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Minutes of the Meeting of
The Liberty Town Council
Held on December 5, 2022 5:30 pm

Present

Mayor : The Honorable Filmore York

Council: Terry Caviness, Don Herndon, Tyson Nixon, Larry Coble,
and JR Beard

Town Manager: Scott Kidd

Town Clerk: Jessica Brown

Town Attorney: Bill Flowe

Staff: Library Director; Brenda Heindl-Hornsby, Parks and
Recreation Director; Logan Maness, and NC Fellow;
Brice Dalke

To Order

The Mayor welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.. He also welcomed everyone who was watching on Facebook.

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Council Member Tyson Nixon led the Pledge of Allegiance and then Mayor York asked everyone to join in a Moment of Silence.

Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously: Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Larry Coble, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member JR Beard voted yes and Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member JR Beard made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Special Meeting, November 14, 2022 Closed Session, November 21, 2022 Work Session, and November 28, 2022 Council Meeting. Council Member Don Herndon seconded the motion which passed unanimously : Council Member Larry Coble voted yes,. Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member JR Beard voted yes, and Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

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Public Hearing RZ-22-3- 6853 NC Highway 49N continued to 1/23/2023 Council Meeting

The advertised legislative Public Hearing in relation to the rezoning of a property from R12 Residential to RMF Multi-Family Residential originally scheduled for Monday November 28, 2022 5:30 PM at the regular Council meeting has been continued until January 23, 2023 5:30 PM at the regular Council meeting. The Planning Board requested additional information from this applicant and will not meet again until December 14, 2022 so the Public Hearing will be continued until the January Council Meeting. Council Member Don Herndon approved the Public Hearing being continued until January. Council Member Tyson Nixon seconded the motion which passed unanimously with : Council Member Larry Coble voting yes, Council Member Terry Caviness voting yes, Council Member Don Herndon voting yes, Council Member JR Beard voting yes, and Council Member Tyson Nixon voting yes. The Public Hearing will be held January 23, 2023 5:30PM.

Public Hearing Game Room Definition/Ordinances 1/23/2023 Council Meeting

The Planning Board will be discussing the current definition of Game Rooms in our Town Ordinance and the possibility of updating it and other items related to Game Rooms. They will bring these items to the Town Council for a Public Hearing January 23, 2023 Council Meeting at 5:30 PM.

Council Member JR Beard made a motion to approve the Public Hearing be held on January 23, 2023 5:30 PM, Council Member Larry Coble 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 JR Beard voted yes, and Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes. The Public Hearing will be January 23, 2023 5:30 PM.

New Business

Additional Check Signer

The Finance Director took a class on Internal Controls which brought to her attention a new regulation for municipalities to have two check signers in the Finance Department and two not in the Finance Department. Our current check signers are Town Manager Scott Kidd, Town Clerk Jessica Brown, and Finance Director Kathy Bond. We need one more check signer from finance and the staff recommends Finance Specialist Adrian Abbott.

Council Member Tyson Nixon a motion to approve Adrian Abbott as a check signer. Council Member JR Beard 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 JR Beard voted yes, and Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes. Finance Specialist Adrian Abbot is approved as a check signer.

Administrative Reports

Manager's Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd gave his report. He is working on the Budget Calendar. Auditors were here today and tomorrow. This will be the only Council meeting in December.

Council Comments

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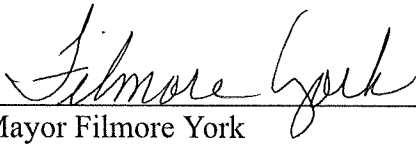
Tyson Nixon wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Don Herndon said a citizen approached him who was upset she had used automatic bill pay through her bank account and was charged a late fee when not there by 15th. JR Beard said he thought it should be Manager discretion under certain circumstances.

Mayor Comments

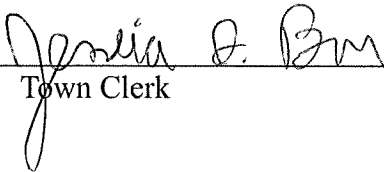
Mayor York thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to adjourn. Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote: Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member Larry Coble and Council Member JR Beard voted yes. and Council Member Terry Caviness voted yes. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Filmore York

ATTEST: 

Town Clerk

