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TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town of Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Thursday, September 09, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with the Mayor Pro Tempore W. Paul Henkel presiding.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro Tem W. Paul Henkel; Sally P. Williams; George W. Harris; Edward R. Nau; Felina L. Harris

Absent: Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr.

Staff Present: Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager; Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk; Gary Thomas, Town Attorney; Lt. Darrin Payne, Interim Police Chief; Michael Barker, IT

Press Present: Debbie Page, Iredell Free News

I. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE HENKEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

MAYOR PRO TEM HENKEL WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS

INVOCATION – Delivered by Interim Police Chief, Lt. Darrin Payne

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Adjustments)**

**Councilmember Sally Williams requested the agenda be amended by continuing Agenda Item 9-Annexation request AX-21-01 and continuing Agenda Item 10-Rezoning request CZ-RM-21-01 for project named Winecoff Village to the October 14th, 2021 Troutman Town Council meeting.

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Eddie Nau, and unanimously carried, approved the agenda as amended above.

II. CONSENT AGENDA: *Consent Agenda Items are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless the Mayor or a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item under New Business.*

ITEM 1. Approval of Agenda Briefing Meeting Minutes of August 09, 2021

ITEM 2. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 09, 2021

ITEM 3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2021

ITEM 4. Approval of Closed Session Meeting of August 12, 2021

ITEM 5. Approval of Budget Amendment for Acquisition of Property Located at 334 North Avenue

ITEM 6. Annexation Request AX-21-05 (Non-Contiguous) Applicant: Big Daddy and Nonnie, LLC; 2.71(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4740931943; (Charlotte Hwy)

a. Adoption of Resolution 16-21 Titled “Resolution Directing The Clerk To Investigate A Petition Received Under Article 4A of G.S. 160A”

- b. Approval of Certificate of Sufficiency
- c. Adoption of Resolution 17-21 Titled *“Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing On Question of Non-Contiguous Annexation Pursuant to Article 4A Of G.S. 160A”* (Setting Public Hearing Date of October 14, 2021)

ITEM 7. Annexation Request AX-21-07 (Contiguous) Project: The Meadows at Troutman; Applicant: Gary Ellis; 1.367(+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741054722; (300 Block of Winecoff Street)

- a. Adoption of Resolution 18-21 Titled *“Resolution Directing The Clerk To Investigate A Petition Received Under Article 4Aof G.S. 160A”*
- b. Approval of Certificate of Sufficiency
- c. Adoption of Resolution 19-21 Titled *“Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing On Question of Contiguous Annexation Pursuant to Article 4A Of G.S. 160A”* (Setting Public Hearing Date of October 14, 2021)

ITEM 8. Approval of Resolution 20-21 Titled *“Resolution Recognizing the Distinguished Service and Retirement of Steven H. Shealy, Finance Director of the Town of Troutman”*

Upon motion by Councilmember Sally Williams, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved Consent Agenda as presented.

(Copied in full, Resolution 16 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 17)

(Copied in full, Resolution 17 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 18)

(Copied in full, Resolution 18 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 19)

(Copied in full, Resolution 19 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 20)

(Copied in full, Resolution 20 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 21)

(Copied in full, Resolutions 16-20, Certificates of Sufficiency, and budget amendment is attached to these minutes and is filed on CD titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents” dated September 7th and 9th, 2021 in CD Book #1 titled: “Town Council Supporting Documents”)

III. RECOGNITION(S) / INTRODUCTION(S) / PRESENTATION(S)

- **Recognition of Service and Retirement of Steven H. Shealy, Finance Director of the Town of Troutman, (Paul Henkel, Mayor Pro Tem)**

Following the reading of Resolution 20-21, Mayor Pro Tem Henkel, on behalf of Mayor Teross Young and Town Council presented the framed Resolution to Steven H. Shealy in recognition of his 23 years of dedicated service to the Town of Troutman as the Town’s Finance Director and in honor of his retirement. Mr. Shealy’s last day before retirement was August 31st.

On behalf of the Town employees, Town Manager Wyatt recognized Mr. Shealy for his service in presenting him with a custom made paddle that replicates the Town branding with his name, years of service, and appreciation for his years of service engraved on the paddle.

In thanking Mr. Shealy for his service, Councilmember George Harris expressed appreciation for Mr. Shealy work in ensuring perfect audits for all those years. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Shealy’s service as Finance Director and for taking on the role as Interim Town Manager on several occasions. Best wishes in retirement were conveyed.

Mr. Shealy expressed appreciation and thanks to Council and Town employees for the recognition.

- **Introduction of Justin Mundy, Finance Director, (Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager)**

Town Manager Wyatt introduced and welcomed the Town's new Finance Director Justin Mundy stating that Mr. Mundy comes to the Town with several years' experience in municipal auditing and is currently working to obtain the destination of Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He stated that out of twenty plus applications received and the in person interviews held, Mr. Mundy's interview and resume was of quality. He welcomed Mr. Mundy to the Town commenting that he looks forward to him coming on-board.

Mr. Mundy commented that he is excited to be here and is expressed gratitude for the opportunity. He stated that he knew coming in that he would have big shoes to fill knowing that it will be challenging and a learning curve for him.

- **Introduction of Megan Edmiston, Customer Service/Billing Specialist, (Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager)**

Town Manager Wyatt introduced and welcomed Megan Edmiston, the Town's new Customer Service/Billing Specialist stating that Ms. Edmiston is a native of Troutman. He stated that out of numerous applicants, Ms. Edmiston showed herself quickly to be the applicant needed for the position. She has an extensive skill set and energy that is essential in the front office.

Ms. Edmiston expressed thanks for the opportunity and is happy to be home. Town employees Emily Watson and Danielle Upright commented that Ms. Edmiston is a great hire and is doing an amazing job.

- **Introduction of Ashley Lambeth, Police Evidence and Records Specialist, (Ronald Wyatt, Town Manager)**

Town Manager Wyatt introduced and welcomed Ashley Lambeth, Police Evidence and Records Specialist and as space will allow, she will also be the towns Passport Specialist. He stated that Ms. Lambeth has made an immediate impact in the department in proper keeping and destruction of evidence. She was the Town of Mocksville's Certified Evidence Technician before that department was disbanded. Ms. Lambeth's position also entails Customer Service for the Police Department.

Ms. Lambeth stated that she is honored and excited to here and is looking forward in making an impact with the evidence. Interim Chief Payne commented that Ms. Lambeth is doing a great job whipping the department into shape.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel expressed appreciation commenting that it is great to move forward in a positive mode in getting things accomplished.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Town Council with comments or concerns. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Speakers are required to sign in at the podium and are required to adhere to Town Policy #51 Titled: "Policy Governing Comments from the Public at Town Meetings". Public comments can be received by mail at 400 N. Eastway Drive, Troutman NC 28166, live stream chat of no more than 350 words, or email kdavis@troutmannnc.gov (emails can be received up to 5:00 pm the day of the meeting).

No public comments were made, nor submitted via live stream, email, or hand written.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Items 9 & 10 continued to the October Council meeting.

~~**Item 9.—Annexation Request AX-21-01 (Contiguous) Project Name: Winecoff Village; Applicant: Peggy Jolly; 34.69 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741261714, 4741164796, 4741164993; (Winecoff Street) (Continued from Council's May meeting)~~

~~a.—Hold Public Hearing~~

~~b.—Consider Adoption of Ordinance 06-21 Titled: “An Ordinance to Extend The Corporate Limits Of The Town of Troutman, North Carolina (Contiguous)”~~

~~**Item 10.—Rezoning Request (CZ-RM-21-01) Project Name: Winecoff Village; Applicant: Peggy Jolly; 34.69 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741261714, 4741164796, 4741164993; (Winecoff Street) from Suburban Residential (RS) and Town Residential (RT) to Residential Mixed-Conditional (CZ-RM)~~

~~a.—Hold Public Hearing~~

~~b.—Consider Adoption of Ordinance 07-21 Titled: “An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification Of The After Described Property From Suburban Residential (RS) And Town Residential (RT) To Residential Mixed Conditional (CZ-RM) Case CZ-RM-21-01 Property Known As Winecoff Village~~

~~c.—Consider Adoption of Statement of Consistency~~

VI. ELECTED / OFFICIALS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember George Harris

- Commented that he participated in the Iredell County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) annual meeting last week stating that the EDC created over 1,500 jobs in Iredell County and 500 of the jobs are here in Troutman with the Walmart Fulfillment Center and is hoping that people take advantage and fill those positions.
- Expressed that he hopes people get their vaccination so everyone can quit wearing mask.

Councilmember Felina Harris

- Welcomed all new employees to the Town stating she is glad to see that the open positions are being filled.

Councilmember Eddie Nau

- Welcomed all new Town employees wishing them the best of luck and a great career.

Councilmember Sally Williams

- Welcomed the Town's new employees expressing appreciation for what they have done so far and for what they will do in the future.
- In effort to correct information she reported at Council's Agenda Briefing on Monday, she informed Council that Lake Norman Transportation met virtually last night stating that all projects in our region are halted by NCDOT due to funding issues. There was no NCDOT representative from our district present at the meeting to present a report.
- Apologized if she came across negative during the Agenda Briefing stating she did not mean to be negative or blast anyone.
- Asked for an update regarding the missing teen from South Iredell High School. Interim Chief Payne stated that the teen was located and back with his mother.
- Thanked Public Works for the trimming along Eastway commenting that it looks nice.
- Commented that she noticed two new businesses in Town, a dog grooming business and a bakery. Hopefully the Town can do something soon to welcome them to Troutman.
- Asked that everyone keep the family of the 3 years old boy that was killed by teenagers in Charlotte in their thoughts and prayers.

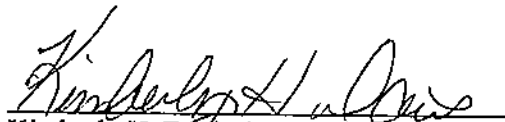
businesses (small, medium and large) are essential.

Town Manager Ronald Wyatt

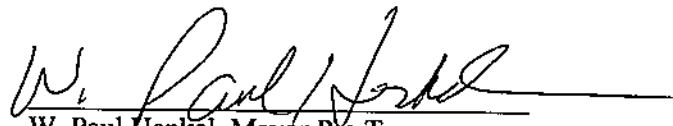
- Followed up with Councilmember Williams comment regarding the Lake Norman Transportation Committee meeting stating that there is no funding and no formula to fund extra projects the Town would like to see funded.
- For informational purposes, he advised that the Town has received confirmation from the state that we have moved into the next phase of the Talley Street sidewalk and the greenway extension projects. There is one more step with NCDOT before the projects can go out for bids.
- Commented on the President's announcement about COVID protocol coming forward of employers with 100 plus employees to require vaccinations will not affect the Town. The Town is mandating mask within the building and inside Town vehicles with two or more passengers. He stated that because of the reports from the Iredell County Health Director Jane Hinson that the numbers are worse than last year especially with young people the Town should not proceed with events. Therefore, he notified Council that the following Town events are currently cancelled rather than waiting the last minute to cancel: Wicked Fast 5K, November Holiday Market Festival and Trails & Treats. Staff can re-access the situation later in the Fall. He expressed confusion as to why things are not shut down as was last year if the numbers are worse. Councilmember Harris and Mayor Pro Tem Henkel both agreed with the decision to cancel and re-access at a later date, each commenting that it makes sense to do so.
- Commented that because of the increase in numbers with COVID we as a staff have been and are affected. Due to the size of staff we are trying to put protocols in place so the Town Hall can stay open for business while protecting our employees and the public. If the public wants to utilize Town Hall they are more than welcome and if they do not believe in wearing a mask that is their option as an individual and we respect that, but they can drive through the drive thru and never have to come inside Town Hall.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember George Harris, seconded by Councilmember Felina Harris, and unanimously carried, approved to adjourn the September 9, 2021 Town Council meeting at 8:47 p.m.



 Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk



 W. Paul Henkel, Mayor Pro Tem

(**) Adjustments to the Agenda

