

MINUTES
Town of North
October 10, 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 September 12, 2011 meeting, seconded by Councilman Washington, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:
None

Water/Sewer Report:
Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for September, 2011 (copy attached).

Police Report:
Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for September, 2011 (copy attached). Chief informed council that, even though there had been a bomb threat at our local school, that the threat was a low-level threat. Chief confirmed with council that Trick-or-Treating hours for Halloween will be set for Monday, October 31, 2011, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Chief informed council that the Salley Police Chief's daughter died in a traffic accident and has a card for us to send condolences. Chief also announced that Sgt. Arant resigned as of October 5, 2011. Chief also informed council of three awards that the North Police Department has received: 1) LEN award for traffic safety; 2) Alcohol Enforcement Team award; and 3) AAA Carolinas named us in the Top 5 small towns under 10,000. Chief also noted that the new Traffic Safety Checkpoint Trailer was parked across the street and would be set up for council and the public to see.

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for September, 2011. Councilwoman Carson questioned Mayor Jeffcoat whether or not an expenditure of \$1,400 for water system software needed to go before council for approval. Mayor Jeffcoat advised Councilwoman Carson that the line item for this expense is an ongoing annual expense, and that it was approved by council with the budget. Therefore, it didn't need to go before council again.

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat discussed that the Community of Character Trait for October is Loyalty.
- o Jeffcoat announced that Advanced Disposal has proposed a new contract with the Town for Residential Solid Waste Services. Hardee Horne from Advanced Disposal spoke to council on behalf of the company stating that the contract is negotiable, and would like the opportunity to sit down with council to discuss the specifics of it. Mayor Jeffcoat and council agreed to set up a time to meet with him.

Mayor's Report:

- o Mayor Jeffcoat advised council that nothing more has been done with the Silver Springs Water Contract, that he is waiting to meet with Silver Springs Water representatives to discuss it in detail, and then have the town lawyer review it.

- Mayor Jeffcoat announced that the North Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, November 27th at 4:00 p.m. This is the same time that Norway has scheduled its parade for, but it has been the tradition for at least fifteen years for North to hold theirs on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.
- Jeffcoat noted that the 14th Annual North Day of Prayer will be held at the town square on Saturday, November 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Council Announcements:

- Councilman Washington stated that he has obtained a grant application from Golden State Foods and hopes that an award of \$7,000 would go to benefit the park.
- Councilwoman Carson stated that she was contacted by a citizen regarding the condition of the streets around town. She has looked into getting a street sweeper truck and a company out of Ballentine has quoted an amount of \$650 to come clean the streets. Mayor Jeffcoat suggested we use the jet vac to clean the street areas with extra sand.
- Councilwoman Lane stated that she had been contacted by several parents who have children in public school in North, and that they were pleased with the North Police Department's handling of the bomb threat. She commended the North Police Department for doing a good job.
- Councilman Jones thanked the Mayor and Councilwoman Lane for attending the National Walk to School Day with him on Thursday, October 6th.

Public Comments:

- Charles Gregory, principal of North Middle High School, thanked the North Police Department for their assistance with the Homecoming Parade. He also invited council and the North Police Department to attend their Senior Night Fish Fry on October 14th at 6:30 p.m.
- Citizen Pough asked the Mayor about the street light down by the TDS building being disconnected when Highway 321 was widened, stating that it is very dark down there during nighttime hours. Mayor Jeffcoat advised that he met with Robin from SCE&G and that the light cannot be replaced, but that James Taylor can request a light at the corner of his property. Ms. Pough also asked about why Dover Elementary School's petition for annexation happened so quickly, and that other properties are much more difficult to get annexed. Town Clerk Garrett advised Ms. Pough that the school was annexed by 100% petition method and only required the signatures of the school board, thus making it a quicker transaction, but that she will continue to work with Ms. Pough in her annexation efforts.
- Rev. Buckson thanked the town for the use of the Pavilion for the Voter Registration Drive held on Saturday, September 24th.
- Rev. Wright questioned whether or not schools in North had been the victim of bomb threats before. Chief Fallaw stated that there has not been a bomb threat to a school in North in the past ten years at least, but he has not researched beyond that.
- A concerned citizen inquired as to getting cable services back in North. There was discussion on the best way to achieve this goal, and it was determined that the citizens need to band together to try to petition a cable company to provide services to North residents, thereby not causing a conflict of interest for the Town Council.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Rev. Parnell closed the meeting in prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett

APPROVED: OCTOBER 10, 2011 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Harriett Lane: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Jeff Washington: _____

Patty Carson: _____