

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GASTON
TOWN OF CRAMERTON**

November 6, 2014

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Cramerton met in regular session on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the G.M. Michael Room at the Cramerton Town Hall.

Board members present: Mayor Ronnie Worley; Mayor Pro Tempore Will Cauthen, Commissioners Demetrios Koutsoupas, Tammy Lawrence, and Sandra R. Ware. Commissioner Sam Carpenter arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Staff present: Michael Peoples, Town Manager; Bill Brown, Town Attorney; Greg Ratchford, Chief of Police; Joel Lineberger, Finance Director; Kevin Krouse, Planning Director; and Wilene Cunningham, Town Clerk.

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum: Mayor Worley called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda for this Meeting: Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and approved by all.

Invocation: Given by Attorney Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance: Given by all.

Public Comment: No one signed up to speak.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution to Waive Formal Bidding and Purchase New Fire Apparatus by from Smeal Fire Apparatus Company Utilizing N.C.G.S. 143-29(g). Information Provided by Chief Foulk, Finance Director Joel Lineberger, and Town Manager Michael Peoples. Chief Foulk spoke about the necessary steps regarding the piggyback method for purchase of the fire apparatus and that all paperwork has been completed. Mayor Worley commended everyone at the Fire Department. The Finance Director stated he had no additional information. A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to approve a resolution to waive the formal bidding process and purchase new fire apparatus from Smeal Fire Apparatus Company. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen and approved by all.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Proposed October 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to approve the proposed October 7, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and approved by all.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Proposed Resolution Approving Financing Terms with BB&T for Police Vehicles. Mr. Lineberger stated that funds are budgeted per agreement with BB&T. A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to approve the proposed resolution approving financing terms with BB&T for police vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koutsoupas and approved by all.

Presentation of Information Regarding the Application for Reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for Jane Ellington. A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to approve the three year reappointment of Jane Ellington to the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Grant Application to NCDOT for a Comprehensive Bicycle Plan for the Town of Cramerton and the Town of McAdenville. The Planning Director stated he is working with the Town of McAdenville regarding a

comprehensive bike plan grant application. The grant application is for approximately \$40,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to approve the grant application to NCDOT for a comprehensive bicycle plan for the Town of Cramerton and the Town of McAdenville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koutsoupas and approved by all.

Discussion of the Grand Marshal for Christmas Parade. Mayor Worley asked the Board to consider Mr. Ted Reece and his sister, Mrs. Kathryn Grice, as co-grand marshals for the upcoming parade. He stated Mr. Reece is active with the Centennial Committee and Mrs. Grice has been a long time business owner of Kate's Skating Rink. A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to approve Mr. Ted Reece and Mrs. Kathryn Grice to serve as the co-grand marshals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koutsoupas and approved by all. Mayor Worley recommended that Mr. Reece and Mrs. Grice be notified of this decision.

Commissioner Carpenter arrived at 7:10 p.m.

UPDATE ON CONTINUING PROJECTS:

Update on Goat Island Park, Phase II Schedule and Update from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Playground Equipment: The project is on schedule and there have been no change orders to date. The crane has been set up on the Fire Department side of the river and pile driving could begin as soon as tomorrow. Several aerial photos by Mr. Wil Neumann are on Facebook. Commissioner Koutsoupas stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met and discussed playground equipment and the rendering. The cost for playground equipment being considered is \$34,000 and the budget is \$30,000. The total cost for all items on the rendering would be \$41,481. A motion was made by Commissioner Koutsoupas to approve the purchase of the playground equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ware and approved by all.

NCDOT Projects:

- **Lakewood Road/Eagle Road Sidewalk.** Nothing new to report.
- **Alternative Fuel Kits for Vehicles.** Nothing new to report.
- **Lakewood to US 29/74 Greenway.** Nothing new to report.

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

Village at South Fork Greenway: Information is to be presented later about the schedule for the Village at South Fork Greenway. Mr. William Ratchford has not provided any information to date regarding the greenway schedule. He did agree with the geotech study and wanted to get started on the project and not wait until the spring. Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen asked about a proposed timeline. The Planning Director stated no completion date has been given for this project. Commissioner Ware asked for a Gantt chart. The Town Manager stated he would request this from Mr. Ratchford.

PSNC: Progress on this project continues.

Villages at Cramerton Mills Project: Infrastructure for water and sewer is being installed. Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen asked about the status of the project regarding the demolition on the other side of Hamrick Road where the dilapidated homes are located. The Town Manager stated that property transaction should be completed by the end of this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Cam Carpenter stated the Centennial Celebration Committee discussed plans regarding food to be served at the Saturday luncheon next October.

Mr. Carpenter stated the playground equipment for Goat Island Park Phase II and the Central Park study were discussed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Centennial Celebration Committee: Program for sponsorships are being worked on. Logos and the area where artifacts are to be located and the logging process for these items are being discussed.

BUSINESS ITEMS/TOPICS OF DISCUSSION FOR EACH COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Ware asked the Planning Director for an update regarding parking. He stated the Metrocology study was being done and parking was being reviewed.

Commissioner Koutsoupas had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen stated an action plan for the Beautification Committee was discussed at the last meeting. A proposed annual action plan was distributed as part of the agenda packet for review. Projects to be possibly considered could include things such as a river clean up or working on a flower bed. The Yard of the Month could continue along with consideration of a citizen lifetime service award. He said a list of projects, resources, and timelines for the committee could be discussed at the next workshop.

Commissioner Carpenter had nothing to report.

Commissioner Lawrence stated the flags on the C.C. Dawson Bridge look great. She stated she was excited about the decision regarding the Goat Island Park Phase II playground equipment and wanted to thank Commissioner Cauthen and his wife for their donation.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

Water Amenities in the South Fork River: No updated information.

Intersection Improvements for Wesleyan, Market, and Wilkinson Boulevard: No updated information.

Gaston EDC Wilkinson Boulevard Corridor Study: No updated information.

Central Park Engineering Study: An update will be given at the November 20th Board of Commissioners meeting.

Miscellaneous: The Gaston County Board of Commissioners is planning to recognize the Cramerton Fire Department regarding the ISO rating accomplished at their next meeting to be held on Thursday, November 13th, at 6:00 p.m. Chief Foulk stated that he and some of his command staff plan on attending. Mayor Worley stated he plans on being in attendance.

UPDATES FROM TWO RIVERS UTILITIES, MR. MIKE BYNUM AND UPDATES FROM CRAMERTON DEPARTMENT HEADS (TOWN ATTORNEY, POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF, PLANNING DIRECTOR, FINANCE DIRECTOR, AND MORE AS NEEDED):

Update from Two Rivers: Mr. Eric Howard stated Mr. Mike Bynum was not available to attend the meeting tonight. He stated Two Rivers Utilities completed one weekly check for lift stations, responded to eleven water meter related calls, repaired three water leaks, and responded to two sewer related calls. TRU obtained water quality samples at nine locations and all samples met or exceeded the minimum State drinking water standards. TRU responded to one water quality complaint and the sample taken was within the acceptable range. Mr. Howard stated TRU would have a repair crew out next week regarding the water leak in front of the Fire Department. Commissioner Lawrence asked Mr. Howard to thank Mr. Bynum for following up with the sewer issue at 144 North Main Street.

Town Attorney: Nothing to report.

Police Department: Chief Ratchford stated a meeting was held with the management at the Village at South Fork regarding the traffic flow once the Christmas lights in the Town of McAdenville are turned on.

Fire Department: Chief Foulk stated Pharr Yarns donated another defibrillator.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk stated a symphony is scheduled on Tuesday, November 9th, at Stuart W. Cramer High School to honor Veterans.

Planning Director: Mr. Krouse stated nine responses were received for the Lakewood greenway project request for proposal. This information will be reviewed and presented at the next Board meeting.

A walk around was held with the Metrocology consultants to look at opportunities and they are working on items such as parking and a presentation will be given soon.

Finance Director: The Finance Director distributed the cash report for October along with the revenue summary.

The Town Manager stated the Gaston Gazette carried an article about the Narcan program in today's edition of the paper.

Mayor Worley commended Firefighter Bryan Barfield for going above and beyond in an attempt to rescue someone from the recent house fire.

He stated a State Highway Patrolman was impressed with Sgt. Jones for his part during the recent pedestrian incident near the Cramer Middle School where one of the students was killed. He wanted to thank everyone for the tremendous job done by all. Commissioner Ware asked if there was anything that could be done to expedite crosswalks being placed on New Hope Road. The Town Manager stated discussion was being held with NCDOT and Gaston County Schools.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner Ware to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cauthen and approved by all.

Mayor Ronald E. Worley

ATTEST:

Wilene Cunningham, Town Clerk