

MINUTES
YANCEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
February 04, 2014
7:00 PM

The meeting of the town council was held in the Council Chambers at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building on February 04, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Council members present: Curtis E. Davis-Mayor, Alvin Foster, Keith Tatum and Odessa Gwynn.

Absent: Brian Massey

Staff: Carolyn Payne, Finance Director.

Call To Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Meeting opened with silent prayer. He asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor also reviewed the statement of Rules and Procedures.

Review and Adoption of Agenda – Mayor & Council

Mr. Foster asked that item 11 be changed to Engineers Report rather than Manager's Report. He then made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted change, seconded by Mr. Tatum with a vote of 3-1 with Ms. Gwynn the no vote.

Ms. Gwynn then suggested that they should not be having a meeting as that it is an illegal meeting because there was no town manager/clerk present. She further stated that you could not have a meeting without a town manager. Mayor Davis reported that he had appointed Finance Officer Carolyn Payne on Friday to serve as Interim Manager after Mr. Robert Wilson left. Mayor Davis recommended that Ms. Payne serve as Interim until the new manager is brought on board. Mayor Davis made a motion to have Ms. Payne serve, seconded by Mr. Foster and the motion passed with 3-1 vote with Ms. Gwynn voting no.

Consent Agenda

- a) Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7 seconded by Mr. Tatum. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
- b) Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9 seconded by Mr. Tatum with the vote 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment

Ms. Ruby Graves, 915 Main Street, Yanceyville, NC stated that she had previously addressed the town council on several occasions regarding an incident involving the former town manager that occurred in October. She

stated that she would like to see council take some action regarding this incident. She recommended that council pass an ordinance to protect citizens from such action in the future.

Audit Presentation

Mayor Davis recognized Patricia Rhodes with Stout, Stuart, McGowen and King. Ms. Rhodes stated that they had completed the audit for the year ending June 2013. She gave a brief overview of the information in the MD & A report. She further stated that their opinion letter is the best you can receive. She noted that the town had implemented conservative spending in both funds and had paid off over \$175,000 in debts. She noted that the town is doing a good job in drying to diversify duties. She thanked council and reported that the town is in good shape and there were no findings.

Budget Amendment

Carolyn Payne, Finance Officer presented council with a budget amendment. The purpose of the amendment is to increase revenues for the fire department in the amount of \$10,500 for a grant they received from the Dan Rive Regional Foundation and to increase the Sales Tax Disbursement to the amount actually received. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the budget amendment seconded by Mr. Tatum with a 4-0 vote in favor.

Gilbert Anderson Presentation

Mr. Anderson was recognized by the Mayor as he had requested to be heard by the council. He stated that he had several items that he would like for council to consider for plans for the future of Yanceyville. The following are the topics he presented to council for consideration.

- Economic Development verses Economic Recruitment
- Implementation of the Final Report from the Piedmont Together, DesignLink and the Center for Creative Economy.
- Internet and Mobile Communication Infrastructure, Public and Private
- Strategic Placement of Public and Private Buildings
- Fire Department Expansion – A sensible solution
- Grants; Their focus and opportunities
- Repurposing Commercial, private and public buildings and lots
- Recreation in Yanceyville/Upside-Downside – Does it exist?
- Signage

Public Hearing

Mr. Foster made a motion to open the Public Hearing seconded by Mr. Tatum with the vote 4-0 in favor. Mr. John Ganus with NFocus gave an overview of the proposed amendment to the Town of Yanceyville Zoning Ordinance Article V, Section 1, 2, 3 and 4. Table of Permitted Uses to

allow mixed use development within the B-1 Zoning District (Central Business District) and a Special Use Permit. Mr. Gilbert Anderson challenged the code saying that it should stay as it is. After lengthy discussion no action was taken by council.

Proposed Amendment to the Town of Yanceyville Code of Ordinance:

Council reviewed the proposed amendment to the Town of Yanceyville Code of Ordinance. Mr. Foster offered some clarification regarding the discharging of firearms. He then stated that council is reviewing the current ordinance however he did not think this would pass in its present form.

Engineers Report

Mr. Darrell Russell with Alley Williams Carmen and King, presented a report on the proposed sidewalk improvements. He reported that the Department of Transportation is allocating \$250,000 for four new sidewalks. He stated that the original plan had been modified to install sidewalks along North Avenue to the Gatewood Park on Firetower Road. Total cost will be \$430,000 which includes the \$250,000 from DOT and \$180,000 from Powell Bill Funds currently in place. Mr. Russell stated that he would draft a letter to DOT to request the modifications from Church Street to the park. Mr. Foster made a motion to move forward with this project seconded by Mayor Davis and the vote was 4-0 in favor.

Mr. Russell unveiled an architect rendering of potential addition to the Yanceyville Fire Department. It would be a 4300 square foot addition with a 14 x 14 truck bay, training room, sleeping quarters for 4, rest room, two offices and roofing for the addition as well as the existing fire department building. It would also include a parking lot to the side of the building for 15 vehicles. Cost for the project would be \$1,090,000 which would include construction costs, legal fees, design fees, contingency fees and engineering fees. Upon completion the building would be 10,000 square feet. He noted that the loan process is with Rural Development for a 40 year loan. He added that applications have been submitted to seek grant funds but we do not know if we will get those funds yet nor the amount. He stated that when they get the word from Rural Development they would be able to seek bids for the project.

Recess

Mr. Foster made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday, February 10 at 11:00 AM second by Mayor Davis with a vote of 54-0 in favor.

Respectively Submitted:

Curtis E. Davis, Mayor

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Carolyn L. Payne, Finance Officer/Interim Manager