

MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2014
WORKSHOP
6:30pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present.

Agenda:

● TOWN FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES

The Town and County have foreclosed on a number of properties recently (see partial list below.) The Surry County Housing Coalition is working with an organization to locate new housing facilities for individuals with disabilities in Surry and Yadkin Counties. They are looking to locate 4 to 6 units each in the Towns of Jonesville and Elkin. The properties on Cedarbrook Road and Osborne Street likely would make good locations for these units. Regardless, the Town Council will have to declare the properties surplus before we can take any further action.

208 Carr Street (Claudia Martin)
416 W. Main Street (Richard Cochran)
304 Cedarbrook Road (Levy Jones)
114 Osborne St. (Curtis Randelman)

Dicussion:

County would like sealed bids and would like for all taxes and attorney fees to be paid. Of course the Town of Jonesville would like this also, but getting all money owed is not likely for these particular properties.

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin spoke about talking with the Surry County housing coalition. They build nice housing for citizens who need help and this would make the Town properties that have not been taken care of for a very long time look better for the community. Of course the properties would need to be donated to this organization. The County would need to agree with this idea.

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin will bring surplus resolution for properties above to the next Town meeting on Monday night 1-13-14 to be voted on.

● **ABC STORE / BOARD DISCUSSION**

Options –

- 1.) Do nothing. The ABC referendum gave the Town the authority to operate an ABC Store. However, there is no requirement that we do so. Any restaurant or bar that was to sell liquor by the drink could purchase their alcohol at another local ABC Store.
- 2.) Appoint our own ABC Board and open our own ABC Store. The store could be located in a new building or an existing building.
- 3.) Join with another, existing ABC Board.

Discussion:

All options are all still open for discussion at this time and the Board is in no hurry to come to any final decisions. Several opinions on locations have been discussed for an ABC store in Jonesville in the high traffic areas, the idea of Jonesville and Elkin sharing an opportunity has been discussed but also discussed were concerns joining the two together. Town Manager, Scott Buffkin will be attending the meeting with the Triad ABC Board later in the month and will bring additional information back to the Jonesville Board to discuss.

A.) Town of Elkin – The Elkin ABC Board has approached us about joining their Board. They seem to be open to the option of operating one, unified store or two separate stores.

B.) Triad ABC Board. The Triad ABC Board operates stores in Winston-Salem, Yadkinville, Clemmons, Lewisville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville and Bermuda Run. I have asked to attend the next meeting of the Triad ABC Board to begin a discussion about the possibility of Jonesville joining their organization.

● **COUNCIL VACANCY**

When Mr. Pardue was sworn in as Mayor, the Council seat he occupied became vacant. According to State statute (see below) the Town Council is to appoint someone to serve the remainder of this unexpired Council term (until 2015). There is no requirement that the person chosen to serve the remainder of the term be someone that was a candidate for office in the most recent election. In fact, the Council may choose any “qualified citizen” to serve. Qualified citizen is anyone that is registered to vote in Jonesville.

The Statute does not provide the Council with any particular process to use in selecting the person to fill the vacancy. Therefore it is probably reasonable to believe that the legislature intentionally left the decision making process to each Town Council to decide what is best for their individual community.

Discussion:

Names were brought to the table for discussion....TC Hayes, Theron Welborn, Edna Martin, Tommy Casstevens, Judy Wolfe and Tammy Holcomb. All qualified candidates, but the Board has decided not to fill the vacancy at this time.

§ 160A-63. Vacancies.

A vacancy that occurs in an elective office of a city shall be filled by appointment of the city council. If the term of the office expires immediately following the next regular city election, or if the next regular city election will be held within 90 days after the vacancy occurs, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Otherwise, a successor shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled city election that is held more than 90 days after the vacancy occurs, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve only until the elected successor takes office. The elected successor shall then serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the number of vacancies on the council is such that a quorum of the council cannot be obtained, the mayor shall appoint enough members to make up a quorum, and the council shall then proceed to fill the remaining vacancies. If the number of vacancies on the council is such that a quorum of the council cannot be obtained and the office of mayor is vacant, the Governor may fill the vacancies upon the request of any remaining member of the council, or upon the petition of any five registered voters of the city. Vacancies in appointive offices shall be filled by the same authority that makes the initial appointment. This section shall not apply to vacancies in cities that have not held a city election, levied any taxes, or engaged in any municipal functions for a period of five years or more.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette