

MINUTES
Town of North
February 14, 2011
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Jones, Carson, Lane and Washington. Also in attendance were Chief Mark Fallaw and Town Clerk Carrie Garrett.

Mayor Jeffcoat led council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jeffcoat declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting, seconded by Councilman Jones, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

Reverend Buckson addressed council to support the work of the North Police Department and Chief Fallaw.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for January, 2011 (copy attached). Mayor Jeffcoat did inform council that the Wolfe Crossing well has been shut down for now due to its high level of radium.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for December, 2010 and January, 2011 (copy attached).

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for January, 2011. Financial statement for December, 2010 is attached as well.

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat discussed that the Community of Character Trait for January is Kindness.
- o Jeffcoat discussed that the Community of Character Trait for February is Self Respect.

Mayor's Report:

- o Mayor Jeffcoat announced that since Dale Weatherford no longer works for the town, that Cal Hartzog has agreed to take on additional operator duties and Angie has been given full time hours to help with Water Department as she works toward becoming licensed in water and wastewater.
- o Mayor Jeffcoat discussed that the town received four bids on the walking trail at the park ranging from 10,300 to 16,000. Our County Councilman gave us 10,000 and instructed us to take the lowest bid, which is how Jeffcoat proceeded and the walking trail is now complete. Councilwoman Carson inquired as to town Ordinance 8.406 which requires awarding of contracts to go before council. Jeffcoat agreed to make efforts to do so in the future.
- o Mayor Jeffcoat advised council that he spoke with Harold Young and met with James Bishop of Orangeburg County Litter Control. They reviewed approximately 15 properties for which the County will send notification letters to the property owners that the property needs to be cleaned up and if the owner fails to do so the County will commence clean up.
- o Mayor Jeffcoat also advised that Clay Mealman from the USDA who was working with the North Air Base deer control, has donated venison to the Cooperative Ministries and that meat has been distributed to many needs families.

- Mayor Jeffcoat also noted that April is the Great American Cleanup and would like to see our town organize a designated clean up day.
- Mayor Jeffcoat also announced that the Orangeburg School Board voted unanimously to proceed with a Petition for Annexation for Dover Elementary into the town limits of North.

Council Announcements:

- Councilwoman Lane announced that the North Volunteer Fire Department has received a grant from the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$55,191 for a fire foam system.
- Councilwoman Carson inquired as to who would be responsible for the damage done to the sidewalks during construction of the Dollar General building. Mayor Jeffcoat indicated that he thought it would be the responsibility of the General Contractor.

Public Comments:

- A concerned citizen said he has heard many favorable comments on the walking trail. He also requested that the sign on Hwy 321 making reference to a picnic shelter (which is no longer there) be removed.
- A concerned citizen also said that he was glad to see that the walking trail has been completed.
- A concerned citizen commented that our council is doing a great job.
- A concerned citizen noted that this was an informative and constructive meeting. She also suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Sgt. Herlong for his 8 years of dedicated service.
- A concerned citizen noted that he knows Chief Fallaw to be a man of integrity.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lane to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue with Chief Fallaw. Motion was seconded by Councilman Washington and carried at 6:53 p.m. Rev. Buckson closed this portion of the meeting in prayer.

Council reconvened and Mayor Jeffcoat called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Jones that the town hire a trained police officer for the vacancy of Sgt. Herlong. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Lane and upon vote carried.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 14, 2011 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Harriett Lane: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Jeff Washington: _____

Patty Carson: _____