

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dillon Heil, Seth Ownens, Eric Hayes, Taylor Hayes, Aaron Rumsey, Caleb Barron, Kenneth Isley, Abraham Barron, Charlie Allen and Sawyer Allen of Boy Scout Troop 401.

MAYOR'S STATE OF ADDRESS:

Mayor Moss read the following State of the City Address as follows:

Good evening. It is my privilege to deliver the State of the City Address. I want to first thank all of you for taking time to be with us this evening, and I'd especially like to recognize my colleagues on the Board of Commissioners and our staff for their support and leadership of this City.

It was very timely that I spent Saturday morning with Boy Scout Troop 401 talking about citizenship and what that means for our community. Boy Scout Troop 401, please stand. These young men probably did not realize it but they are largely responsible for getting me in the proper frame of mind for tonight's speech. Their questions challenged me to think very hard about not only what we do as a City government, but to also explain in plain English how we provide services that add value to our citizen's lives.

For a few moments I want to look back at 2007 and forward to 2008.

2007:

I think that we can all agree that Creedmoor continues to be a City in the process of a profound transformation. We are at the heart of a region reinventing itself. We have to deal with change at an ever-increasing pace.

The predominant issues in 2007 in Creedmoor revolved around two major themes – the drought and finance.

The lack of rain resulted in us having to shut down our water plant and buy water from SGWASA since August, 2007. We should thank our predecessors on the Board for having the foresight to build an emergency water line connection to Lake Holt in Butner. Whether they anticipated our current situation or not, the fact remains that if it was not for their actions we would be in a mess.

The year 2007 also saw our City faced with a financial crisis. The Local Government Commission reported that we were facing potentially a \$1.7 million liability for poor bookkeeping. However, we faced this situation head on with the help of our staff (Bob, Lenessa, and Tom), Jim Winston, the LGC and IRS.

We are now positioned to put this matter to rest within the next 60 days. To a certain degree these two issues paralyzed our organization.

2007 Successes and Challenges:

- We continue to be a safe community. At our recent Board Retreat, Chief Benware reported that our crime rate for 2007 was 33% lower than the state average. The concern is that as our population increases so does the number of crimes.
- We continue to receive outstanding fire protection services from the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department.
- Commercial development on Main Street and our secondary business areas are strong and continue to develop. The Southern States relocation, the activity at the Food Lion Plaza and the Church Street commercial developments are good examples.
- Ongoing conversations with Creedmoor citizens to ensure the Commissioners are aware of their opinions and changing needs, and adapting services as a result.

Priorities for 2008:

- Providing a long-term solution to our water and wastewater needs;
- Maintaining our economic momentum;
- Improving the physical appearance of our community;
- Making our community safer and stronger; and
- Improving our transportation infrastructure – roads, sidewalks, and bike paths.

This year, 2008, as last year, we are going to continue seeking ways to engage our citizens to become even more involved in leading, supporting and inspiring our city. I have said it

before, but the work that needs to be done for Creedmoor is too big for the Mayor, Commissioners and staff. Rising to the challenges of tomorrow will require citizens to help as never before. To that end, I am announcing two new initiatives:

- Citizens Advisory Council
- Business Advisory Council

Last year we had unprecedented participation in our local election. Three citizens ran for Mayor and ten citizens competed for three seats on the Board. To keep this momentum I am establishing a Citizens Advisory Council to help drive public involvement in our government. To get this started I am asking Georgana Kicinski, Pat Robertson, Messina Reddish, Billy Hicks, Guy Smith, Mildred Goss and Kent Ray for help. These people ran for office and all offered their unique perspective on how to improve Creedmoor. We are going to take advantage of that beginning with our next Town Hall meeting February 14, 2008.

I am also establishing a Business Advisory Council to help address the specific needs of our business community. The criteria to participate in the Business Advisory Council is really straightforward, if you are a business owner/operator in Creedmoor or if you own property in the B-1, B-2 or Industrial Zones you are in. I am asking Deuard Bowden to help drive this initiative. We hope to engage both the Granville County and Creedmoor Chambers of Commerce in this dialogue.

In closing, as I said last year, I want to ask you to keep President Bush in your prayers. He needs our help. Our country needs our help. The war in Iraq, educating our children, caring for elderly, and healthcare are just a few of the issues that we face as a nation. More important these issues and others affect us right here in Creedmoor, North Carolina.

In times of trouble and even in an election year, Americans, despite our differences, have been able to rally and overcome every obstacle. Let us rally behind our leaders in Washington, Raleigh and here locally to move our community and our country forward.

Thank you.

UNVEILING OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR WELCOME PACKAGE BY JEFFREY HORTON:

Mayor Moss announced that Jeffrey Horton is a senior at South Granville High School and he has put together a welcome package. He advised that Jeffrey did this for his DECA project and he has done an outstanding job. This package will be available at City Hall to help inform the newcomers in the community about what Creedmoor has to offer. He said that this packet gives information on our history, schools, recreation, statistics, news, civic groups, churches and businesses in Creedmoor.

Mr. Jeffrey Horton, Vice President of South Granville High School DECA addressed the Board and advised that DECA is an association of marketing students. He expressed that this year he chose public relations for his project. He presented to the Board a finished copy of

the Welcome to the City of Creedmoor Packet and said that he has been working on this project for the past few months with the help of City Hall staff, members of the community and businesses. He said that the Butner-Creedmoor News was very helpful and also thanked JMD Graphics. Mr. Horton briefly went over the highlights of the packet beginning with the Mayor's message. Jeffrey said that he and the Mayor discussed keeping this packet a living document. He expressed that an idea that he had during that discussion was to appoint a City hostess and he feels that this would be a good project for the Creedmoor Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Horton also suggests that local business sponsors fund the printing for this project. He said that he feels that the businesses would be happy to sponsor such a project.

Mayor Moss said that Jeffrey Horton was a pleasure to work with. He said that Jeffrey Horton had a vision and he went to work putting this project together. Mayor Moss said that the Welcome to the City of Creedmoor packet would be placed on the City's website by Thursday.

Mayor Moss recognized Ms. Savannah Bower, DECA assistant in attendance this evening.

Mayor Moss thanked Mr. Jeffrey Horton and he received a round of applause.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

There was no one scheduled to address the Board this evening.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007 Work Session, November 27, 2007 Regular Meeting and December 18, 2007 Organizational Meeting. The motion received a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adopt the January 22, 2008 agenda. The motion received a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. James Moore, 509 E. Church Street addressed the Board and said that he has a building that is zoned Business located at 113 E. Lyon Street. He noted that the business has been closed since the 1990's and he is being billed \$17.00 each month for garbage pickup. Mr. Moore said that there is a club meeting that meets in that building once or twice per month; however there is no need for garbage pickup. He asks that the monthly garbage fee cease.

Mayor Moss referred this issue to the Finance Committee and the City Manager.

No one else wished to speak so Mayor Moss closed the Public Comments section.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager advised that divers were at the lake last week due to a hole that had developed in one of the pipes on the dam. He said that he appreciated the assistance of Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson. Mr. Schaumleffel said that the majority of the leak has been repaired; however there is a little drip. He noted that as soon as the weather gets better the diver will come back. Mr. Schaumleffel said that there is an area of the gate that also needs repair. He added that they are a volunteer rescue group and the City will make a donation to their organization.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that he met with Southern Corrosion today at Kayser Roth. He expressed that SunCom is interested in placing antennas on the water tower. Mr. Schaumleffel said that the contract will be the same as Verizon. He added that once he receives the contract he will forward it to Attorney Currin for review. He advised that the water tower at the Chevrolet dealership has reached a maximum for the placement of antennas.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager advised that the payroll has been outsourced to RBC Bank; Payroll Solutions. This was one of the suggestions by the LGC.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager expressed that he has been working with Southerby's Subdivision in reference to storm water issues. Mr. Schaumleffel said that he asked Mr. Dan Boone of the Wooten Company to present a plan, which is known as Plan "A" and involves three elements; 1) Ditching around the Jasmine Court perimeter to direct water that has seeped under the houses and pooled on the ground in front of the houses, 2) Cut down trees and create a ditch to drain water away from behind the houses in Jasmine Court and 3) Direct storm water runoff that flows in front of the Ashby house through drainage pipe with appropriately placed catch basins.

Mr. Schaumleffel said that he, Commissioner Wilkerson and Commissioner Karan met with the residents and talked about alternatives on January 10, 2008 and Plan "B" was proposed as follows: 1) Re-grading the front yards of the houses on Jasmine Court to direct storm water runoff to regarded culverts and ditches that are currently in place, 2) Cut down trees and create a ditch behind the houses on Jasmine Court and between the Harris house so that water flows to the ditch and culverts along Primrose Lane, 3) Grade the ditch in front of the Ashby property, line the ditch with rip raff and diffuse the water flowing through the culverts and ditch in a way that meets the requirements of the Department of Water Quality and 4) Get the Department of Transportation to address the problem of berm deterioration between the houses on Jasmine Court and Highway 56.

Mr. Schaumleffel explained that at the January 10, 2008 meeting the representatives of the City proposed to first try to solve the aforementioned problems by implementing Plan "B" because this plan will cost the City significantly less. If Plan "B" does not solve the problems the City will implement Plan "A".

Commissioner Wilkerson said that Plan “B” was not his recommendation. He expressed that he was talking about staying in the ditch line and not going behind people’s houses.

Mayor Moss asked Commissioner Wilkerson, Transportation Infrastructure Chairman to present his recommendation.

Commissioner Wilkerson explained that he, Commissioner Karan and the City Manager took a look at the problems at Southerby’s Subdivision. He reiterated that on January 10, 2008 a meeting was held with the residents involved. Commissioner Wilkerson said that his recommendation was that on the left hand side of the cul-de-sac, between Robert Martin and Donna Wayne’s house, to cut a ditch approximately 6” to 10” deep up until 3’ from Robert’s driveway and place matting down to prevent erosion. The only change that he would like to make with this process is that on the street side of the ditch that is going to be cut that there be small rip raffs in approximately 4” to 6” in size to prevent the shoulder from washing away. The other recommendation was to go between Guy Smith and David Skarupski’s house and cut the ditch approximately 8” to 10” deep and approximately 15’ long.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the cost.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that the cost is unknown at this time; however, the City will be providing the labor and an estimate cost for rip raff is \$10.00 to \$12.00 per ton. There will be approximately two to three loads needed.

Commissioner Minor asked if any of this work would take place on private property.

Commissioner Wilkerson replied no. He said that all of the proposed work would be done on the right-of-way.

Mayor Moss said that the plan presented by Mr. Dan Boone of the Wooten Company was estimated to be approximately \$25,000. He noted that is why the Transportation Infrastructure Committee was recommending Plan “B”, which is a lesser amount.

Commissioner Karan expressed that the original plan from the Wooten Company also called for rip raff.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Infrastructure Committee for the storm water runoff issue in Southerby’s Subdivision. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he is going to volunteer his time to be present and help with the project.

Commissioner Minor suggests that the City adopt a storm water policy.

Mayor Moss asked the Planning Director the deadline that a storm water plan must be in place.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that he does not know the exact deadline; however the City has an ordinance ready and it should be adopted this year. This manual was developed by the Wooten Company and it has been used in two projects.

Commissioner Minor expressed that the City also needs to develop a policy for the older sections of Creedmoor.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that the City needs to develop a storm water assessment district.

Mayor Moss referred this issue to the Planning Director.

Commissioner Karan said that the Upper Neuse River Basin Association has placed this on their agenda for the next fiscal year, which begins in July.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that at the last meeting Commissioner Wilkerson asked that additional street lights be placed on Ascot, Crescent Heights Drive and Wilson Way. He said that he spoke with Lynn today at Duke Power and an official letter needs to be sent to them stating what type of lights, spacing and other pertinent information.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the bottom line cost for the number of lights, installation and monthly/yearly fees.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Karan to table this issue until the next Work Session to give Duke Power an opportunity to review how much work needs to be done and the cost. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager to contact Duke Power and once he receives the cost he will give the figures to the Finance Director for pre-audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax Audit Update:

Mayor Moss said that there is no update since the last Board meeting.

Ms. Lenessa Hawkins, Finance Director said that she spoke with Mr. Ritter last evening and there is an additional check to be written. She has no details at this time.

Department Head Reports:

Provided in the Board packets were monthly reports from the various City departments.

Assistant City Manager Appointment:

At the last meeting, Mayor Moss referred this issue to Commissioner Robinson, Chairman of the Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Committee. Commissioner Robinson said that the Board hired a Manager to manage the City and the Manager distributed a memorandum back in November designating Tom Mercer, Administrative Service Director as the person in charge when he is away. Commissioner Robinson said that he feels that this will suffice, otherwise it will become micromanaging.

Attorney Currin advised that there is a statutory provision that states the manager makes such a designation to indicate who is in charge in his absence.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he is satisfied as long as everyone is aware that Mr. Tom Mercer is in charge whenever the City Manager is away.

Adoption of Internal Control Policy:

Mayor Moss deferred this issue until the next meeting and referred this to the Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Committee and the Finance Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board Appointments:

Mayor Moss advised that there are two vacancies on the Planning Board. He said that there is one vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jimmy Minor, City member (expiration date of March, 2008, at which time the new member may reapply). The applications are as follows:

1. Tony Santangelo
2. David Forsythe
3. Kent Ray
4. Georgana Kicinski

There is also an ETJ member vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Nellie Daniel (expiration date of March, 2009). There was only one applicant as follows:

1. Dennis Lester

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to appoint Mr. David Forsythe as the City member and Mr. Dennis Lester as the ETJ member to the Planning Board. The motion passes by a 3-2 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Wilkerson

No Votes: Commissioner Karan and Commissioner Robinson

Board of Adjustment Appointments:

Mayor Moss announced that there are two City member positions for reappointment and one ETJ member for reappointment. The applicants are as follows:

1. Charlene Minor - Current City Member
2. Tony Santangelo - Current City Member
3. Kent Ray -

The ETJ applicants are as follows:

1. Todd Roberson - Current ETJ member

Commissioner Minor asked to recuse from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to reappoint Charlene Minor and Tony Santangelo as City members, reappoint Todd Roberson as the ETJ member and appoint Kent Ray as City alternate. The motion received a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Moss thanked everyone that attended the Martin Luther King event here last night. He said that there was not a large crowd; however it was very successful. There were presentations from Habitat for Humanity, Granville County Schools, American Red Cross and Dr. Jenkins of First Baptist Church gave an overview of what they do to help the community. He added that there was also a discussion of United Way. Mayor Moss said that they are going to keep track of the volunteer hours in the community.

Mayor Moss announced that the Board received an invitation from Congressman Brad Miller to attend a breakfast at K&W Cafeteria on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. He said that he plans to attend.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Piper said that he and Mayor Moss attended the Martin Luther King breakfast in Oxford yesterday. He said that it was nice to see such a good turnout. Commissioner Piper said that the volunteer program in the community needs to be an on-going event to help our elderly and the sick.

Commissioner Robinson said that at the previous meeting the Mayor had asked him to research how to keep up with the hours of salaried employees. He said that he called several businesses and talked with the Human Resources Department. He said that he also called the UNC School of Government. Commissioner Robinson said that the School of Government said that there must be a good reason for monitoring exempt employee's hours. He said that he is against it and reiterated that the School of Government said "you better have a good reason and be careful what you do".

Commissioner Karan thanked the Finance Officer for the prompt and thorough Financial Report. He said the only other report he needs is the Enterprise Fund Report that shows water/sewer & expenses.

Commissioner Karan affirmed that the County has assigned all of its water/sewer assets with the exception of the Wilton Water line to SGWASA. The County is officially out of the water/sewer business. Also earlier this month the Upper Neuse River Basin Association met and they are almost finished with a low impact development report. He said that the Falls Lake nutrient management report is on-going. There is no question that Falls Lake is an impaired water resource. He said that there will be new guidelines and referred to Senate Bill 981.

Commissioner Karan said that the Granville County Education Foundation is sponsoring a spelling bee scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008. The southern end of the county is poorly represented and he would like to see the City of Creedmoor sponsor a team. He said that it costs approximately \$100.00 and if you miss a word it will cost \$20.00 each time to stay in the game. He said that it will be a four member team. He said that he has spoken with Toby Rogers and he volunteered to chair the team.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that three years ago he brought it to the attention of the Board about "Jake Breaks" and an ordinance was adopted in 2005. He gave examples from other Cities and asked that signs be placed.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said that previously staff tried to have signs placed and a letter was received stating that these signs were prohibited by NCDOT.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that was because of the language "Jake Breaks" and said that these signs are not prohibited in North Carolina using the language "Engine Brakes." He expressed that the signs have been placed in other cities of North Carolina.

Mayor Moss referred this to Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he received an e-mail stating that there was a request made to close Cozart Street. He said that it is his understanding that there is a lawsuit pending. Commissioner Wilkerson said that he and Commissioner Minor looked at the street and he agrees that the street needs to be closed; however his recommendation is that 75' from the edge of the pavement at Hwy. 15 not be closed so that the house and Kenan Oil Company will have a way out of their property. Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that you never know what the future holds for this property.

Commissioner Minor explained that the property in question is located on Hwy. 15 beside of McCracken Propane (formerly Kenan Oil Company). There are outbuildings that have been built on the right-of-way for the City Street. The house that goes with the property has a driveway that is actually in the City right-of-way. If the City leaves this portion open the house and McCracken can use the same right-of-way.

Attorney Currin asked about Mack Street.

Commissioner Minor said that he needs to withdraw any portion of their property that lies on Mack Street.

Attorney Currin said that he would draft the Resolution and have it available at the next meeting.

Commissioner Wilkerson advised that Mack Street goes from a corner of that fence down to Hwy. 56, across Hwy. 56 and up to Lake Road.

Attorney Currin said that they would only be dealing with the section of Mack Street that is North of Hwy. 56.

Commissioner Minor advised that there is a section of Mack Street that goes to Fleming and this is not to be closed.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that at the last meeting Commissioner Karan referenced the process for election of Mayor Pro-tem. Commissioner Wilkerson said that he would like to see this be on a rotation basis each year. He expressed that this could be done easily. There were three Board members elected this term and he nominated Commissioner Karan as Mayor Pro-tem for the year 2008. Next year it could be rotated to someone else and this process will be fair to everyone because each Commissioner will be Mayor Pro-tem during their term if they so choose.

Attorney Currin said that Chapter 160-A says that at the Organization Meeting the Board will elect a Mayor-Pro-tem. This is a statutory position. This Board might make an agreement as to how they intend to proceed, that agreement will absolutely not be binding in any way, shape or form on any Board composed of any member that is appointed or elected subsequent to these five.

Commissioner Robinson said that he is not in agreement. He feels that the Board should elect a Mayor Pro-tem each year. Commissioner Robinson said that he does not want to be Mayor Pro-tem because he does not have the time. He said that he has two other jobs besides being a Commissioner. He reiterated that he feels that this is something the Board should vote on each year.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that it used to be that the Commissioner that received the highest votes became the Mayor Pro-tem.

Mayor Moss said that was a Gentleman's Agreement and not by vote.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to rotate the position of Mayor-Pro-tem and Commissioner Karan holds the seat of Mayor Pro-tem for 2008, Commissioner Wilkerson will hold the seat for 2009, Jimmy Minor will hold the seat

for 2010 and the winners of the next election will follow in line. The motion failed by a 2-3 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson

No Votes: Commissioner Karan, Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Robinson

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to vote annually for Mayor Pro-tem each calendar year in January. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that in November the Board appointed SGWASA representatives. He said that he feels that was not fair to the newly appointed Board and asked that the vote be rescinded and that the Board revote.

Mayor Moss asked Attorney Currin if someone that voted in favor of the motion would have to rescind the motion.

Attorney Currin said that if the Board is proceeding under Roberts Rules to reconsider an action that is true. However, the proposal that the Commissioner is asking is not to rescind the action back to the day that it occurred as though it never happened. Attorney Currin said that he believes that Commissioner Wilkerson is asking that the Board newly select the members of SGWASA at this point with the newly constituted Board. He referred the Board to Statute 160-A and Statute 162-A, which states that this Board has the authority at any time to replace the City members. They serve at your pleasure.

Mayor Moss asked that Commissioner Wilkerson state his reason for wanting to select new members.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he does not feel it was fair that at the last meeting of the previous Board they made a decision that affects the new Board in regards to decisions that are going to be made by the newly appointed SGWASA members.

Mayor Moss asked if there was a question of the capabilities of the current appointed SGWASA representatives for Creedmoor.

Commissioner Wilkerson replied that he could not answer that.

Commissioner Karan said that he would like to say for the clarity of the Board that the action was taken in November and there is nine months remaining on one of the seats.

Mayor Moss clarified that Commissioner Karan has two-years and three months remaining and Commissioner Piper has nine months remaining on the SGWASA Board.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to select new members for the SGWASA Board. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Karan and Commissioner Wilkerson

No Votes: Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Robinson

Motion made by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to appoint Commissioner Karan to the remainder of the three-year position (approximately two-years and three months) on the SGWASA Board. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Robinson said that in November when the previous Board voted to make the appointments he voted no because he did not feel it was right at that time. However, since the vote Commissioner Piper has been one of Creedmoor's representatives on that Board and has talked with him about some of the various things that have occurred with SGWASA. Commissioner Robinson expressed that he doesn't want to select a new representative for the next nine months.

Commissioner Karan said that he has concerns of signals that the Board is sending to the rest of the County. He expressed that even though he feels that Commissioner Minor is a qualified person to represent the water/sewer issues it seems as if this Board does not trust the duly elected people that were in these seats before us and that this Board has an issue with our own people that are representing us.

Commissioner Robinson said that is the point he is trying to make. He reiterated that in November he felt that the Board should defer the vote until the newly elected officials were officially on the Board. He said that he felt at that time that Commissioner Minor would have been the best choice to place on that Board; however, a decision was made and he feels that Commissioner Piper should stay on the SGWASA Board and in nine months this Board can reconsider. Commissioner Robinson reiterated that he feels that Commissioner Minor is very qualified; nevertheless, he is not going to vote for him at this time.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he nominated Commissioner Minor this evening because of his experience and he feels that he is more qualified than Commissioner Piper.

Mayor Moss said that he understands what Commissioner Wilkerson is saying; however from his perspective, it is disrespectful to Commissioner Piper. He reiterated that the Board took action back in November that they were authorized to make. Mayor Moss said that Commissioner Robinson voted no at that time. He said that every decision that is going to be made by the Creedmoor SGWASA representatives will be brought back to this Board. Mayor Moss said that he also wants to say that Commissioner Minor is actively attending the meetings and providing feedback to the other members of this Board; however, he has great concern of the disrespect to Commissioner Piper.

Commissioner Karan said the other concern he has is that to turn back the clock and undo what has been done is a dangerous precedence to establish.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to appoint Commissioner Minor to the remainder of the one-year position (approximately nine-months) on the SGWASA Board. The motion failed by a 2-3 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson

No Votes: Commission Karan, Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Robinson

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he understands and does not mind losing votes.

Commissioner Minor inquired about the status of the placement of signs for the designated truck route.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director said that staff has done everything they can. Mr. Roesler expressed that he; Mayor Moss and the City Manager have made calls and talked with Mr. Bowman from NCDOT District 5 and they have not seen any results.

Commissioner Minor inquired if this has been established as a truck route.

Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director replied yes. His understanding is that Representative Crawford got the money to widen all those roads and the agreement was that it would be designated as a truck route. He noted that it is also shown on CAMPO's plan.

Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager said this is a political position.

Commissioner Minor said that if the City does not follow-up and pursue this issue nothing will get done.

Mayor Moss said that he will have this issue placed on the February agenda of CAMPO.

Commissioner Minor asked that this item be continually addressed each month under reports.

Commissioner Minor said that he has concerns about having the Work Session meetings on Wednesday nights. He asked that the Board consider changing this meeting to another week night.

Mayor Moss said that citizens have said that this impacts their prayer meeting night. He said that the Board traditionally tried to stay away from meetings on Wednesday nights; however last year when they were looking for a night to hold the Work Session, it was decided that Wednesday night was the best night to accommodate everyone's schedule. Mayor Moss referred this to Commissioner Robinson, Chairman of the Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Committee.

Commissioner Robinson said that the Board tried to come up with another night last year; and looking at the calendar there was a conflict in someone's schedule most nights of the week. He said that Wednesday evenings was mentioned and he expressed at that time that it

might interfere with Church services. Commissioner Robinson said that it took months to decide on a date.

Commissioner Karan asked that the Board also consider having both monthly Board meetings on the same night of the week. He said that it is confusing to citizens to have the Work Session meeting on Wednesday night and the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday night.

Commissioner Robinson said that he would research changing the night of the week for the monthly Work Session.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Currin said that the Board signed an agreement with DENR indicating that the City would adopt standard operating procedures for the Water Plant and put in automated equipment no later than February. He said that someone needs to be appointed to talk with Mr. Dan Boone at the Wooten Company because it must be done by the end of February.

Mayor Moss referred this issue to Commissioner Karan and Commissioner Piper.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to go into Closed Session on Attorney/Client Privilege and 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 Karan and seconded by Commissioner Minor to adjourn

Mayor

City Clerk