

# Town of Green Level Regular Meeting Green Level Municipal Building Thursday January 10, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Green Level Town Council was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building located at 2510 Green Level Church Road.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Remonia Enoch, Mayor Pro Tem Carissa Graves-Henry, Council Member Michael Trollinger, Council Member Howard and Council Member Richard Woods

**GOVERNING BODY STAFF PRESENT:** Town Administrator Dylan Galloway and Town Clerk Sandra McCollum.

GREEN LEVEL TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Mayor Enoch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council Member Michael Trollinger gave the invocation.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to add to the consent agenda: The introduction of the new Town Attorney. Council Member Howard stated that a change needed to be made in the November 8, 2018 meeting. He said he did not second the motion for the purchase of the land, Council Member Trollinger did. Council Member Trollinger made the motion to add to the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Woods. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Mayor Enoch asked to approve the consent agenda with the changes. Council Member Trollinger made the motion for the introduction of the new Attorney, seconded by Pro Tem Graves-Henry. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes with the change that Council Member Howard did not second the motion for the purchase of the property. Pro Tem Graves –Henry made the motion, seconded by Council Member Trollinger. The Mayor asked for show of hands:

Mayor Enoch, yes Council Member Howard, yes Pro-Tem Graves-Henry, yes Council Member Woods, yes Council Member Trollinger, yes

#### Public Comments:

The Mayor stated that a public hearing was scheduled but will not be held at this meeting. She stated that the Administrator will explain way the meeting will not be held.

The Administrator stated that the public hearing for the Berryhill Subdivision has been postponed until a later date because it was agreed upon before the public hearing that more specific details from the developer is needed. The Administrator continued to say that a meeting will be scheduled soon. When all information is complete, then the public hearing will be held. He said if you want to speak, you can. Someone asked if he put the public hearing on the website and the Administrator replied no. Mayor Enoch apologized.

Mr. Mel Aldridge, 3212 Mebane Rogers Rd., stated that he was at the meeting because he and some of his neighbors has some concerns about the changes. He said that his farm will continue to be a farm and he wants to say what affects his farm. He said the traffic is bad on Mebane Rogers Road with Eastern High School and traffic going north. He continued to say that with the by-path on Hwy. 119 being added and now asking for a new subdivision that will be about 500 houses. He said that he have had to fix his fence a couple of times. He said he cannot turn left on 49 and the road is narrow. He said he has cows and every acre counts if the acres are taken from him. He said he is in the Town's ETJ and the Council represents him. He said the other thing is that he is downhill from this subdivision and the water runoff will be uncontrollable. He said these things will happen to him personally because he has been almost been run off the road because people passing him. He said on his side of the road has been and still is a rural area. He said he would like for the Council to consider this when they make a decision.

Mr. Willie Graves, 1262 Deer Run Trail, said he wanted to thank all the people he invited to this meeting.

Ms. Cecilia Rainey, 2875 Anderson, stated that people that owned their property in order for family members to have property, they would have to have two acres. She said people come in and buy seventy-five acres and have houses on top of each other. She said her inheritance was broken up and her grandparents have worked hard and it is not fair. The Mayor asked her what was she talking about. Council Member Trollinger replied that in the past you had to have two aces to build a house and now you can have an acre or less. Ms. Rainey said she did not know this. The Mayor replied this is why you need to come to the meetings and find out for yourself.

Ms. Carolyn Covington, 2853 Anderson Rd., stated that she has had problems trying to get on Hwy. 49 because of the traffic. She said it needs to be a stop light. She has a concern about bringing the gas line further down on Anderson Road.

Mr. Chris Benkosky, 3143 Mebane Rogers Rd., said he has 125 aces and he has the same concern that Ms. Rainey has.

Mr. Aldridge said that the code enforcer told him that he would receive a letter concerning the public hearing about the new subdivision and he did not receive a letter.

The Attorney explained why the public hearing was not held and it was because there were concerns about not having enough details from the developer about the water and sewer. Another was one about the notice to the property owners.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept Mr. Eugene Russell for the new Town Attorney. Council Member Trollinger made the motion, seconded by Council Member Woods.

The Mayor asked for show of hands:

Mayor Enoch, yes Council Member Howard, yes Pro-Tem Graves-Henry, yes Council Member Woods, yes Council Member Trollinger, yes

## Town Administrator Updates:

#### Welcome and Instruction of New Town Attorney

The Town Administrator welcomed and introduced Attorney Eugene Russell by saying that Mr. Russell received his undergraduate and legal service from N.C. at Chapel Hill. He has over forty years of experience with the local government sector.

Attorney Russell stated that he has been working with city and county government for over forty years. He said he grew up in a community the size of Green Level, the Town of Mayodan. He said Green Level is his first client in Alamance County. He has served in Rockingham County and the Town of Danbury. He said he will help with the problems and try to eliminate problems as much as he can to move in the direction the Council choose to go. He said that he is looking forward to working with the Council and citizens.

## Water and Sewer Services

The Administrator said that there are currently in the Town limits 18 citizens that have only water service and five houses that only have sewer service. He asked the Council if they want to create a policy or an ordinance for this. He said that this is something that will have to be talked about. The Administrator said he had an issue with a resident where he was getting billed for both water and sewer and he had only the water service. He said he has a septic tank and he is requesting money in the amount of \$1,000. He continued to say he needs to get the Council approval because in the past, this happened and the resident was given a credit. Council Member Trollinger requested to table this at another meeting in order to receive more information. He continuing saying that for the residents living in the city limits, there is a requirement that the resident should be connected to water and sewer according to the ordinance.

Pro Tem Graves-Henry asked why a resident would just have one. The Clerk replied that water service was available first because there were wells and the water was being contaminant because of all of the septic tanks. So then, sewer lines were installed for sewer services. My husband and I received a letter from the Town Council at that time, we had to hook on to the sewer service. These people did not pay to be installed to these lines and no one said they had to do it. The Clerk continued to say that when the last Administrator, Mr. Douglas, was here, he sent letters to the four or five residents that are in the ETJ that was not connected to the Town's water and was receiving services. The letter stated that they would have to be voluntarily annexed into the Town. The residents pays a higher water rate.

The Mayor asked the Attorney to look at the policy and table this until the next meeting. The Council was in agreement.

### Water Leaks in the Town

The Administrator informed the Council that there are twelve water leaks in the Town. The leaks are on Hwy.49 and Green Level Church Rd. He said that it is one of the reasons Otter Creek Pump Station is having high water issues. He said he have a \$32,025 proposal

from C&J Utilities. He asked if the Council wants to proceed. The Clerk stated in 2014 or 2015 the Council agreed to allocate \$10,000 per year for Allis Concrete Construction to repair manholes. Council Member Trollinger asked if the Town is paying Mr. Bradsher to do the manholes. The Clerk replied no, Mr. Bradsher is doing manholes but a different job. The Mayor asked how many water lines need repairs. The Clerk replied that Public Works repairs the water leaks but, if they are major like these repairs, C&J Utilities will do the repairs. Council Member Howard asked if C&J Utilities have a guarantee on his work. The Administrator replied that he have always done good work for the Town. Council Member Howard asked if he has to come back within six weeks will it be an upkeep or another charge. The Administrator said it will be an upkeep.

The Mayor asked for a motion. Council Member Trollinger made a motion to accept the proposal from C&J Utilities to repair the leaks and manholes on Green Level Church Rd. and Hwy. 49. Pro-Tem Graves-Henry seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a show of hands:

Mayor Enoch, yes Council Member Howard, yes Pro-Tem Graves-Henry, yes Council Member Woods, yes Council Member Trollinger, yes

## **Town Council Comments**

Council Member Howard, no comments.

Council Member Trollinger said that it was good to see all of you come out tonight, it is sad that the only time there is a pack house is when there is a big issue on the agenda that somebody is concerned that their livelihood is being intrude on or questions about this development. He said this Council serves all of the citizens and he personally thanks everyone for their vote of confident and electing them and allowing the Council to serve at their best. He said he will encourage them to become more active and running their community because they are the voice they elect to speak on your behave and when you don't show up, it shows the Council that they are doing something right. When you show up angry then that is when the Council now they need to do something different. Again he thanked the residents for coming out.

Pro Tem Graves-Henry was glad to the residents that came out.

Council Member Woods, no comments

The Mayor welcome Council Member Woods back from sick leave. She said that Sergeant Amanda McGill will be leaving the Town and she was presented a gift. Sergeant McGill said that she will be leaving to take another position at the Sheriff's office. She said she enjoyed working for Green Level and the people will always be in her heart.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out and the Council do work for the resident and the Council listens what the residents has to say.

There were no further business.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-Tem Graves-Henry made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Woods. unanimously. (5-0)

Remonia Enoch, Mayor ATTEST: Sandra McCollum, Town Clerk