

**MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING  
7:00pm**

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present.

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Judy Wolfe – thanked the Town for their support during the Labor Day Flea Market event. This weekend was very successful and we had 68 vendors to attend and numerous people. Lots of money was raised during this time. November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Veterans Memorial event at the Mineral Springs Park and on November 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Christmas Craft Show at the Senior Center in Jonesville.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting August 11, 2014 and Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF SERGEANT GREGORY KEITH MARTIN WEEK IN JONESVILLE**

The Council will take action on a Resolution authorizing the observance of October 1 – October 7 each year going forward as Sergeant Gregory Keith Martin week in Jonesville. As part of this year's observance the Jonesville Police Department will hold an Honorary Reception and Awards Ceremony on October 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall to remember Sergeant Martin's service and sacrifice and to recognize the law enforcement personnel that were instrumental in bringing this case to a conclusion.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony and refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the observance of October 1 – October 7 each year going forward as Sergeant Gregory Keith Martin week in Jonesville and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

**PRESENTATION – SMART START OF YADKIN COUNTY**

Representatives of Smart Start of Yadkin County was at the meeting to provide information on their ongoing activities. Smart Start is dedicated, "To prepare all children birth to 5 years of age to be healthy and ready for kindergarten."

The primary activities of Smart Start of Yadkin County are:

- Administer Smart Start funds from the state legislature to support programs that benefit children birth to age five and their families.
- Be a catalyst for bringing different groups together for the sake of the children.
- Educate the community on the critical needs of young children and help develop solutions.
- Be a community resource for families and non-profit groups that serve young children.

### **CONTINUED DISCUSSION – OFF SITE BUSINESS SIGNS (BILLBOARDS)**

At a previous meeting the Town Council discussed amendments to the Town's Sign Ordinance (Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance) to limit or restrict the location of Off Site Business Signs (Billboards). At that time the Council placed a moratorium on any new Off Site Business Signs until staff could research the situation and make recommendations.

We have determined that Hwy. 67 and 21 Business in Town are not considered Federal Aid Primary Highways and, therefore, the NC Outdoor Advertising Act does not apply to these locations (except within 660 feet of Interstate 77). As a result, the Town of Jonesville may place any restrictions it deems necessary to limit or restrict the number, size or location of any signs in the Town's zoning jurisdiction. For review, the Council discussed increasing the minimum distance between signs to 1,200 feet (now 1,000 feet) or prohibiting any new Off Site Business Signs altogether. However, North Carolina state law prohibits local governments from forcing the removal of any existing off site business sign.

The Town Council must conduct a public hearing before any amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be considered. The public hearing must be advertised once per week for two consecutive weeks in a local news publication. Therefore, the Town Council may now set the date for a public hearing to be held at our next Council meeting to hear public comments on any proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance and consider adoption of an amendment after the hearing.

This discussion will be tabled for another month.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet. The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council

Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

Fire Chief Macemore - stated they had 548 calls for the year and 50 last month. This month so far they have had 17 calls. We cannot use the house on West Main for training and burn down, because of the power lines and asbestos. Fire Chief thanked the police department with helping them out with two wrecks on 77.

Chief Reece – We purchased the new gator and currently police lights are being put on. Community Service workers have been painting the old fire department building which has cut labor costs. We are starting a wellness program for our police department. Has the Board decided what to do with the Jonesville Fire Department Sign?

Tim Collins – The week of October 20<sup>th</sup> will be fall clean up. The Public Works department attended a safety training class in Elkin and it was very beneficial to our department. We have several items to put in place and we are excited about the improvements.

Scott Buffkin – October monthly meeting has been changed to Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> instead of October 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to change Town ordinances to allow the police gator to be driven on Town streets next month. The bids for the house on West Main will include it to be demolished.

The Board agreed that the Town office should close during the Sergeant Greg Martin Honorary Reception & Awards Ceremony. All Town employees can attend the ceremony and reception. Payments can still be dropped in the Town's 24 drop box beside of drive-thru.

The Board would like an update on the beautification committee and what is being scheduled, discussed and completed at next month's meeting.

## **CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

Council Member Green made the motion to go into close session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 4-0.

Council Member Moore made the motion to go back into regular session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 4-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Darnell made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

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Gene Pardue, Mayor

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Lynn Trivette, CMC