

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
120 Potter Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28110  
December 18, 2012 – 7:00 P. M.

The Village Council of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met in the Fellowship Hall of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina.

**Present:** Mayor Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston, Council Members Brotton and Rosoff

**Absent:** Council Member Plyler

**Others Present:**

Clerk/Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett;

**Citizens:** Carol Mullis, Tessie and Rick Morris

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and a quorum was present.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston said the invocation.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

One sub-item was added: to approve railing design documents under Parks and Rec. Council Member Rosoff moved to approve the agenda with this change; Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. SAFETY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL ON POSSIBLE USE FOR LAND TO BE DONATED BY JDH

Tessie Morris, Chair of the Safety Committee presented a proposal to use the land to be donated to the town by JDH for an emergency medical services location, including a building of either 1800 or 700 square feet depending whether staff would be located there overnight. Costs would also include the ambulance (\$165,000 with an estimated life of 150,000 miles or seven years at which time the vehicle needs to be remounted on a new chassis or replaced), and employing staff (to staff one ambulance with 24/7 coverage is \$381,000 annually, for day time only coverage \$190,109 annually). In a June 2012 letter from Scott Shew, he notes the most recent 12 months EMS statistics for the nine map grids that represent 64 square miles encompassing and surrounding Wesley Chapel show there were 795 calls, and the average response time 12.37 minutes. Ms. Morris noted Scott Shew is no longer with Union County EMS and the info has been forwarded to the new director. Tessie will be getting more statistical information. She noted first responders do an excellent job, but this is to centralize transport, and will need funding. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston asked about the hubs where the ambulance is on site. Tessie said she understood in Stallings the land was donated and the building was funded jointly by the County and Stallings; they are the busiest station in the County. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston asked about the budget cycle; Ms. Morris said this has been in the queue for four years, with the fire station the County couldn't afford the cost. She said they don't require the municipality provide the land, but then they have more funds to work with. Ormiston asked if the fire station is still

an option for EMS. Carol Mullis said no, they went to the County twice before construction so that a bay could be added for that, but the County said no, and a bay can't be added now. Personnel and supplies for the building would come out of the County budget. Tessie Morris said fund raising or grants could be used also; she noted there has been a six per cent increase in calls going through Wesley Chapel. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston said when Mr. Shew came to a meeting several years ago she had the impression call volume here doesn't warrant an ambulance; Ms. Morris said the volume is there; they never reveal the out of commission numbers, but there are only seven ambulances in the County, and for example Sunday night two were out of commission. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston said she would want the County to be on board with this whole process before we focus our efforts. Mayor Horvath agreed they have to be on board; he said this is an excellent idea. Ms. Morris said they are going to 12 hour shifts so sleeping facilities are not needed, and this allows a smaller size building. She will get building cost information. Council Member Brotton asked if the municipality would cover upkeep and utilities on the building, Ms. Morris said yes, or a 50/50 split. He asked if other towns would contribute. Ms. Morris will look into that. She will also get figures from Stallings. The closest locations are Stallings, Waxhaw, and Station 31. Carol Mullis noted the fire department did a response time study, fire and police response time is good; EMS is still slower. Council Member Brotton asked how much has service increased over the years compared to the population increase. Ms. Morris noted their budget has been cut over the last few years. Council expressed thanks to Ms. Morris for her work.

#### 4. PROGRESS UPDATE ON JDH LAND DONATION

Mayor Horvath reported Harris Teeter has signed off on the deed release, and attorney Sistrunk thinks this will be completed in a few days.

#### 5. TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. Update on construction timeline / start date
- b. Update on decision / recommendation regarding exterior building materials

Council Member Brotton reported Morlando is moving the equipment on site. Henry Munn noticed more debris on site than anticipated; we can ask the folks who did it to remove it, or push it to another part of the site. There is broken construction debris with grass growing through it. It was noted Aston had brought in dirt at no cost, and had a woodpile and dirt piles. Mayor Horvath asked Council Member Brotton to call Karen Partee at Aston and ask them to remove it. Council Member Brotton said there was not a quorum for the Committee last week, and a special meeting is scheduled this week; we have some time but the sooner the better on making decisions on the exterior materials.

#### 6. PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. Discussion and possible approval on purchase of Jon boat for pond maintenance (security)

Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston said they got quotes for a Jon boat from \$600 at Dicks to \$925 at Couicks Marine for a 12 foot boat, to \$2,300 for a 14 foot from Boaters Marine. NC Wildlife confirmed the need for a boat; she missed a call from them, and will get back to them.

- b. Review and discuss construction bids received

Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston reported the low bid was \$696,000 which is above budget, the committee recommended we meet with United Construction to see if we could value engineer it,

although it does not appear a lot can be cut. That meeting is December 27, 2012 at 9:30 am. The sewer and utility lines and soils seem to have thrown prices up. Ormiston said she was in favor of rebidding.

- c. Review and discuss contract bidding process for house renovation to obtain comparative cost estimates for park restroom facility

Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston reported after discussions with the fire marshal and building inspector we are applying for business occupancy. We need an additional stall and sink in each restroom because it would also serve the house. The design is the bare minimum and includes walling off the door to the basement and second floor.

- d. Approve railing design documents

Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston said the RFQ had several line items for additional work; one is the railing which Luttmann quoted at \$500. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston moved to approve the additional \$700 payment to Troy Luttmann for design work at the house (this includes \$200 for reimbursables); Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston moved to go forward bidding the house renovations through Troy Luttmann if his bid administration services are less than \$1,500. Council Member Brotton seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Questions were asked about the budget; Mayor Horvath said we have about \$419,000 available for the park. Carol Mullis also asked if Park and Rec minutes could be brought up to date on the website.

#### 7. REMOVAL OF MEMBER FROM YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Mayor Horvath removed Allison Long from the committee since she has not attended meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston said Administrator Bennett will attend the December Youth Council meeting since Ormiston will be out of town

#### 8. DISCUSS AND APPROVE VILLAGE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO MUMPO FOR 2013

Council Member Rosoff moved that Brad Horvath remain the delegate, and Howard Brotton remain the alternate and Joshua Langen attend the Technical Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Brotton noted all three will have to comply with the new code of ethics requirements.

#### 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Brotton said Parks and Rec may want to wait to rebid until these minutes are published.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brotton made a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Ormiston seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

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Mayor Brad Horvath