

Minutes of the Work Session of
The Liberty Town Council
Held on January 16, 2024 5:30 PM

Present

Mayor: The Honorable Filmore York

Council: Terry Caviness, Larry Coble, Don Herndon, Tyson Nixon
and Greg Carpenter

Town Manager: Scott Kidd

Town Clerk: Jessica Brown

Staff: Police Chief; David Semrad, Public Works Director;
Joseph Walsh, Finance Director; Kathy Bond,
Library Director; Brenda Heindl, Assistant
Town Manager; Janie Phelps

Town Attorney; Bill Flowe

To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone and those watching on Facebook wishing them a Happy New Year.

Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Don Herndon made a motion to adopt the agenda..Council Member Tyson Nixon seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Council Members Larry Coble, Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Tyson Nixon, and Greg Carpenter voted yes and adopted the agenda.

Information

Monthly Reports

Each Department's Monthly Reports are included for review. The Police Department included a yearly summary.

New Business

Consideration/Adoption of FY 2024-2025 Budget Calendar

This is to consider and adopt the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar. The Town Manager said we will try to stick to this calendar as much as possible as we prepare for growth.

Audit Contract - Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams, & Co. PA

This is the contract for the new year for Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams, & Co. PA to perform the Town's Audit. The Town Manager said it runs about \$30,000 per year and the NCLGC overlooks contracts and this is a standard price. A representative should be

here in March to do the audit presentation and then we will be caught up. The FY 24/25 audit should be completed in October.

Road Closure Public Hearing - Monday January 22, 2024 5:30 PM

This is an advertised public hearing at the regular Council Meeting on January 22, 2024 for the purpose of considering the street closure of the portion of the street right of way that was never constructed for the owner of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as shown on a plat entitled "Lynwood Subdivision," recorded in Plat Book 36, Page 20, in the Register of Deeds.

Attorney Bill Flowe said the purpose was to see if it would be developed and reconsider access to it. It was never developed for individual tracts so the tracts will be combined and utilities can still go down that street.

Public Hearing Blower Engineering - Rezoning Request January 22, 2024 5:30 PM

There will be a legislative Public Hearing for a request by applicant Tom Byrnes with Blower Engineering on behalf of property owner SPB Holdings LLC, for a map amendment from B2 with SUP to Industrial on parcel 8726546418, approximately 8.9 acres, located at 10228 Old Liberty Road at the regular Council meeting Monday January 22, 2024 5:30 PM.

Council Member Larry Coble said he had concerns that the industrial will back up to a residential area, Council Member Terry Caviness said he has concerns about five years down the road and if he sold we would have no control over it. Town Attorney Flowe said to wait to hear the presentation. They do not have to decide tonight and to be aware of the Table of Uses.

Public Hearing - Text Amendments to Town Ordinances January 22, 2024 5:30 PM

This is an advertised legislative public hearing request by the Town of Liberty, for several amendments to Town Ordinances to bring into compliance with state legislation and modernize standards on January 22, 2024 5:30 PM.

The Town Manager said the trend is to get text amendments through the Planning Board to Council and update language for 160D.

Reappointment Planning Board/Board of Adjustment - Dennis Hargis

Dennis Hargis had agreed to serve another three year term on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment expiring 11/26.

Appointment Planning Board/Board of Adjustment - Jason Glass

Jason Glass has applied for the vacancy on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment in town alternate left by Richard Cobb who resigned. This would be for a three year term expiring 1/27.

Budget Amendment #18 (Water Department)

This amendment is to move funds from the Enterprise Fund Appr to the Water Department for the following line items: (Due to the rise of cost and more water main breaks the following items are spent out. Most repairs were made within NCDOT ROW which requires fifteen feet each direction and whole lane.).

Manager's Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd gave the report. The LGC approved the loan for the radios for the Fire and the Police. We had to get approval from them since the loan amount was over \$50,000. Toyota has invited Council to tour their training facility in Greensboro on March 1, 2024 and will be sending an Evite. Assistant Town Manager Janie Phelps came forward. She has been looking at permitting software. With all the development that is potentially coming this would make it easier for everyone and would keep better records.

Prices would range from \$8,000 - \$10,000. In the future (not this year) she would like to update ordinances to a UDO (Unified Development Ordinance). This would be done by a consultant and could range in price from \$50,000 - 140,000.

Council Comments

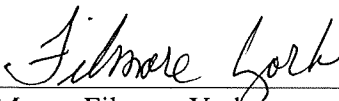
Council Member Don Herndon said he is glad we are back working together and looking in depth at zoning.

Mayor Comments

Mayor York wished everyone a Happy New Year..

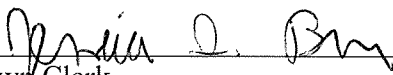
Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Tyson Nixon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Don Herndon seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Council Member Larry Coble voted yes, Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes, Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes and Council Member Greg Carpenter voted yes. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Filmore York

ATTEST: _____


Town Clerk

