TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Fleta Byrd, Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett, Councilmembers Carolyn Dobbin, David McGowan, Randy Jernigan, and Tim Brown.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator/Clerk Leighanna Worley, and Town Attorney Gabriel Du Sablon.

PLEDGE Mayor Byrd led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONVOCATION: Mayor Byrd declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

INVOCATION: Mayor Fleta Byrd gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Byrd asked for the approval of the agenda.

Councilmember David McGowan added agenda item 6a(i) "Proclamation in Honor of Memorial Day" to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett and seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Byrd asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes for the Regular Town Council Meeting for April 18, 2022.

Regular Town Council Meeting- April 18, 2022: A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2022 as amended. Motion carried unanimously

1st OPEN FORUM Mayor Byrd opened the 1st Public Forum at 6:34pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 1st Open Forum at 6:35pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MAYOR FLETA BYRD: Councilmember David McGowan read the following proclamation:

Proclamation in Honor of Memorial Day

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS millions of men and women have answered the call to duty in defending the hard-won freedoms we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS Memorial Day is the occasion on which we remember, recognize, and honor the unselfish service of those no longer with us; and

WHEREAS, while we feel sorrow over their loss, we thank God that such people lived and gave their full measure so that we might live in liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS many of those who faced enemy fire on battlefields the world over were from Johnston County and Wilson's Mills, or are presently residing in this area, and many more our of communities' sons and daughters currently serve overseas to protect our national freedom – Freedom is not Free.

THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Wilson's Mills asks all citizens of Wilson's Mills to recognize the hardships and sacrifices of those we know as veterans and let us remember the words of the song which says so much about this observance, "All gave some… some gave all."

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Leighanna Worley:

Town Administrator Worley referenced the information in Council's packets and said that the Project Acceleration Plan is an abbreviated plan that focuses on bicycle, pedestrian, and multimodal project identification and project implementation.

RATIFY Resolution in Support of the Project Acceleration Plan Grant

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem JC Triplett to ratify the Resolution is Support of the Project Acceleration Plan Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT – Sherry Hudson:

Finance Officer Sherry Hudson referenced the financials for the month ending April 2022 in Council's packets and there were no questions.

Review of Financial Statements – April 2022:

Ms. Hudson said that the Fiscal Year will close out next month and therefore Council will be presented with the final budget ordinance for this fiscal year.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT – Wendy Oldham

Development Compliance Officer Wendy Oldham referenced her report in Council's packets and there were no questions.

Call Public Hearing – Unified Development Ordinance

Mrs. Oldham explained that the current Unified Development Ordinance exhibited typographical errors, inconsistencies, and general formatting errors in all articles and therefore the UDO needs to be updated. She stated that these updates require a public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Jernigan and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to call the public hearing to amend the Unified Development Ordinance on Monday June 20, 2022 at 6:30pm in Wilson's Mills Elementary Cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously.

Call Public Hearing – Wilson's Mills Ordinance Updates

Mrs. Oldham said that due to the recent UDO changes the Wilson's Mills Code of Ordinances will also need to be updated to reflect any changes. She referenced the changes noted in Council's packets and said that the full and updated Code of Ordinances is available in the Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Jernigan and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan to call the public hearing to amend the Wilson's Mills Code of Ordinances on Monday June 20, 2022 at 6:30pm in Wilson's Mills Elementary Cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously.

EVENTS REPORT – Emily Matthews

Mayor said that the first Farmers Market on the 7th of this month went really well and she looks forward to the next one this Saturday.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Williams

Chief Williams referenced the Police Department report in Council's packets and there were no questions.

Councilmember McGowan commended the Police Department on the number of vehicle stops they completed in the month of April.

Councilmember Jernigan thanked the officers for their willingness to help first responders in the past months.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Patrick Moore

Public Works Supervisor Patrick Moore refenced his report in Council's packets.

Councilmember McGowan asked what the new tot lot at the park will consist of. Mr. Moore said it will be a play area for smaller children including ADA compliant equipment.

Award Bid for Zero Turn Lawnmower

Mr. Moore referenced the mower bids in Council's packets.

Councilmember McGowan said based on the price and the description he would prefer the John Deere mower.

A motion was made by Councilmember David McGowan and second by Councilmember Randy Jernigan to accept the bid for the John Deere tractor totaling $9,006.23. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Byrd asked if there were any Councilmember comments and there were none.

2nd OPEN FORUM

Mayor Byrd opened the 2nd Public Forum at 6:55pm.

With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Byrd closed the 2nd Open Forum at 6:56pm.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilmember Randy Jernigan and seconded by Councilmember David McGowan adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

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Fleta A Byrd
FLETA BYRD, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily A. Matthews
EMILY MATTHEWS
Deputy Clerk