

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
March 9, 2020

Mayor Julius Jones:

- Called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Jeff Washington, Daniel Jackson, and Jennifer Williams.
- Led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Declared quorum and welcomed all.
- Requested a motion to approve Council Minutes for February 10, 2020. Councilmember Washington motioned; Councilmember Jackson seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Welcomed Sgt. Benjamin Kuck, standing in for Chief Lin Shirer, to share the Police Report.

Sgt. Benjamin Kuck:

- Provided the police report for the month of February 2020.
- Presented documented information.
- Asked if there were any question from Council on the report. There were none.

Mayor Julius Jones on the Mayor's Report:

- Mid January 2020 there was a contractor trimming trees near the elementary school and a fire hydrant was damaged. The repairs were made January 20th, 2020, to keep the school's loss of service limited. The contractor has reimbursed the Town for all cost, around \$6,248.00.
- Ron Morris, from Southern Corrosion, has informed that painting of the water tower is scheduled for this Spring, dependent on weather. Southern Corrosion is working closely with Verizon to meet all requirements. Mr. Morris will attend April's council meeting to be available for any questions regarding this process.
- Free legal clinic March 31, 2020, 10:30-12 at St. Mark United Methodist Church sponsored by the Golden Eagles. Discussions will include creating a will, estate writing, estate planning, healthcare power of attorney. This information is on the Town's website.
- Councilmembers reminded that statements of economic interest is due to be filed electronically through the Ethics Commission by March 30, 2020.
- Family Health Centers, Inc will have a health fair in Town Square in April. Date and time are to be posted on the website.
- Don't forget to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Mayor Julius Jones on New Business:

- January 2020 to February 2020 financial statement - Asked if there were any questions from Council. There were none.
- Ms. Whetstone not present yet, swearing in would be put off into further during the council meeting.

Mayor Julius Jones opened the floor for Council Projects:

- Asked Councilmember Jackson if he has selected a project. Councilmember Jackson stated that he has not selected one yet.
- Asked Councilmember Washington if he has any updates. He has a few:
 - Would like to ask Dominion Energy about tree trimming around the lights in the parks.
 - Asked the community for donations for the Night Out, asking for school supplies. Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall. So Town can be prepared for Night Out and have something to give back to the kids of the Town.
 - Mayor Jones asked when the Night Out is scheduled. Councilmember Washington replied that we would need to get with the Chief of Police for further details.
- Asked Councilmember Williams for an updated regarding her project.
 - Previous mention of community involvement on a committee board has been met well. First committee meeting held Thursday, March 5, 2020. Meeting covered basic terms (interest

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specifics, availability of committee members, etc). Committee interested in bringing money to Town so the Town can sustain or provide new opportunities through revenue. Rep. Ott could not make the meeting but sent letter of encouragement.

- Spoke with local grant writer Peggy McLynn. Scheduled appointment on Friday, March 13, 2020, regarding grants available for the Town.
- Asked if there were any questions, none.

Mayor Julius Jones asked Ms. Wanda Whetstone if she would step forward to be sworn in as councilmember.

- New Councilmember, Wanda Whetstone, joined Council.

Mayor Julius Jones stated there was one written request for public comments (per sign-in sheet; 3 minutes allotted):

- Mr. George Sigmon was asked to come forward.
 - Introduced himself as co-founder of the North Family Community Center. Holds title of Testing Administrator and Math Tutor. Notifying board that the school is now opened for evening classes. Classes available for GED Prep, updating skills, work related subjects for individuals requiring specific unfinished classes, run between 5 and 8:00 on Tuesday and Thursday nights. On Wednesday and Friday nights AA Meetings are held and everyone is welcome. Also, running enrollment through webpage.
 - Stated after 27 years being open, people are still coming in unaware of their presence.
 - Stated North Family Community School houses a meeting hall if “neutral” space was needed.
 - Asked if there were any questions from Council. Councilmember Williams inquired on the type of classes offered.
 - Mr. Sigmon stated that Veterans had to be offered an education. Also that Manufacturing education, Nursing classes, and Truck driving classes being offered.
 - Asked by Councilmember Williams if the classes were only for Veterans.
 - Mr. Sigmon clarified that they were not, but that Veterans were in fact North Family Community Center’s primary target. Secondary targets are unemployed individuals. The State had assigned this to North Family Community Center.
 - Asked by Councilmember Williams what the cost for classes was.
 - Mr. Sigmon responded that the individuals time was the only cost. A new, certified, teacher had been hired for the night classes. North Family Community Center has always had certified teachers at the school. Open door policy, test, and then go to class.
 - Asked by Councilmember Whetstone if in the health care classes there is anything other than nursing being offered.
 - Mr. Sigmon said yes, Truck Driving.

Mayor Julius Jones asked if anyone else had any further comments. Asked Council Member Whetstone if she had anything regarding Council Projects:

- Councilmember Whetstone briefed that she has been gathering information on two health fairs – one in the summer and one in the winter. Has contacted Prisma Health. Also spoken with Department of Motor Vehicles about getting the bus to do the Real ID event, which has to be done by October. Also spoke with someone at Prisma Health about getting the Breast Health Bus coming, called Mobile Breast Mammography.
 - Councilmember Williams requested for Whetstone to repeat the three projects she was working on. Councilmember Whetstone obliged.
 - Councilmember Williams requested to make an addition onto what Councilmember Whetstone had stated. The pharmacist was present for the committee meeting and had mentioned that supply donations could be made by the pharmacy to help during any health care fairs if needed.
- Town resident, Beverly Jamison, inquired on precautions or plans put in place by the State or Town regarding the Coronavirus. Mayor Julius responded that nothing has come down from the County as of yet,

but once information was available it would be provided online. Suggestions from the CDC regarding proper protocol for sanitation was shared by Councilmember Whetstone.

Mayor Jones motioned for an adjournment:



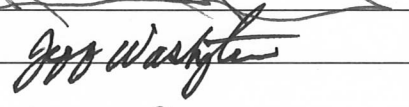
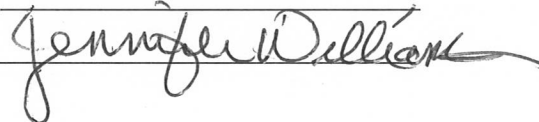
- Councilmember Washington seconded motion; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 13, 2020**.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Ott

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Clerk of Court

Mayor Julius Jones: 
Council Members:
Daniel Jackson: 
Jeff Washington: 
Wanda Whetstone: _____
Jennifer Williams: 

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The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the North Town Hall. The meeting will be held in person unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully,
Town Council

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk at 708-244-1234.

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