

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
January 20, 2015 – 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, James Allison

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 Rosoff gave the invocation.

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

Items added were “Announcement of Council on Aging Conference”, and “Committee Appointments”; postponed was the “Update on Town Hall Usage Policy”; and some items were re-ordered. Council Member Rosoff motioned to approve the amended agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. INTRODUCE GARY SIDES, BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON

Council welcomed Gary Sides, elected in November to District 3, Board of Education, and who is the liaison to Wesley Chapel. A ruling on the on-going lawsuit between the County and Board of Education (BOE) is expected in February or March. Special legislation set parameters for two years of budgets, this being the second year. The next budget year will be a challenge; re-valuation will also occur. The State will no longer fund Drivers’ Ed, which will have local impact. The re-districting can’t be changed as it was the consensus of the majority of the board. They will be looking at the community construction equity plan. In February the State Department of Public Instruction grading system for every North Carolina school will be implemented, schools will be graded between A and F. Council asked to be updated on the rankings and ramifications. New Town Elementary School is capped, so the new subdivision next door will have children going to a Waxhaw school. There is currently no plan to build any new schools, nor plans for a new re-districting. He hopes that in the future there will be more willingness to listen to the local towns on schools. His email is choosesides4ed@gmail.com Council thanked Mr. Sides for attending.

Council Member Kenary volunteered to be the Village liaison to the BOE. Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to appoint Council Member Kenary as the liaison to the BOE. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL ON AGING CONFERENCE

Council Member Plyler reported Siler Presbyterian Church is having a Conference on Aging Issues, it is non-profit, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. Topics will include legal and financial decisions, Medicare, Medicaid and long term care, scam awareness and preparing for the next phase of your life. Council agreed to put a link on our website to the March 21, 2014 event.

5. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Cameron Michael presented an Eagle Scout project to build six picnic tables including one ADA accessible, on two Saturdays in March, with placement as directed by Parks and Rec. The project was approved by Parks and Rec last night. Mayor Pro Tem Como said they are getting them at half price from Lowes; they come flat and have to be sanded and assembled; the scouts are paying for them. Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to approve the project; Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. UPDATE ON DATE FOR MEETING WITH DE-ANNEXATION PETITIONERS

Mayor Horvath reported the petitioners can only meet on January 26, 2015 from 2 to 3 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Como motioned to call for the special meeting here, at 2 pm on January 26, 2015. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL WINTER WALK UPDATE AND BUDGET

Council Member Kenary reported all is in order for the Winter Walk 5K; at this point the estimated cost is \$2,158, and their budget for the race was \$2,800. They have a DJ and EMS at no cost as well as water bottles. They are up to 58 runners registered, and people can register up to the date of the race. Council Member Rosoff said registrations for the first year were very good and this is a good event for the community. Mayor Pro Tem Como asked how many runners were needed to break even; Council Member Kenary replied about one hundred.

8. UPDATE ON ADVANCE DATES

Mayor Horvath reported the Advance will be Friday night February 27th and Saturday February 28th, 2015. The only date space was available at SPCC was February 27th. Mayor Pro Tem Como suggested we might get a better turnout and involvement of fire fighters at the firehouse. Mayor Horvath will check with them tomorrow on a space for the dinner there. COG will facilitate for \$1,500.

Council Member Kenary motioned to approve the facilitator fee and the Advance dates, and move forward on the planning. Mayor Pro Tem Como seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. SPECIAL MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND STATE LEGISLATORS

Council Member Kenary asked for a special meeting noting County Commissioners Chairman Helms is the liaison to Wesley Chapel and she would like to improve communication in light of

the de-annexation request and other items. She would like a meeting with the County Commissioners and State Legislators.

Council Member Kenary motioned to open the lines of communication with the County Commissioners and State Legislators, and set up a meeting with them. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro tem Como asked if we are open to non-residents on committees since Parks and Rec had a non-resident who would like to join. He noted we do not exclude non-residents from the park; Council Member Rosoff agreed noting these are people who give of their time and money. Council Member Kenary disagreed with different rules for different committees, adding we had been down that road in the past. Council Member Plyler agreed that non-residents should not be on our committees, noting you won't find it in other towns.

Council consensus was to advertise our committee openings in the papers as well as the Sunshine Lists.

11. PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON TIMBER STAIRCASE

Discussion was held on the staircase location; it is where people are walking, and might eliminate erosion. Council Member Rosoff said Parks and Rec have on more than one time unanimously rejected the staircase location; also they may need a building permit to put it in. Council Member Kenary noted we haven't heard factual reasons for their objection. Mayor Horvath suggested moving it to the left, near the retaining wall. Council Member Rosoff said they discussed it last night, and didn't want it there. Council Member Plyler said they should have a valid reason for not putting it in the original location. Council Member Kenary motioned to allow the Boy Scout to move forward with the staircase in the original position; Council Member Plyler seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Como said he spoke with Bill Whitley, Union County Parks and Rec Director, and he said building a staircase in a park was not an issue; they do it all the time. Mayor Horvath noted the County building inspections department said we need a building permit for an outdoor staircase because it is a structure. Mayor Pro Tem Como said he checked with Bill Whitley and Bill Duston and they did not have a problem with it. Mayor Pro Tem Como is to investigate and bring back information on what is needed. Council Member Rosoff noted when it comes to Eagle Scout projects, we are responsible for permitting.

Mayor Pro Tem Como said another scout project idea came up last night – a monument sign at the entrance to the park; the scout will research cost and designs if we are interested. Consensus of Council was to approve this idea.

12. ACCEPT COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATION (and Appointment)

Mayor Horvath accepted the resignation of Karl Schneeberger from Safety Committee and Gayla Adams from Parks and Rec Committee. Mayor Horvath appointed Pam King to Parks and Rec Committee.

13. PROCEDURAL CHANGES

Council Member Kenary motioned to cap our meeting length to two hours and be more efficient. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Kenary motioned to have a consent agenda. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Kenary motioned to have our minutes be motions only, and put the audio version on the web in the cloud. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion. Council Member Plyler disagreed, saying it is a big change to go to one meeting a month and we need to drop this idea for a while. Mayor Pro Tem Como wanted there to be clarity to the public to see from the minutes what we have discussed. The audio could also be on the website or someone could get a tape of it. Only two or three people request recordings. Jimmy Allison noted the documents we have will eventually exceed the capacity you can get for free in the cloud, so there will be a cost. Council Member Plyler did not want people to have to go to the library to hear the recording.

The vote was 2 yeas (Rosoff and Kenary) and 2 nays (Como and Plyler). Mayor Horvath broke the tie by voting nay noting he did not like motion only minutes and we don't know the cost of putting the audio on the web, so the motion failed 2-3.

Council Member Kenary motioned to put our audio recordings on you-tube. Council Member Rosoff seconded the motion.

The vote was 2 yeas (Rosoff and Kenary) and 2 nays (Como and Plyler). Mayor Horvath broke the tie by voting yea, and suggested we see if we can enhance the recording quality. The motion passed 3-2.

Council Member Kenary motioned to have a monthly in-person deputy report by our deputy for ten minutes. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Horvath said we may not need this monthly, our Safety Committee is looking at this, and maybe we could have a quarterly report. Council Member Rosoff wanted the Safety Committee to report to Council. Council Member Kenary explained one of the reasons for wanting this is if there are a lot of accidents in one location in a month we might want to address it; other towns do this report, and she spoke to the deputy and he did not see a scheduling problem. The question came up on what we want specifically from the Safety Committee. Mayor Horvath said we will put this on the February 9th agenda.

Council Member Kenary suggested having the deputy at regular council meetings, adding she heard from people that they perceived there could be a safety issue. Council did not see a perceived threat at every meeting.

14. ANNOUNCE WORK STATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS' USE

Mayor Horvath noted Council members come in and may want to pull up a document; they can use a computer in the Mayor's office or the three person office instead of disturbing staff. We may have to update software. Council Member Kenary motioned to purchase a computer for less than \$1,200. Motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Pro Tem Como asked if we can have more phones. Mayor Horvath said he can use the phone in the Mayor's office.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Rosoff motioned to purchase another pet waste station where the unpaved trail meets the paved trail. Council Member Kenary seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Horvath shared that the driveway patch by Highway 84 was accepted, and the driveway will have final paving as soon as possible on a Friday.

Mayor Horvath said Planning Board suggested the joint meeting with Council be done at their regular February 23rd meeting. Council Member Plyler said she saw delays, and didn't agree with this. Mayor Pro Tem Como agreed with the meeting with the understanding it may go over two hours. Mayor Horvath said they asked for a list of questions from Council ahead of time. Council Member Kenary said they need to see the clean version of the document with comments ahead of time. Also we would have to change our land use plan and map if we adopt senior housing. Mayor Horvath will go back to Planning Board that they need to address other items at their meeting as well.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Plyler said Indian Trail is hiring a full time planner for \$55,000 to \$60,000, and we pay more for a two day planner and work is not getting done, she felt it was hard to get appointments with him. Council Member Kenary clarified we are not paying our planner \$70,000, that budget includes other services of N-Focus. Council Member Plyler wanted a full time planner.

Mayor Pro Tem Como said he heard discussion of having our deputy park his car here. Weddington and Marvin deputies park their cars at the Weddington town hall. Council Member Kenary noted a deputy perk is to take their car home and start and end their day at home. When people realize the vehicle is empty, you can have vandalism problems. Mayor Horvath did not think this would add value.

Mayor Pro Tem Como said Parks and Rec is still leaning towards hiring a maintenance person and buying equipment for park maintenance instead of hiring a landscaping company. Council Member Kenary noted if we hire someone they will be a town employee, not a park employee. When you hire a company they carry the insurance and do equipment repairs. Council Member Plyler said that would be okay if they also do the town hall and compared to quotes it would save us money.

Council Member Kenary noted the Planning Board motioned to provide every member with a CD of each meeting, since technically that is spending money, it should be a recommendation. Mayor Horvath said he Okayed it since it is not a large expense.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Brad Horvath