



**Town of Green Level Regular Council Meeting
Green Level Municipal Building
Thursday, December 13, 2012**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday, December 13, 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 ProTem Michael Trollinger, Council Member Remonia Enoch, Council Member Carissa Graves and Council Member Theodore Howard.

GREEN LEVEL STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Haywood Cloud and Town Clerk Sandra McCollum.

GREEN LEVEL TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: Marissa West (Vernon Law Firm).

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order, Mayor ProTem Michael Trollinger gave the invocation.

Mayor McCollum asked for a motion to approve the October 11, 2012 minutes. Council Woman Graves made the motion, seconded by Mayor ProTem Michael Trollinger. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Town Administrator Updates

The Administrator informed the Council that the Town Hall will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 24, 25, and 26, 2012 for the Christmas Holiday. Closed Tuesday January 1, 2013 for New Years Day.

The Administrator introduced Sgt. Dan Cubino to the Council and he will be replacing Sgt. Tim Morton until he returns from sick duty. Sgt. Cubino stated that he sees a difference in Green Level from when he started, when the sub station was first set up in Green Level.

The Administrator stated that the sewer bills are higher. The Administrator believes that the reason is because Haw River calibrated their meter and Public Works found that the sewer caps located on several properties are off because when the residents mow, they are mowing over the caps. The

Mayor asked if the Town's master meter is being checked when Haw River's meter is checked? The Administrator replied that they are checking the meters.

Pro Tem Trollinger asked the Administrator why he waited two months before checking with Haw River? The Administrator replied that he was trying to check everything on Green Level's side before he called Haw River.

The Administrator reported on the vultures that perch on the top of a house on James Boswell Road. The Administrator called the Wild Life Conservation and they said there are two different kind of vultures, the Red Head Vulture and the Turkey Vulture and they are all protected and cannot be shot. The Administrator showed pictures of the resident. The Wild Life Officer told the homeowner last year (2011) that this is a private issue. He reported that he had told the owner what he could do. He can buy a dead bird for \$100.00 to scare them away and a taxidermy bird for \$250.00. The owner did not want to do this. The Council agreed that the Town will not be responsible for this problem. Town Attorney confirmed that the birds are protected by law.

The Administrator asked the Council if they had reviewed the vacation policy. Council Woman Enoch stated that the policy stating that an employee will have to work six months before receiving vacation time should be changed. The sick time should specify who is the immediate family. The immediate family member should be husband, wife, child, brother and sister. The Attorney stated that the present policy states that the time can be accrued, but not taken until the employee has worked for six months. The Mayor stated that an increase should be the Town's decision on what percentage to be given. Council Member Howard and Council Woman Enoch stated that the increase should not be more than 5% at one given time. The Council stated that an employee will be able to carry over 240 hours from vacation time to sick time.

The Administrator gave the Council three dealerships he had gotten quotes from to purchase a utility truck for the Public Works Department. Dick Shirley Chevrolet, a 2005 truck for \$21,345.00, Sterns Ford, a 2004 truck for \$16,449.00. Cox Toyota will give a quote after looking at their inventory.

Mr. Mike Koser, Withers & Ravenel, gave a summary concerning the Town sewer project to Burlington. Mr. Koser stated that available will be \$1,827,150.00 after paying the loan closing fee of 2 ½% on the SRL loan. Mr. Koser continued in detail with his summary.

The Administrator stated that the law enforcement contract is up for renewal and the only thing changing is the attachment for the new vehicle for Sgt. Morton. The difference in the amount of the contract will be \$8,000.00.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the law enforcement contract. Pro Tem Trollinger made the motion, seconded by Council Woman Graves. The Mayor asked all in favor, show of hands. The showing of hands carried unanimously. (5-0)

Town Attorney Updates

Ms. West had no updates.

Public Comment

No one spoke.

Council Discussion

Council Member Howard asked if there is a report on breaks-ins? The response was that Sgt. Morton gave a report to the Council Members on December 11, 2011. Sgt. Cubino responded that he would get the report for 2012. Council Member Howard asked Sgt. Cubino if there were records on repeat offenders? Sgt. Cubino stated there should be reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Trollinger - No discussion.

Council Woman Enoch stated that now may be a good time to have a community watch program because of the break-ins. The Council Members replied that Sgt. Morton tried to implement this program in the past and the community would not come out, they said they did not want to be involved.

Council Woman Enoch stated that the newspaper had a great article about the Green Level Trojans Football teams and congratulated everyone on the hard work getting the teams organized.

Council Woman Graves - No discussion.

Mayor McCollum asked the Administrator to notify him about any information arising about the sewer project.

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 Pro Tem Trollinger. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Larry McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST: Sandra McCollum, Town Clerk