

Town of Green Level
Meeting Agenda
January 5, 2012
7:00 PM

- 1. Call to OrderMayor McCollum
- 2. Invocation.....Mayor Pro Tem Trollinger
- 3. City - County Gang Task Force
 Mr. Brandon Jones
- 4. Town Administrator Reports.....Haywood Cloud
- 5. Town Attorney Reports.....Marissa West

6. Public Comments

- *The Public is allowed to address the Council on any non-agenda item at this time.*
- *Be sure to sign in, stand and state your name and address for the minutes.*
- *Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less.*
- *Please find the Public Comment Policies on the podium.*

- 7. Town Council Comments.....Mayor
- 8. Motion To AdjournMayor

**** Next Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2012 @ 7:00 PM ****

**Town Council Regular Meeting
Green Level Municipal Building
Thursday, January 5, 2012**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Green Level Municipal Building located at 2510 Green Level Church Road.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Larry McCollum, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Trollinger, Council Member Remonia Enoch, Council Member Carissa Graves, and Council Member Theodore Howard.

GREEN LEVEL OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Administrator Haywood Cloud, Town Clerk Sandra McCollum, and Town Attorney Marissa West (Vernon Law Firm).

The Mayor called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Trollinger gave the invocation.

City-County Gang Task Force

Mayor McCollum addressed the Council about the vandalizing of the fence at the Park and gang graffiti that was found on the bathroom doors and playground equipment at the Park. The Mayor introduced Mr. Brandon Jones, Task Force Officer with the City-County Gang Task Force. Officer Jones explained what three gangs were affiliated with the graffiti. Officer Jones continued with more information and answered questions from the Council and audience.

Town Administrator Updates

The Administrator informed the Council that the 2011 audit was complete.

The Administrator informed the Council that all Council Members including the newly elected Members, are required to take the Code of Ethics class before end of November, 2012. The Administrator said he is waiting to hear from Alamance County, if they are offering the class in Graham. There is an Official Government Course that is available, but not required.

The Administrator reported to Council Member Howard that he asked the question if the Town is a member of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce? The Town is a member and the membership fee is \$230.00 per year and was paid October, 2011.

The Administrator reported to Council Member Howard that he asked the question about the cost of the Town's property on NC Hwy. 49? The property appraised for \$85,000. The Mayor asked the Attorney, does he understand that the property can not be sold for less than what is the property value? Bobby Massey, Town Accountant, replied that probably it will be a good idea not to sell the property for less. The Town Attorney agreed.

The Administrator updated the Council concerning the renewal of the Sheriff/Sergeant contract. He stated that the changes were made in the contract to continued to use the patrol car. The Administrator reported to Council Woman Enoch that he had a meeting with Sheriff Terry Johnson about the question she had concerning Green Level having part-time policing. Sheriff Johnson's direct response was the Town has part-time policing now, because there is no one at the Town Hall Sub Station twenty-four hours a day. The eight hours that Sergeant Morton works is part-time and if there is a need, then the residents will have to call 911. The Sheriff is not willing to go below the eight hour shifts. The Mayor stated that he thinks that we should keep what we have, at least, the Town will have Sergeant Morton to respond to some of the calls and the caller not having to wait for other officers to respond with a longer wait time.

The Administrator stated to the Council that they had received a 2011 list of calls through the Alamance County Central Communication from Green Level and the 2010 list is located in their booklet for comparison. The Administrator continued to say that Sergeant Morton would answer any questions concerning the calls. Pro Tem Trollinger asked about a man on Manley Trail shooting a gun that was intimidating. Sergeant Morton replied, that it was two men squirrel hunting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Sheriff/Sergeant contract with the changes updated. Pro Tem Trollinger made the motion, seconded by Council Woman Graves. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

The Administrator reminded the Council that he had mentioned to them about the rates for a loan for the sewer project to Burlington and Bobby Massey was in attendance to explain or answer any questions or concerns. The Mayor replied to Mr. Massey that he requested his presence to answer any questions. Mr. Massey presented the Council with a spreadsheet in detail, showing gallons treated, Haw River rates, Burlington rates, Green Level payments to Burlington, loan payments and potential savings. The Administrator stated that he is asking for a recommendation from the Council to proceed toward the loan process for the Burlington Sewer Project.

The Mayor asked for a motion to allow the Administrator to proceed toward the loan process for the Burlington Sewer Project. Council Woman Enoch made the motion, seconded by Council Woman Graves. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Town Attorney Updates

Attorney Marissa West reported that there is one condemnation to complete. She reported to Council Member Howard that he had asked if the Town could lease the Town's property? She answered, yes. The Administrator stated that he will research to see if there is any interest.

Public Comments

Ms. Virginia Shoffner, 2307 Loetta Trail, Green Level stated that she wants to have her property rezoned. The Mayor stated that she will have to attend the Planning and Zoning Board Meeting with her request and then the Planning and Zoning Board will come to the Council with

a recommendation. The Mayor continued saying to Ms. Shoffner that she should contact the Administrator to see when the next Planning Board Meeting will be held.

Ms. Mary Speight, 4414 Nire Valley, Burlington stated that she did not have any idea that so much was required for her to start her Family Life Center, not only with the Town but, with DOT. She asked the question about the Town's vacant lot policy? She said she wants to do all she can to help with education in Green Level.

Mr. James Burton, 2341 Loetta Trail, Green Level is asking for help from the Town to maintain Loetta Trail because water is running into his building. He stated that Public Works use the street to get to the pump station. The Administrator replied that the street is a private street. Mr. Burton replied that gravel was put on the street in the past. The Administrator replied that if this is a problem for Public Works to get to the pump station, the street will get gravel, but the street will not be graded or any other maintenance. The Administrator stated that the Town can not maintain a private street, other residents on private streets will request the same thing. Rodney Gunn, Public Works Director, responded that the ditches on that street needs to be pulled. Council Woman Enoch replied that if Public Works is using the street, the Town has some responsibility to help maintain the street. The Administrator stated that if all the residents on that street want the street to be a Town's street, all residents will have to sign a petition requesting this. Mr. Gunn stated that they scrape the street once a year, and maybe it is time to do this again. Council Woman Graves asked Mr. Gunn does he think by using the street, is he causing this problem? Mr. Gunn replied that they are not causing the problem. The Administrator replied we will do what we can.

Mr. John Scales, Manley Trail, Green Level asked what can be done about the big black birds that infest the water tank? Mr. J.D. Miles replied that there is nothing that can be done because if you shoot one, you are fined.

Council Discussion

Pro Tem Trollinger left the meeting early.

Council Woman Enoch stated that at the last meeting, it was discussed about eye-sores in the Town. She continued to say that she had visited the Otter Creek MHP and there are several trailers that are in bad shape. The Administrator replied that the Sheriff Department and the Alamance County Inspection Department will be tagging the trailers that are not livable. Attorney Marissa West stated that she is working on the Town's ordinance to make the process simple and faster. Council Woman Enoch continued to say she saw gang graffiti in the mobile home park and it is obvious that some of these problems are coming from this MHP. Council Woman Enoch continued to say that the Council should move in another direction to deal with the problem, and what does the Council need to do. The Attorney replied that she would look at the ordinance. A letter will be sent and after ten (10) days, other actions will be taken.

Council Woman Graves - No discussion.

Council Member Howard - No discussion.

Mayor McCollum - No discussion.

There being no further business.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Council Woman Enoch, seconded by Council Woman Graves. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Larry, McCollum, Mayor
Clerk

ATTEST: Sandra McCollum, Town