

**MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00PM**

Mayor and all Council Members present.

Mayor Swaim called the meeting to order and led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Philip bought the property during the middle of the tax year. Since he did not own the property on January 1st, the tax scroll from the County had the previous owner listed as owner of record. The tax bill was, therefore, delivered to the previous owner. The previous owner apparently did not communicate this to Mr. Philip and the taxes went unpaid during this period of time. Council Member Moore made the motion to release the tax interest in the amount of \$49.30 on parcel 123995 and Council Member Martin seconded the motion, unanimous vote. (Including this conversation again from last month's meeting (August) to continue addressing Mr. Philip's tax issues with the Town).

Mr. Philip came back to the Public Forum thanking Council Members for the release of interest, but was very upset when he paid the 2008 taxes the following day 8-11-09 that the receipt was not in his name, but the sellers. Lynn Trivette explained that the 2008 receipt would not be moved over to his name, since the property was sold in the middle of the year and 2009 was mailed out in his name. Lynn Trivette wrote a hand written receipt with his name on it and he left frustrated. Mr. Philip wants the Town to get with the County and come up with a solution to change our computer system and tax laws concerning property bought in the middle of the year.

Judy Wolf addressed her concerns to the Council about the park and its safety issues. The Council read the e-mail about Judy and Tony Anthony's meeting which was enclosed in their booklets and the Council is very much aware of the necessary problems that need attention at the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Pardue made the motion to approve the Minutes from August 10, 2009 and Council Member Casstevens seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION – CHERRY STREET AREA

Ms. Amanda Whitaker with Hobbs, Upchurch Inc. spoke on the proposed grant project and was here to answer any questions that the Council Members may have. This community block grant requires two public hearings. We will conduct a second public hearing at a Special Meeting on Monday September 28, 2009 at 4:00pm. This public hearing will be in more detail.

LAND USE PLAN – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Jonesville and Elkin have been selected by the Council of Governments to have a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) performed. However, one prerequisite for having the CTP performed is that each Town must update their Land Use Plan. Jonesville has never adopted a Land Use Plan. Therefore, if we are to be included in the CTP (and I definitely think that we should) we must adopt a Land Use Plan first. Scott Buffkin, Town Manager met with Marc Allred with the COG along with Darren Rhodes and John Hanes with the Division of Community Assistance (DCA) to discuss the process. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Hanes offered that the DCA could help with the development of the Land Use Plan and the only cost to the Town would be actual travel expenses from their office in Winston-Salem. Scott included some background information about Comprehensive Transportation Plans and Land Use Plans for the Council Members review. In order to begin the process, the Council needs to approve a motion requesting DCA's assistance in developing the Land Use Plan.

Council Member Pardue made the motion to approve updating the Town's land use plan and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Keith Macy had 31 calls this month. He addressed the truck fire this month and his concern is not having enough volunteers interested in helping. Four people showed up from Jonesville at this fire and this is a perfect example of why we need more people. We are getting no one interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter and I really feel like it is time to seriously sit down and think about paying fire fighters and maybe the department would get some response. Keith would like to thank Arlington, Boonville and Yadkin County Rescue for the help they gave at this truck fire.

Roger Reece was sick tonight, but his monthly report was enclosed in the Council Members booklet with 4,392 events.

Roger Martin and his crew are staying busy. Mayor commented on the Cemetery looking good.

Tim Collins had a family issue and could not be here tonight.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Pardue made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Council Member Casstevens, unanimous vote.

Mayor, Lindbergh Swaim

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette