



Town of Green Level Regular Meeting
Green Level Municipal Building
Thursday, December 12, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Green Level Municipal Building located at 2510 Green Level Church Road.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Remonia Enoch, Mayor Pro Tem Carissa Graves-Henry (via telephone), Councilmember Theodore Howard, and Councilmember Michael Trollinger (also Interim Town Administrator).

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Richard Woods

GREEN LEVEL STAFF PRESENT: Interim Town Administrator Michael Trollinger (also Councilmember) and Town Clerk Suzanne Bigelow.

GREEN LEVEL TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: Eugene Russell.

Mayor Remonia Enoch called the meeting to order and Councilman Trollinger gave the invocation.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to consent to the agenda as it written. Councilman Trollinger made a motion to accept the consent agenda as it is written. Councilman Howard seconded this motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2019. Councilman Howard made a motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2019 as recorded. Councilman Trollinger seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Mayor Enoch opened public comment.

Carol Brunner, owner of Village Mobile Home Park, addressed the council concerning the extremely low water pressure at her park since October 11, 2019. Due to this issue being an ongoing one, Administrator Trollinger addressed this concern and made Ms. Brunner aware of what the Town is doing in an attempt to research and rectify this situation. There was discussion between Ms. Brunner and the council. Mayor Enoch assured Ms. Bruner that the Town would continue to look into this issue and contact her concerning the Town's findings.

Darius Dixon Jr. of 1639 Dixon Lane congratulated the councilmembers who had been recently elected/reelected to the council. Mr. Dixon also pleaded with the council to operate as a unified team and to truly serve the residents of the Town of Green Level.

Town Administrator Updates

Administrator Trollinger made the council and citizens aware that Ms. Graves-Henry was not physically present due to her being in the hospital. Administrator Trollinger shared that a residency argument targeted at Ms. Graves-Henry has resurfaced and that the NC State Board of Elections has stated that they have found no grounds to remove her from the Town Council and she is able to retain her council seat and the offices on the council she has been appointed to.

Administrator Trollinger informed the council and the public that the 2020 Census will be done totally online, unless a paper census is requested by a citizen. Around April 1, 2020, residents should expect a postcard containing an online census link to arrive. Administrator Trollinger went on to share the necessity and positive effects of citizens taking the census.

Attorney Russell discussed the WithersRavenel contract. He shared that the addendum, which was not fitting for the Town's contract, has been discarded and that the contract is now in a simpler form, for the council's approval. Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to vote on the revised contract with WithersRavenel. Councilmember Trollinger made a motion to accept the revised contract for WithersRavenel on call service as it had been written and resupplied to us. Councilmember Howard seconded it. All were in favor.

Administrator Trollinger reported that it has been confirmed by the NC Department of Treasury that the Town's audit was accepted – it was on time and no issues were found.

Administrator Trollinger informed the council that the Lift Station Project (WithersRavenel) is scheduled to begin in mid-January – early February, per Mike Koser.

New Council Swearing in Ceremony

Re-elected Councilmembers Enoch and Howard, and newly elected Councilmember Sandra McCollum were given their oath (North Carolina Constitution, Article VI, Section 7) by the clerk. The newly sworn councilmembers signed off on the oaths they had taken. Councilmember McCollum took her seat on the council.

New Business

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to table the Code of Ethics Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry made a motion to table the Code of Ethics Ordinance until the next council meeting. Councilman Howard seconded it.

Administrator Trollinger informed the council of the interest in the Town's property located beside Dollar General. The property was appraised at \$45,000.00. The tax value is \$89,190.00.

There was some council and attorney discussion. Administrator Trollinger notified the council, upon their approval, that he would ask each of the interested parties to make an offer and that he would report the progress of this to the council at the next meeting.

Administrator Trollinger made the council aware that Pollie Haith has offered property for purchase to the Town. This 1.2 acre property is located on Manley Trail and Ms. Haith is asking \$14,000.00 for it. The property's assessed tax value is \$21,654.00. There was some council discussion. Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to make a counteroffer of \$12,500.00.

Councilmember McCollum made a motion that we approach Ms. Haith with a counteroffer of \$12,500.00. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Residency Discussion

Mayor Enoch addressed Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry's residency status in the Town of Green Level. There was council and attorney discussion.

Swearing in of Officers

Remonia Enoch opened the floor for nominations, first office, being for Mayor. Michael Trollinger made a motion to elect Carissa Graves-Henry as Mayor of the Town of Green Level. Theodore Howard seconded the motion. Carissa Graves-Henry accepted the nomination and voted for herself. Remonia Enoch and Sandra McCollum protested the vote. The attorney intervened, clarifying the rights of the council and those of the North Carolina State Board of Elections. The votes were as follows: Carissa Graves-Henry – Yes; Theodore Howard – Yes; Michael Trollinger – Yes; Remonia Enoch – No; and Sandra McCollum – No.

Carissa Graves-Henry nominated Theodore Howard to be the Mayor Pro-Tem. Michael Trollinger seconded it. Theodore Howard voted for himself. The votes were as follows: Carissa Graves-Henry – Yes; Theodore Howard – Yes; Michael Trollinger – Yes; Remonia Enoch – No; and Sandra McCollum – No.

Theodore Howard nominated Carissa Graves-Henry to maintain the position as Finance Officer. Michael Trollinger voted for Carissa Graves-Henry to maintain the position as Finance Officer. Carissa Graves-Henry voted for herself. The votes were as follows: Carissa Graves-Henry – Yes; Theodore Howard – Yes; Michael Trollinger – Yes; Remonia Enoch – No; and Sandra McCollum – No.

Carissa Graves-Henry was administered her oath of office as Mayor (via phone) and Theodore Howard was administered his oath as Mayor Pro Tem, individually, by the clerk.

Request

For the next meeting, Councilmember McCollum requested all Administrator applications that had been received and job descriptions for all part time and full time employees, including a job description for the Administrator's position.

Mayor Graves-Henry asked for a motion to close out until Thursday, January 9, 2020. Councilman Trollinger made a motion to close until Thursday, January 9, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Howard seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.