

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2011
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Herman Wilkerson, Commissioner Ralph Seagroves, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner John Stallings and Commissioner Jimmy Minor. Also present was Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, Ren Wiles, Finance Officer/City Clerk, and Attorney Tom Currin.

INVOCATION: The Mayor opened the meeting and led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Erickson's First Grade Class from Mount Energy School. Afterwards, Mayor Moss read Proclamation 2011-P-03, naming March 2, 2011 as *NEA's Read Across America Day*.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Mayor Moss asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the January 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and/or the February 14, 2011 Work Session Meeting. Commissioner Piper made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Minor. City Clerk Wiles confirmed that the typographical error noted by Commissioner Stallings had already been corrected. The motion received a unanimous vote.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Anthony Santangelo, 307 South Main Street. Mr. Santangelo commented that an architect presented a possible streetscape for Creedmoor in 2041 during a recent Planning Board meeting. Mr. Santangelo questioned the cost of such a service.

MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Mercer presented his report with the following highlights:

- Manager Mercer presented Budget Amendment 4-FY11, intended to fund (1) the MAPS salary and position study and (2) fund additional staff through N-Focus to provide stormwater management expertise. The commissioners addressed and adopted the motion in two parts. Commissioner Piper confirmed that this amendment was discussed at the FAIR meeting and made the motion to adopt Budget Amendment 4-FY11, part 1. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. The motion received a unanimous vote. After discussion about the stormwater management part of the amendment, Commissioner Piper made a motion to adopt the second part of Budget Amendment 4-FY11, providing for more stormwater management. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. The motion received a unanimous vote.

- Manager Mercer reported that the fireworks vendor had offered to guarantee prices if the City will commit to a three year contract. Pyrotecnico would hold prices steady for the future shows, excluding shows held on the 4th of July. Rescheduling fees would be capped at 15% of the contract price. After discussion, Manager Mercer was directed to keep the Town of Butner involved and informed about these negotiations. Manager Mercer will inform with the vendor that we need to confer with the Town of Butner. The Manager will ask the vendor if we can continue discussions after conferring with Butner.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Paddington Update: Public Works (PW) Director Wilson reported that Planning Administrator Flowe has met with Timberstone officials. Because of the detailed plan on hand and minimal site preparation needed, no additional plans have been required. Minor modifications were made to the construction staking. Installation is expected to be the week of March 7th.
- b) Alamo, 4-Way Quick Stop, Burned Building on Highway 56: PW Director Wilson reported little physical change at the Alamo site. The engineer's report is progressing. 4-Way Quick Stop --- Owner did not show up for scheduled Monday hearing. Enforcement proceedings will continue in the scheduled manner. Burned Building --- It has been demolished, but there are issues with debris disposal. Commissioner Stallings asked about the specific deadlines for the Alamo. PW Director will check on the date.
- c) USDA Water/Sewer Infrastructure Project Update Manager Mercer reported that bid packages have gone out. Bid opening will be on March 8th. Builders have been told to include the City fees in their bids.

The Mayor took this time to express some general observations about the coming USDA project. He expressed his concern about maintaining daily duties while the city-wide construction disrupts routine life. A general discussion followed about how to best communicate this information to the citizens. The commissioners continued to discuss some of the logistical issues facing the City and the possible impacts on the City's operations.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor spoke favorably about the trip he, other commissioners and city staff made to Washington, D.C., to speak with the elected officials representing the City and the City's advocates at Marlowe and Company. The Mayor called on those commissioners making the trip for any comments they wished to make (below).

Those commissioners and staff members making the trip offered their thoughts and observations. Common themes in the comments were:

- The trip seemed to be worthwhile. This was an opportunity to show that we are engaged and that city management is working as a team.
- The City still has support in Washington, but with less federal aid available and groups pushing for change, it is uncertain how or how much aid may be available from the federal government.
- In the current political environment, it is unlikely that Creedmoor's special exemption as a rural municipality will be able to continue.

The Mayor continued his report. He disclosed that the comment period is open for the Highway 50 study and encouraged all affected people to comment. He spoke well of the recent Town Hall Meeting held in Creedmoor City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT(S)

Piper: Work is beginning on the 20th Anniversary Music Festival.

Stallings: Commissioner Stallings attended a Gang Assessment meeting, addressing gang activity. He also added his comments on the Music Festival planning activities. Commissioner Stallings pointed out a recently produced map, showing that Creedmoor is within 25 miles of RDU airport. (Areas within 25 miles of major airports have significantly better chances of development than those outside the radius.) A discussion on the education opportunities in the area followed.

Wilkerson: A general discussion about reporting street light outages followed, with Chief Benware's input.

Minor: Commissioner Minor noted that most of his issues had been covered already.

Seagroves: Commissioner Seagroves complimented the Public Works staff for some of their efforts and proposed a change to the recently enacted 2 hour parking limits in downtown Creedmoor. With Chief Benware's input, he recommended reducing the effective hours from 8AM through 6PM to 8AM through 5PM. Commissioner Seagroves made the motion to change the street signs on Main Street, from Church Street to Park Ave. to read 2 hour parking, 8AM to 5PM, except Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. Commissioner Minor questioned one location where parking was limited to 10 minutes. Chief Benware confirmed that the motion would only apply to existing 2 hour parking zones. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Minor moved to go into executive session (per G.S. 143-318.11) for contract negotiations; seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The motion received a unanimous vote.

The Board returned from executive session and a discussion on the situation on the Hester Road Line ensued. Ultimately, it was determined that the City will provide for the expense to hook up additional citizens to the new water line, with this allowing the County to receive maximum grant funds. The money from maximizing the grant funds will be used by Granville County to pay the tap on fees and capacity fees due to the City of Creedmoor. Commissioner Minor made a motion to authorize up to \$15,000 of City money to be used to provide lines to the residences in the area, not yet hooked up, with no more than \$2,000 will be spent per user. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piper. Discussion on bidding and contracting the work followed. The motion received a unanimous vote.

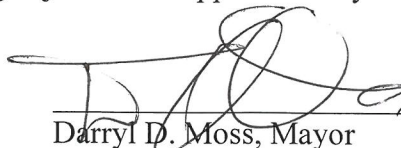
ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Stallings to adjourn; Seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson. The motion received a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 pm.

ATTEST:



Ren E. Wiles/Finance Officer/City Clerk


Darryl D. Moss, Mayor



