everyone that this is why the tank fee was added to the bills.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Jackson reported that he had no new updates on his Neighborhood Revitalization project.
- Councilmember Jones reported that he had not been given any more lists of street signs that needed to be repaired. He stated that he had been working with a Mrs. Jones on the matter. Mayor Carson asked Councilmember Jones to invite her to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Jones stated that he still needed to meet with Billy Staley about the well generator.
- Councilmember Cook announced that she is looking into getting the town a digital sign, hopefully using penny sales tax money. Councilmember Cook stated that she is also looking for volunteers to help clean up along highway 321. Mayor Carson asked Councilmember Cook about the empty buildings tour. Councilmember Cook responded that she was unable to attend the last meeting of the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- Three people signed up for public comments; Mrs. Wanda Whetstone, Mrs. Yvonne Brown and Mrs. Beverly Jamison. All three signed up to speak about water bills. That subject was not on the agenda but after some consideration, Council decided to let them speak. Mrs. Whetstone asked how she could find out what was allowed to be spoken about at Council. Mayor Carson answered that the guidelines for citizen participation are on the back of the agenda. Mrs. Whetstone also asked about how she could have access to the meeting minutes. Mayor Carson responded that the Council meeting minutes from 2017 forward were on the town website. Mrs. Brown asked if customers would be able to come to Town Hall to find out their bill amount and pay it. Mayor Carson answered yes. Mrs. Jamison applauded the Town's advancing in technology. She expressed concern about citizens that did not have access to a computer.


ADJOURNMENT

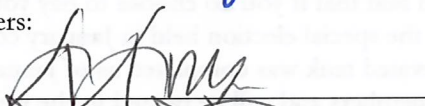
- There being no further business Councilmember Cook made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: 

Council Members:
Julius Jones: 

Daniel Jackson: 

Deborah Cook: 

Jennifer Williams: 