**Town Council Regular Meeting**

**Green Level Municipal Building**

**Thursday, June 09, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday, June 09, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Green Level Municipal Building located at 2510 Green Level Church Road.

**Governing Body Members Present:** Mayor Sandra McCollum, Mayor Pro-Tem Remonia Enoch, Councilman Jose McBroom & Councilwoman Patricia Jones.

**Governing Body Members Not Present:** Councilman Theodore Howard.

**Green Level Officials Present:** Town Administrator Barrett Brown, Town Clerk Jeremy Edmonds, Town Attorney Eugene Russell, and Alliance Code Enforcement Brandon Emory.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Invocation: Councilman Jose McBroom

***Approval of Agenda***

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to approve the June 09, 2022 agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion to approve the June 09, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the June 09, 2022 agenda.

The motion to approve the June 09, 2022 agenda passed Unanimously (4-0).

***Public hearing (listen to recording)***

**Mayor McCollum stated that first on the agenda would be case number 2022-06-09-01 Zoning Amendment for the Carolina Solar Energy Project.**

Planning/Zoning member Brandon Emory testified on behalf of the staff of the Town of Green Level for the application of the Carolina Solar Energy project. The request is for changing a portion of land (rezoning it) from residential agriculture (which is current) to a manufacturing/limited manufacture district based off the current zoning ordinance regulating solar farms, which it requires it to be a limited manufacturing zoning district for it to be a permissible use. Several representatives from the Carolina Solar Energy company testified on behalf of the project, several residents testified why they was for it and several residents testified why they was against it.

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch second the motion to close the public hearing.

The motion to close the public hearing passed Unanimously (4-0)

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion that this request is/is not consistent with the objectives and policies of the following plans adopted by the Town of Green Level because the proposed zoning is consistent with the Green Level strategy of locating and accommodating growth in logical locations, in the planning area to enhance the return on investments and feasibility. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion that the request is consistent and reasonable with the objectives and policies of the following plans adopted by the Town of Green Level because the proposed zoning is consistent with the Green Level strategy of locating and accommodating growth in logical locations, in the planning area to enhance the return on investments and feasibility. Councilman McBroom seconded the motion. All in favor 3 (Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman McBroom). Not in favor 1 (Mayor McCollum).

The motion passed. (3-1)

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion that the request is/is not reasonable and in the public interest because the proposed zoning is consistent with adjacent zoning and property development. The Green Level zoning ordinance land use plan or comprehensive plan. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion that it is reasonable and in the public interest because the proposed zoning is consistent with adjacent zoning and property development. Councilman McBroom second the motion. All in favor 3 (Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch, Councilman McBroom, Councilwoman Jones). Not in favor 1 (Mayor McCollum).

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion that the Green Level Town Board does/does not consider the action to be reasonable in the public interest and does/does not approve the zoning amendment. Councilman McBroom made a motion that he does approve the motion and does consider the action to be reasonable in the public interest. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch second the motion. All in favor 2 (Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch, Councilman McBroom). Not in favor 2 (Mayor McCollum, Councilwoman Jones).

The motion was not passed. (2-2)

**Mayor McCollum stated that next on the agenda would be case number 2022-06-09-03 Special Use Permit.**

Planning/Zoning member Brandon Emory spoke on behalf of the staff of the Town of Green Level for the application of the Alamance County Community College new public service training facility. The special use permit must be used instead of the regular permit due to the zoning that this falls under it is not a permissible use just by the approval of Brandon Emory approving it. It is permissible use by a special use permit. A few residents spoke on behalf of why they wanted this institution to be voted in. No residents voted against it.

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman McBroom seconded the motion to close the public hearing.

The motion to close the public hearing was passed unanimously. (4-0)

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion that the request is/is not consistent with the objectives and policies of the following plans adopted by the Town of Green Level because the proposed zoning is consistent with the Green Level strategy of locating and/or accommodating growth within logical locations in the planning area to enhance return on investments and feasibility. Councilwoman Jones made a motion that it is consistent with the Green Level strategy of locating and/or accommodating growth within logical locations in the planning area to enhance return on investments and feasibility. Councilman McBroom seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (4-0)

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion that the request is/is not reasonable and in public interest because the proposed zoning is consistent with adjacent zoning and development according to the Green Level zoning ordinance land use plan or comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Jones made a motion that it is reasonable. Councilman McBroom second the motion. All in favor.

The motion passed unanimously (4-0)

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the request find this action to be reasonable and in the public interest. Councilman McBroom seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**Mayor McCollum stated that next on the agenda would be case number 2022-06-04 Pets in the Park Ordinance Amendment.**

Code Enforcement Brandon Emory spoke on behalf of the staff of the Town of Green Level about people in the park not cleaning up behind their pets. The change is that all pets are prohibited from the park and the consequences there would be if there are any pets found in the park.

Mayor McCullom entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor McCollum seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion was passed unanimously (4-0).

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to approve the Pet Ordinance. Councilman McBroom made a motion to approve the Pet Ordinance. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion to approve the Pet Ordinance. All in favor.

The motion to approve the pet Ordinance was passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022. Councilman McBroom seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022. All in favor.

The motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022, was passed unanimously. (4-0)

**Public Comments:**

No comments.

**Code Enforcement Report**:

Brandon Emory from Alliance Code Enforcement stated that since they’ve taken over that they have opened twenty-two cases. Out of the twenty-two cases ten have been evaded. As of June 09, 2022, thirty-four permits since the last board meeting have been reviewed with approval of thirty-two. Brandon stated that we consistently get zoning permit inquiries daily because of developments and permit processed throughout the town.

**Town Administrator Updates:**

1. **Construction**

Mr. Brown gave an update on the contract for Kingdom Builders who is doing construction on the old Town Hall turning into a community center has begun. They started two weeks prior to June 09, 2022. This project is estimated to take about twelve weeks. Mr. Brown stated that the floor joists are being replaced and the band around the building was completely rotten. He stated that there was about four or five layers of flooring but there have been no change orders issued so we are on schedule, and they are not asking for any change in funding. Mr. Brown also stated that the Town Council also authorized him to close in the shelter. Mr. Brown stated that when he called back the company who had been accepted to do so that they could no longer be reached so Kingdom Builders came out and looked at it and sent in an estimate that was $27, 465.00 which was less than the estimate for the original company UND construction. Estimated time for this project is ten to twelve weeks. This will be to wire it for electricity, put in sheetrock and install the doors.

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to approve the $27,465.00 estimate for Kingdom Builders to close in the shelter. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion to award the contract to Kingdom Builders since we can’t get in touch with the original contractors that was awarded the project. No other council member seconded the motion. The motion died for lack of a second motion.

1. **Bulk & Brush Truck**

Mr. Brown advised that the Bulk & Brush truck arrived and advised the contract with Republic Services would be ending on June 26, 2022, and that we would be transitioning to GFL Services who would start picking up the trash and they have already been picking up the recycle. Mr. Brown also stated that we would be picking up our own Bulk & Brush in house. Mr. Brown advised that the staff (Public Works) were capable of driving and operating the truck properly. He advised the Town Council that we would remain on the same Trash, Recycle and Bulk/Brush pick up schedule.

1. **Juneteenth**

Mr. Brown advised that the Juneteenth event would be coming up on Father’s Day, which is Sunday June 19, 2022, starting at 6:00pm and ending at 9:00pm and gave updates that we have a commitment from over thirty vendors, Fireworks company, Three Stax band and multiple food trucks. Mr. Brown advised that the Town Hall would be closed on Monday June 20, 2022, with the permission coming directly from the Town Council.

1. **Hiring Update**

Mr. Brown stated that we were looking to hire a Public Works Director, a Utility Billing Specialist and for a Code enforcer.

1. **Audit**

Mr. Brown stated that some documents were found for the audit in some old files and a from an old hard drive of one of the old Town Managers, Mr. Trollinger. Mr. Brown stated that were still some documents that couldn’t be found just yet and that he has been in contact with the Treasurer’s Office, and they have accepted the current budget information as pending. He stated that the Town of Green Level was on schedule for compliance.

1. **Animal Control Update**

Mr. Brown stated that Animal Control had not sent a report this month on how many animals they have picked up in the Town of Green Level, as they did the previous month.

1. **Upcoming Events in the Park**

Mr. Brown advised that the We Care Program would be held the weekend on June 10, 2022. He stated that they usually provide eight boxes of food to benefit the residents on a first come first serve basis until the food runs out. Mr. Brown stated that there is a horseshoe tournament coming up on June 25,2022 and that there is a Pig Picking coming up on June 11, 2022.

**Town Council Comments**

Councilman McBroom thanked everyone who came out and for participating. He stated that he didn’t have any further concerns.

Councilwoman Jones thanked everyone for coming out and she also let the residents of The Town of Green Level that they do have a voice. Councilwoman Jones thanked the Town Administrator, Town Attorney, Code Enforcer, and all the staff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch wanted to thank everyone for attending and she also wanted to advise the residents in attendance that this would be the last Food Give away from the We Care Program because we wouldn’t have a place to shelter it going forward.

**Recess**

Mayor McCollum entertained a motion to recess this meeting until June 23,2022 at 6:30pm. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to recess this meeting until June 23, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Councilman McBroom second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously to recess this meeting until June 23, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jeremy Edmonds**

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Town Clerk

Town of Green Level