

MINUTES
Town of North
March 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.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2011 meeting, seconded by Councilman Washington, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

Prior to Public Comments, Councilwoman Carson inquired as to a town ordinance, and whether or not persons who are not town citizens should be allowed to address council during public comments. Mayor Jeffcoat indicated that he would look into the matter, but that it was his interpretation that any person should be allowed to address council.

- o Barbara Broome Whetstone complimented the North Police Department on their work and expressed frustration to Councilwoman Carson for the issues raised in the December council meeting and lack of support for the North Police Department.
- o Sherryl Peters spoke in support of Chief Fallaw and the North Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual, specifically noting how helpful Chief Fallaw has been with the 321 Corridor project and how helpful the Manual has been to other agencies who have adopted it.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for February, 2011 (copy attached).

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for February, 2011 (copy attached). Chief Fallaw also added that a local resident (Robert Shuler) is going door to door begging for money, and that Mr. Shuler has been placed on notice to cease these activities, and that anyone who receives a visit from Mr. Shuler should contact the North Police Department. Chief Fallaw also introduced Huseyin Sahiner who is a resident of Turkey, but a student at University of South Carolina working on his PhD to teach college in Turkey. Mr. Sahiner accompanied Chief Fallaw on his trip to Turkey last year and provided interpretation services.

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for February, 2011

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat discussed that the Community of Character Trait for February is Compassion.
- o A petition for the annexation of Dover Elementary School and the adjoining ball field was presented. A motion was made by Councilman Jones to accept the first reading of the petition for annexation of Dover Elementary School and the adjoining ball field, motion was seconded by Councilman Washington and upon vote carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Jeffcoat gave an update on the issue of the buzzards in town. He said that Clay Mealman with the USDA is in the process of following through with his plan to have the buzzards relocate away from town.
- Mayor Jeffcoat announced that there is some type of construction going on at the North Air Base, although he was not able to get any confirmation as to exactly what is being constructed. He will keep council updated when he learns any new information.
- Mayor Jeffcoat also announced that the North Post Office is scheduled to go through changes beginning on April 9, 2011 (home delivery will no longer be done through North, but through Swansea Post Office). Councilwoman Lane added that she has already written letters to our Senators and Congressmen to protest this move.
- Mayor Jeffcoat invited everyone to attend the Great American Cleanup in North scheduled for April 21, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Councilwoman Lane offered her opinion to plant some type of perennial bulb in the corners of the fence at the Park. Mayor Jeffcoat noted that it might be a good idea to get a committee together to work on beautification ideas for town property.
- Mayor Jeffcoat called on Bobby Freeman to introduce himself. He is the manager of the new Dollar General store in North. Mr. Freeman offered to be of assistance to the town in any way that they can.

Council Announcements:

None

Public Comments:

- A concerned citizen inquired as to the status of Wolfe Crossing well and was advised that it was still shut down. He also expressed his support of the annexation of Dover Elementary and the ball field.
- Ms. Cynthia Strozier noted that Dover Elementary has two litter pick up days and that they have also received a grant to plant trees. She also complimented Katie Bolen, a third grader going to state competition.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Rev. Wright closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett

APPROVED: MARCH 14, 2011 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Harriett Lane: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Jeff Washington: _____

Patty Carson: _____

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