

**MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING  
7:00pm**

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members were present.

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

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – SENATOR JOYCE KRAWIEC**

Senator Joyce Krawiec addressed the Board giving an update from the last session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Amy Royall addressed the Board about respect among the Board and its members.

Garland Roebuck addressed the Board concerning water bill.

Judy Wolfe addressed the Board concerning the Jonesville Jubilee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 14, 2016, and budget workshop meeting March 21, 2016, Council Member Darnell seconded the motion, passed 4-1 with Council Member Wolfe voting against.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**

During last year's session, the NC General Assembly changed the Statute (NCGS §160A-385) that describes the method that Town Councils utilize to receive citizen input on Zoning Ordinance amendments and rezonings. Prior to the change to the Statute, a percentage of residents living in close proximity to the property to be rezoned could submit a protest petition which would trigger the requirement of a  $\frac{3}{4}$  super majority of the Town Council members to vote in favor of the amendment or rezoning in order for it to become effective. This provision is currently included in Section 4-1.2 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

The change to the Statute disallows such protest petition requirements in local Zoning Ordinances and the resulting  $\frac{3}{4}$  supermajority requirement for approval. Instead, any resident or property owner may now submit written comments to the Town Clerk who will forward those comments to the Council. A simple majority vote of the Council will be all that is required to approve the amendment. The Statute also contains a provision that allows Council members to abstain from voting on such amendments if the Council member so chooses.

Prior to any amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the Town Council must hold a public hearing to hear public comment on the proposed amendment(s). A copy of the House Bill, as well as a copy of the proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, is included in the packet for review. The Council may adopt the amendment following the public hearing.

No public comments.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the zoning ordinance text amendment and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

### **RESOLUTION ON NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE**

Council Member Moore made a motion to not approve the resolution on a non-discrimination ordinance enacted by the city of Charlotte and Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

### **SET DATE FOR SPRING CLEANUP – BULK ITEM COLLECTION**

Staff would recommend the week of May 23, 2016.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the spring clean up and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

### **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO TOURISM AUTHORITY**

Two members of the Tourism Development Authority Board of Directors terms are set to expire on June 30, 2016. Those members are Debra Clark and Gene Pardue. Both have stated their willingness to continue serving and the TDA Board has voted to recommend to the Town Council that each is reappointed.

For review, at least, one-third of the members of the Board must be individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the town and at least three-fourths of the members must be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the town.

The current members and their terms of office are outlined below.

Terms expire June 30, 2016 - Debra Clark, Gene Pardue

Terms expire June 30, 2017 - Anita Darnell, David Moxley

Terms expire June 30, 2018 – Bob Patel, Danny Lewis, Pat Benton

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve Debra Clark and Gene Pardue continuing to serve on the TDA Board for a 3-year term and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0. Council Member Wolfe will be bringing names to the next Board meeting May 9, 2016, hoping to expand the TDA Board by two members.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REGULATING TATTOO AND/OR BODY PIERCING PARLORS**

Police Chief Roger Reece has asked that the Town Council consider adopting an ordinance to regulate the location, hours of operation, etc. of tattoo and/or body piercing parlors. The staff has included ordinances from the Town of Elkin and the City of Concord that could be used as models for a local ordinance.

Staff requests that the Town Council provide direction as to any particular language the Council would like to see in an ordinance. Staff can develop a draft to be considered at the next Council meeting. The Council may also consider conducting a public hearing to receive public input prior to considering any new ordinance (although there is no legal requirement to do so.)

Council Member Moore made a motion to table this discussion and to have a public hearing at the next meeting May 9, 2016, and Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

### **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 Green made the motion to approve March financial reports and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 5-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Darnell made the motion to adjourn and Council Member, Moore seconded the motion and passed unanimous 5-0.

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Gene Pardue, Mayor

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Lynn Trivette, CMC, NCCMC