

Minutes of the Work Session of
The Liberty Town Council
Held on July 18, 2022 5:30 PM

Present

Mayor: The Honorable Filmore York

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

Town Manager: Scott Kidd

Town Clerk: Jessica Brown

Staff: Police Chief; David Semrad, Public Works Director;
Joseph Walsh, Parks and Recreation Director; Logan
Maness, Fire Chief; Matt Talbott, Library; Gisela Pacheco
Library Director; Brenda Heindl, Parks and
Recreation Coordinator; Kolby Riddle

Town Attorney; Bill Flowe

To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone. He welcomed everyone on Facebook. Council Member Tyson Nixon is not here.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Information

Monthly Reports

Library Director Brenda Hornsby Heindl and Programs Coordinator Gisela Pacheco invited the Council to storytime at 10:30 am on Wednesdays. The summer reading grant has been amazing; they are working with the food pantry and have thirty families signed up for meals. Mayor York remarked that the Juneteenth Celebration had a great turnout and lots of kids were there.

Public Works Director Joseph Walsh said he plans to move about thirty six trees. He is looking at getting a grapple truck. He will be contracting with the DOT to mow Right of Ways. Council Member Herndon said the Garden Club may have some ideas on what to replace the trees that are removed with.

Police Chief Semrad said the foundation repairs have been completed at the new PD building and they are doing some seeding. They are discussing shingles versus metal for the roof.

Fire Chief Talbott said they are selling Engine 32 to a Fire Department in Alabama for \$24,000.00.

Parks and Recreation Director Logan Maness said they did not receive the grant for Paul Henry Smith Park. Council Member Beard asked if they still have plans to upgrade at the park. She replied they are looking into more grants.

Administrative Reports

Manager's Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd gave a report. The engineer for Randolph County looked at the handicap ramp at the library to see if it was compliant. He attached the drawing of what needs to be done which they can use to get bids. They also need a sign to tell people which ramp to use. He is meeting with Withers Ranvenel about the LWCF grant. They applied for it two and a half years ago and inflation has changed some of the figures. They have received information from DEQ about upfitting pump stations which is part of the ASADRA grant. The RC2 Program from NC Commerce is a great opportunity for the Town. Town employees Adrian Abbott and Bret Pedigo are taking classes on writing grants, budgeting, and resiliency planning.

New Business

Special Use Public Hearing July 25, 2022 Council Meeting

This will be a Quasi Judicial hearing for a Special Use Permit 22-1 request for Watershed SNIA (Special Non-residential Intensity Allocation). Town Manager Scott Kidd emphasized that the case cannot be discussed before the Hearing. There is a packet at Council Members' desks. It has more information regarding watersheds for them to read over. Reynolds Neely will be here next week to give a Staff Report.

Annexation Petition 6998 Kinro Rd. Liberty

This is a petition requesting annexation for 6998 Kinro Road Liberty. Council will request Town Clerk to certify petition and present findings at the August Council Meeting. This will allow for Town water/sewer at that property. There will be a Public Hearing in September. This is a three meeting process.

Budget Amendment #1

This amendment is to move funds from the General Fund Appropriated to the Library Department. These are Lowe Grant and Construction funds that have been approved and amended to this budget.

Planning Board/BOA Appointment

Gail Emerson has submitted an application for the vacant seat (in town resident) on the Planning Board/ Board of Adjustment. This would be for a three year term.

Pay Proposal

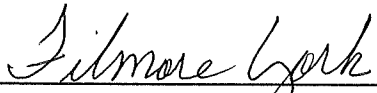
Town Manager Scott Kidd came forward to present his pay proposal for Town employees. He attached handouts with a breakdown. He used a formula that factored in the number of years of service per department and per position. He also considered degrees (Associates, Bachelor's Masters and Certificates). It would be a substantial amount of money to change. We also need to consider sustainability. Is it feasible?

Mayor Comments

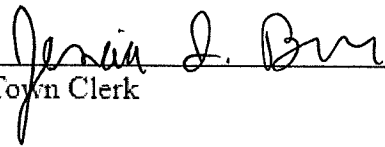
Mayor York thanked Bret Pedigo and Logan Maness and said he thought the Celebrate Liberty Festival and fireworks went well despite the rain.

Motion to Adjourn

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



Mayor Filmore York

ATTEST: 

Town Clerk

