

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
May 20, 2014 – 7:00 P. M.

The Village Council of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met in the Town Hall at 6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina.

Present: Mayor Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Como, Council Members Kenary, Plyler and Rosoff

Others Present:

Clerk/Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett

Citizens Present: Carol Mullis, Judi Abbott, Tiffany Weaver, Howard Brotton, Butch Plyler, Tim Kolubinskyj, Stella Brown, Hunt Gwyn, Misti Wall, Mary Anne Stone, Regina Hilbert, Stan Schwartz, Tessie Morris

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 Council Member Plyler gave the invocation.

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

Additions were: 2014-15 Budget Adjustment, and Call for public hearing on 2014-15 budget. Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the agenda with these additions; Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION BY JUDI ABBOTT OF TURNING POINT

Judi Abbott reported on the services they provide to men, women and children. Police answered 1100 domestic violence calls in the last year. The average stay in their location is three to four months. Their store also provides furniture and clothes to people relocating. They have an 87% success rate.

4. PRESENTATION BY KATIE WALTER ON UNION COUNTY DRUG COURT FOUNDATION

Judge Gwyn noted there is a problem with repeat chronic drunk drivers, and this programs deals with the worst offenders. The program has three phases and lasts at least a year. It is funded by Department of Justice grants, and costs \$4,600 per person per year, while incarceration costs \$26,000 per year. Since 2010 they have had 25 participants at any one time. It is a life changing experience, and cost effective. The participants are volunteers and pay for the attorney and for treatment on a sliding scale. The treatment coordinator is the only paid person. The success rate is 25% which is greater than rehab. Stella Brown reported they were funded by a grant which is running out, they have applied for a new grant but appreciate any financial help and to get the

word out. Mayor Horvath noted typically the Village doesn't contribute directly but we will spread the word for citizens to contribute directly.

5. PRESENTATION ON EMS BY TESSIE MORRIS, SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR
(This item was discussed after item 6.)

Tessie Morris reported that one of the first items the Safety Committee looked at was response times for emergency services. They had resident concerns where patients were waiting for transport. Union County moved from 24 hour to 12 hour shifts. There are eleven ambulances in the sixteen mile radius of Wesley Chapel. A couple could be tied up due to an accident, and an ambulance may need to come from 22-27 minutes away. She said the two acres adjacent to 201 Central would make a huge difference. Eight hundred ninety four calls came through Wesley Chapel to their destination. We could ask surrounding towns to help; also many grants are available for vehicles or personnel. She hopes to start or have this in place in three years. Ms. Morris reviewed statistics on call volume showing in 2009 there were 16,000 calls and 10,900 transports and in 2013 18,000 calls and 13,000 transports. Costs would involve a seven hundred square foot facility with an office, kitchen, meeting room, and restroom, with a minimum of eight parking spots. For 24 hour coverage you would need eight people at a cost of \$381,000 annually, or for 12 hour coverage \$190,000. The ambulance costs \$165,000, and lasts 150,000 miles or five years. Most calls are between five and seven pm, but more serious transports are during the day. It would be a satellite facility. There has been an improvement in response since Chauncey Bower presented in 2009, but not significant. Questions were asked by Council on funding; Tessie said we can't talk funding until the land is allocated but we do have local businesses willing to donate. Mayor Horvath noted the land was not donated to us until about a year and a half ago. Ms. Morris said it could also be used for CPR and other training. Council Member Kenary asked about the shifts and who owns EMS. They went from 24 hour to 12 hour shifts with 24 hour coverage for strategic areas, and shifts are 8 am to 8 pm. Carolinas Health Care (CHC) owns EMS, and the County funds Union EMS through CHC. Council Member Kenary said the County makes up the difference between costs and funding. Tessie Morris will revisit the terms for 2014-15; it is time for some original vehicles to be replaced. Council Member Rosoff asked for confirmation that CHC is a private entity; it is. Mayor Pro Tem Como asked why EMS isn't here asking for this. Tessie Morris said we approached them first in 2007-08, but didn't have the land then. He asked if they are actively looking for a place. Ms. Morris said yes, she did not have a dollar amount of what they will contribute. Council Member Rosoff noted CHC is large and a money making operation, why haven't they come to us. Ms. Morris said Commissioner Helms came to the Safety Committee and there were a lot of changes made. Council Member Kenary asked why they weren't willing to put a vehicle at the fire house when it was being built; Tessie said by the time they made up their mind, construction had begun. Council Member Plyler said the Safety Committee has worked hard on this, we owe it to the citizens to designate the land instead of questioning this; with senior housing there will be more need. Ms. Morris will arrange for EMS officials to come and speak to Council. Mayor Horvath said he liked the idea but wanted to make sure it is long term sustainable, as we have limited funds. Council Member Kenary would like Mr. Shue from CMC to come and speak to us as soon as possible.

6. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR AND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR TERMS ENDING AUGUST 30, 2015

Howard Brotton and Timothy Kolubinskyj both offered to volunteer to help out the community by volunteering for Board of Adjustment.

Council Member Plyler nominated Howard Brotton for the regular member position on Board of Adjustment. Council Member Kenary seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Kenary nominated Timothy Kolubinskyj to the alternate position on Board of Adjustment. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE UPDATE

a. Additional landscape plantings

Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to approve purchase of 67 plants (35 needlepoint holly, and 32 others), size 3 gallons, for landscape planting behind the stage at the park for safety to keep people out of that area; the budget is already approved. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion. Finance Officer Bennett asked if this is going through Morlando; it is so it will be a change order.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Park rules sign / red box

Mayor Pro Tem Como said he was separating the two items, one is a park rules sign with a waterproof bulletin board, with the box it costs \$1454.98 but without the box it would cost \$1,014. Council Member Kenary said it does not comply with our sign ordinance; the maximum size should be 24 square feet. Mayor Pro Tem Como is getting with the zoning administrator on Thursday regarding alternatives. Council Member Plyler motioned to approve the sign as long as it conforms to our ordinance and Mayor Pro Tem Como works with the planner on the size and at a cost of less than \$1,014. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Port-a-jon screening

Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to purchase the materials for \$1,364.75 and construct the screening around the port-a-jon area with volunteer help. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Skid steer rental

Mayor Pro Tem Como said the skid steer rental is to move gravel for the ADA picnic pads, dig holes for the sign and screening and dog park; he provided three quotes. Council Member Plyler asked if we have someone trained to safely operate it; Mayor Pro Tem Como said he can, and would be the only one operating it. Council Member Kenary said she thought the additional cost to hire someone is warranted in cases like this. Mayor Pro Tem Como said he has used this equipment before, and is trained; there is no certificate to operate it. The clerk will check with

the insurance on this and about the damage waiver. Mayor Pro Tem Como said Morlando is okay with us operating this on site; and when he asked a contractor for five hours work it was over \$500.

Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to rent the skid steer for \$961.44 from Waxhaw Equipment Rental with the provision that the clerk check with the insurance. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion. Council Member Kenary said she would like three contractor bids. Mayor Horvath said he has seen Mayor Pro Tem Como operate equipment, and he is good at it. The motion passed 3-1 with Kenary voting nay. This is not necessary for the PARTF grant. Council Member Plyler recalled her vote. Council Member Plyler motioned to reconsider. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-1 with Rosoff voting nay.

Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to rent the skid steer for \$961.44 from Waxhaw Equipment Rental with the provision that the clerk check with the insurance. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The vote was 2-2 with Kenary and Plyler voting nay. The Mayor voted yea, noting we need to get it done to get the park open, and we have the insurance consideration; the motion passed 3-2.

e. Addendum to park construction contract

Council Member Rosoff said the amendment was recommended by the Safety Committee and written by the attorney that Morlando must finish by May 28; if not we can enforce liquidated damages from March 1, 2014. Council Member Kenary motioned to approve the addendum; Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

f. Other Park and Rec matters, as necessary

Mayor Pro Tem Como said Duke finished the lighting today, seeding is being done and the gate installed. Five bales of barley straw, some plants and trees have been stolen from the park. Duke is clearing at the Lester Davis entrance today. The water pump and hoses were donated, but he had to purchase some additional parts; he also got paddles and life vests for the Jon boat. Home Depot donated paint to cover the forty foot shipping container. A boy scout is doing eight grilling containers at the park.

8. DECISION ON TOWN HALL CURB CRACK REPAIRS

Council Member Kenary noted the parking lot has been scraped and damaged, and it appears to be from machinery. Council Member Kenary motioned to deem the Morlando repair of the curb cracks insufficient and they need to replace the curbs. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Plyler said she looked at other locations and it is not unusual to see cracks. Council Member Rosoff asked when the driveway final coat will be added; Mayor Horvath said we wanted the curb cracks addressed first; it may cost \$150 to fix the curbs. Council Member Kenary asked about the patched area; it will remain.

9. A. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2014 MEETING

Council Member Rosoff motioned to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2014 meeting; Council Member Kenary seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. B. 2014-15 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Horvath said at the end of the budget meeting we had \$8,123 available. Council consensus was to allocate it for call boxes/monument sign at the park. Mayor Pro Tem Como said we will tentatively have the grand opening of the park on July 12, 2014, and need the ADA picnic table pads. The PARTF rep is coming out June 11; the clerk will check on when we need the grand opening by.

9. C. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014-15 BUDGET

Council Member Kenary motioned to call for the public hearing on the 2014-15 budget here at Town Hall on June 9, 2014 at 7 pm. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SENIOR HOUSING

Mayor Horvath said you can select from the two HUD definitions for senior housing; per our attorney you can be stricter but he didn't recommend it. Discussion of different scenarios was held. Council consensus was to direct Bill Duston to work on text for senior housing without choosing which definition to use.

11. DIRECTION TO STAFF ON PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVALS CONDITIONAL ON RECEIPT OF ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS ENGINEER'S REPORT, ETC.

Mayor Horvath noted the ordinance says we should be waiting for documentation; Mr. Duston checked with other local towns and they wait until their engineer is comfortable before going to Planning Board. Council Member Kenary agreed the professional needs to make the decision. Council Member Plyler asked if it would affect any plats in progress; Mayor Horvath said no, just Wesley Manor. Council consensus was to follow the ordinance.

A short break was held.

12. CONSIDER NO SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

Council Member Kenary said many areas have had solicitors come to the door; some subdivisions put up no soliciting signs but the deputy couldn't make the person leave. She would also like to add a panhandling ordinance; the attorney would have to advise if we can do that. Council concurred that we will have the attorney look at this proposed ordinance. Mayor Horvath will ask the attorney about a panhandling ordinance and if it needs to be a separate ordinance.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Plyler reported COG presented their awards, and Matthews received one for the pipes they beautified on the greenway. Mayor Horvath reported there is a CRTPO meeting tomorrow.

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14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kenary made a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Brad Horvath