

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF TARBORO, HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023 IN
THE COUNCIL ROOM, TOWN HALL, TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mayo
Councilman Woodard
Councilman Taylor
Councilman Burnette
Councilman Brown
Councilman Jenkins
Councilmember Jordan
Councilmember Bynum
Councilman Braxton

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Troy Lewis, Town Manager
Leslie Lunsford, Town Clerk
Chad Hinton, Town Attorney

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

2. INVOCATION

Councilman Taylor.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Agenda approved as presented.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

5. PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL

(1) National FFA Week Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed February 18th - February 25th as National FFA Week. He presented the Proclamation to the members of the North East Carolina Preparatory FFA Chapter.

6. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Robin Tant - 2302 Summerfield Drive, Tarboro - runs an animal rescue and would like for the Town to require that dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered before adoption from the animal shelter.

Larry Crossett - 601 Saint Patrick Street, Tarboro - interested in investing in Tarboro but concerned about excessive garbage and poor landscaping around the town.

William Livesay - 600 Saint Patrick Street, Tarboro - concern about the property at 508 Saint Patrick Street, the owner no longer takes care of the property and it needs attention.

Liam Gilroy, 204 E Park Avenue, Tarboro - excited for the future of Tarboro. He has investors interested in the area.

Lewis Ridgeway, 1009 Saint Andrew Street, Tarboro - expressed concerns for the Pender House at the Blount Bridgers House.

7. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- (1) Presentation of 2021-2022 Audit Report by Mr. Keith Joyce from Joyce and Company, CPA

Keith Joyce from Joyce and Company, CPA presented the 2021-2022 Audit Report and answered questions.

8. TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Items

Consent Items approved as presented.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Alfred Braxton and Passed, Motion.

- (1) Approve minutes of the January 9, 2023 regular meeting.
- (2) Budget Transfers
- (3) Tax Collector's Report

Action Items

- (4) **NCDOT - SpringFest & ECU Health Edgecombe Hospital's Blue Ribbon Kidz Day Event**

Council adopted Ordinance 23-01 declaring the closure of N. Main Street from Pitt Street to Park Avenue and the closure of Wilson Street from Trade Street to St. Andrew Street from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Ordinance 23-01

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A
SPRINGFEST & ECU HEALTH EDGECOMBE HOSPITAL'S BLUE RIBBON
KIDZ DAY EVENT

Alfred Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

- (5) **Princeville Founders' Celebration Resolution & Parade Ordinance**

Council adopted a resolution, read by Town Manager, Troy Lewis, showing support for

the Founders' Celebration.

Celebration plans were amended, no longer requesting road closures.

John Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Deborah Jordan and Passed, Motion.

(6) Budget Amendment - Electric Reimbursements

Council approved the Electric Reimbursements budget amendment. Alfred Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Taylor and Passed, Motion.

(7) Budget Amendment - Law Enforcement Grant

Council approved the Law Enforcement Grant budget amendment to appropriate the grant funds for the purchase of a new police canine. Deborah Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.

(8) Resolution of Intent for Annexation

Council approved the Resolution of Intent for Annexation. Alfred Braxton made a motion, which was seconded by John Jenkins and Passed, Motion.

(9) Appointment for February - Historic District Commission

No action taken at this time.

9. OTHER REPORTS

A. Town Manager

The Town Manager invited Council to the Cheers, Beers, and Bites event sponsored by the Tarboro Development Corporation on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. He also reminded Council of the Princeville celebration, Springfest, the Town State Dinner and the Council Retreat.

B. Town Attorney

None.

C. Council Members

Councilman Woodard - appreciates the new investors interest in Tarboro.

Councilman Taylor - would like to discuss the downtown concerns and code enforcement at the Council Retreat. He would also like the Town to follow up on animal shelter funds.

Councilman Burnette - none.

Councilman Brown - congratulated the New Police Chief, Rick Mann. Councilman Brown also made a motion to hold the Council Retreat on the first weekend of March every year, motion died due to not having a second. Council will discuss at the Council Retreat.

Councilman Jenkins - congratulated Police Chief Rick Mann and Anne Mann on an overall

successful audit.

Councilmember Jordan - would like to follow up on Mr. Crossett's comment about landscaping, would like flowers in the downtown areas around the tree bases.

Councilmember Bynum - concerned about increased violence, would like to increase the number of cameras installed all over town. Councilmember Bynum also requested an update on the splash pad at Clark Park. She also expressed concerns about a current threat in the East Tarboro area.

Councilman Braxton - agrees with the concerns of the Town's appearance, but would like to focus on the entire town, not just the downtown area.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Jordan, and passed unanimously that Council enter into Closed Session per NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5).

Councilman Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Braxton, and passed unanimously that Council resume Open Session.

(1) NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5)

Council adopted the resolution to accept the donation and conveyance of land to the Town of Tarboro from Johnelle Hunt LLC.

Othar Woodard made a motion, which was seconded by John Jenkins and Passed, Motion.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Steve Burnette made a motion, which was seconded by Sabrina Bynum and Passed, Motion.