

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSESSION
JULY 13, 2009
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Commissioner Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Larry Robinson, and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Absent was Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan. Also present was Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk and Attorney Tom Currin.

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Wilkerson

SPECIFIC ACTION ITEMS:

Traffic Schedule:

Attorney Currin presented an Ordinance Amending the Traffic Code of the recommendations made by Chief Benware.

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Traffic Code. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about the no parking on West Church Street.

Chief Benware advised that the Board would need to adopt a resolution making this no parking on West Church Street and add it to the Traffic Schedule.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to designate West Church Street as no parking from Highway 50 to Elm Street on the North side of the street and that it be added to the Traffic Schedule. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that he had the “No Parking” signs to place on West Church Street.

COMMITTEES:

Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental:

There was nothing further to report.

Transportation Infrastructure:

Commissioner Wilkerson spoke of concerns of the grass that is not being maintained along City and State streets. He said that he felt it was inappropriate for the entrances into the City to look neglected. Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that he was especially talking of the old part of Creedmoor. He said that the equipment was available and felt that the City should cut the grass along these neglected roadways.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that the City had the equipment available; however they had not budgeted to take care of things that the county and state should be maintaining. He said that there had been discussion of what the City should do in regards to easements/right-of-ways and a combination of grass between the sidewalk and the roadways. Mr. Mercer expressed that some people take pride in their property and are mowing to the curb and others are not. He noted that the problem was that there are citizens that want to turn work over to the City; however, they do not want taxes increased to pay for the services. Mr. Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer reiterated that the equipment was available and the City has the ability to get the job done; nevertheless, they must stay consistent.

Mayor Moss said that having to do work on private property may be an issue. He asked if anyone had spoken to NCDOT about maintaining their roadways.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he had not and that he felt this was the City Manager’s responsibility to call NCDOT about cutting the right-of-ways within the City.

Mayor Moss referred this to the City Manager to call Mr. Mike Harris at NCDOT to express the City’s concern.

Commissioner Minor referred to the County GIS and expressed that the property lines no longer go to the middle of the street. He said that they are stopping at the right-of-way. Commissioner Minor said that most of the new lots stop at the right-of-way and the rest belong to the City. He asked how the City would determine if the homeowners are responsible. Commissioner Minor said that the City can’t require property owners to cut grass that does not belong to them.

Commissioner Wilkerson referred to a “Children at Play” sign within the City that has weeds covering the sign.

Attorney Currin said that the City would not get into trouble by mowing the grass or trimming trees and shrubs that are obstructing a sign or intersection. He noted that the City would be doing so for the public’s safety. He said that there wouldn’t be a problem of cutting the grass and maintaining reasonable right-of-ways other than how much money the City wants to spend to do so. Attorney Currin expressed that this was a policy decision.

Mayor Moss said that according to the City’s Powell Bill map there is approximately 34 miles counting both sides of the road.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that most citizens maintain the right-of-ways; therefore, it would be narrowed down to approximately five miles within the City.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer expressed that there was the question of which lots are to be mowed, how often and the height requirement.

Commissioner Minor suggested cutting the grass three times during the season.

Mayor Moss referred this issue to the City Manager and asked that he present a recommendation at the next meeting.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked the status of the ditch on Mack Street that runs down to Highway 15.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that he was awaiting information from Mr. Lenny Parrott.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he spoke with the two landowners and they are willing to sign an easement for the City to maintain the surface water ditch that goes down the back lot line. He advised that the two land owners are Ms. Brent Dickerson and Mr. Pete Bowling.

Mr. Steve Colenda noted that there are other property owners involved.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he would contact the other property owners to get a land owner agreement to give to the City Manager.

Commissioner Wilkerson had concerns of a safety hazard that needed to be fixed as soon as possible at the Post Office.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that he needed to locate the old cross ties.

Commissioner Minor suggested placing dirt over the hole and planting grass seed.

Mr. Steve Colenda replied that he would start on this project tomorrow morning.

Mayor Moss said that at the last meeting he announced that stimulus money would be paving North Main Street from Hwy. 56 to Highway 15 and asked Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Business Development and Transportation Project Manger to give an update.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Business Development and Transportation Project Manager expressed that according to NCDOT this project is scheduled for letting in August. The work contract period will begin in October until spring of 2010. She said that there are several projects for Granville County and Person County to be bid in the same package. NCDOT does not know to which county the projects will be awarded first.

Commissioner Wilkerson inquired about the 2" lines on North Main Street.

Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector said that he had instructed his crew to locate the houses on North Main Street and Hayes Road that are on the 2" line.

Community & Economic Development:

Commissioner Piper thanked Commissioner Wilkerson for the organization of the fireworks display on July 3, 2009. He said that citizens have praised the event.

Commissioner Piper also thanked the Creedmoor Chamber of Commerce for a great Fourth of July event at Lake Rogers.

Commissioner Piper expressed that he and Mayor Moss were moving along on the Music Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009. He said that as of today 19 vendors have signed up for the event. Commissioner Piper said that he was trying to organize children activities for the Music Festival.

Mayor Moss said that the hours for the Music Festival will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and the streets are to be closed from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Chief Benware will be notifying NCDOT of the street closing. He announced that the stage will be located in the Southern States parking lot. There will be handicap parking, EMS parking and employee parking in the City Hall parking lot. Mayor Moss said that there are seven bands participating and he was working on additional bands. There will also be a City information tent at the festival.

Commissioner Piper noted that there was good sponsorship this year and he anticipated more participation before the festival date.

Chief Benware said that the Police Department's request to NCDOT was the Hawley School Road detour.

Commissioner Wilkerson advised that the total cash donation for the fireworks event was \$1,028.50. He expressed that he would like to have a follow-up fire works meeting next Wednesday. Commissioner Wilkerson requested a printout of the expenses for the fireworks event.

Mayor Moss expressed that the fireworks display was a great event and that he heard positive feedback.

Energy Environment & Natural Resources:

In Commissioner Karan's absence Mayor Moss announced that they are continuing to meet in reference to the Falls Lake Rule issue. He advised that there was a UNRBA meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Public Safety:

Commissioner Minor requested that the City Manager produce documentation of the hydrant flushing to receive funding from the County.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the status of the straightening of the City signs. He also noted that the City limits had been expanded and the signs need to be moved.

Commissioner Minor said that he met the deadline of the FEMA grant for the new Fire Station. He said that he sent Brad Miller a letter of support.

Mayor Moss suggested that he also send letters to Senator Hagan and Senator Burr.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the right-of-way on Chief Street.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager/Finance Officer said that he had met with Mr. Joel Panara; however he was currently in California.

Mayor Moss inquired about the Fireman's Day Parade and Commissioner Minor replied that SGHS was trying to change their Home Coming date. He noted that the Athletic Director was on vacation.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Moss said that he and Scottie Wilkins met with Ace Hardware area managers here at City Hall. They spent time talking about community projects that Creedmoor is trying to accomplish. Ace Hardware volunteered for a public service project and Commissioner Piper expressed that he could use help watering the flowers located in the planters along Main Street.

Mayor Moss announced that he, Tom Mercer and Scottie Wilkins were scheduled to meet with a representative from BB&T on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. BB&T is proposing to adopt a special project in Creedmoor.

Mayor Moss announced that he met this afternoon with Mr. Chris Ham, SGHS Principal in reference to the Early College program. He said that the 44 school kids in this program will receive laptops and they are looking for internet sites for these kids to accomplish their school projects.

Mr. Harry Coleman, Butner-Creedmoor News said that he has Wi-Fi and to add him to their list of site locations.

Mayor Moss announced that National Night Out was scheduled for August 4, 2009 at South Granville High School.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the \$8.00 charge on the water bills. He expressed that his understanding was that this had been taken care of; however, his neighbor said that the fee remained on his most recent bill.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager said that he thought the additional \$8.00 charge had been taken care of.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he had previously inquired about the process for rezoning of property and he had not received an answer.

Attorney Currin said to rezone a piece of property the applicant must see Dave Roesler, Planning Director to fill out an application and pay a fee.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Piper to go into Closed Session on the Matter of Personnel in accordance with GS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to regular session, moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk