

## Town Council Meeting Minutes North Town Hall September 10, 2018

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson and Washington.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Council was unable to approve the meeting minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting since there were not enough Councilmembers present that had attended that meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer announced that there will be a Med Safe medication drop box placed at Town Hall and several others around the county. There will be a press conference in the future announcing these locations. Chief Shirer also announced the hiring of a new officer, Anita Chestnut. Chief Shirer stated that due to inclement weather relating to Hurricane Florence, Municipal Court will be continued. He also stated that there would be a police officer posted at the stop light at to help with the increase in traffic.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Annie Charley was not in attendance; therefore, there was no update on the Fall Pecan Festival.
- Ms. Suzanne Reed gave an update from the Christmas Committee. She reported that there was a good response to the softball tournament. The six team minimum was filled. The Christmas Committee will be selling concessions to raise money. She also announced that the Family Movie Night will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Mrs. Reed said that the Christmas committee is holding these events to raise money for more Christmas decorations for the Town. She said that, with the Mayors approval, the Christmas Committee had already purchased a new decoration for the Town.
- Council reviewed the account statement for August 2018.
- Council voted on Resolution 2018-02, a Resolution committing the Town to providing a local match for a MASC Hometown Economic Grant. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the Resolution was passed unanimously.
- Council voted on Resolution 2018-03, a Resolution to authorize the MASC to act as a claimant agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the town of North in accordance with the setoff debt collection act. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the Resolution was passed unanimously.
- Council held the first reading of Ordinance 2018-01, an Ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act. Councilmember Cook made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2018-01. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the first reading was accepted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mayor Carson opened up discussion among Council concerning the enforcement of 2004 Ordinance 16.104. Sidewalks. Adjacent Property owners keep clean. Mayor Carson stated that there had been several complaints about impassable sidewalks around town. Council agreed with Mayor Carson that sending letters to the property owners would be appropriate. Mayor Carson said she would draft a letter for Council to review. Mayor Carson also commended the property owners that cleaned up the sidewalks in front of Faith Deliverance Church.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson announced that the Town has applied for another PARD grant for the ballfield. She stated that she should know in 30 days if the town would get the grant.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Washington announced that he would be running for Mayor in the 2019 election. He also announced that the Fall Pecan Festival was cancelled.
- Councilmember Cook announced that she is working on the Empty Buildings tour. She said that she is getting in touch with the commercial property owners and designing flyers. She stated that the Empty Buildings tour will be held in November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler  
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: \_\_\_\_\_

Julius Jones: \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Jackson: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah Cook: \_\_\_\_\_