

Town Council Regular Meeting

Green Level Municipal Building

Thursday, November 9, 2023

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at 6:00 PM 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, Councilmember Patricia Jones, Councilmember Theodore Howard, Councilmember Jose McBroom

Governing Body Members Not Present: None.

Green Level Officials Present: Town Administrator Barrett Brown, Town Clerk Taylor Prince, Town Attorney Eugene Russell.

Also in Attendance: Public Works Director AJ Simmons, Parks & Recreation Director Brandon Enoch, Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Emory

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

Roll Call: Town Clerk Taylor Prince conducted a roll call of the Town Council. All council members were present.

Invocation: Councilmember Theodore Howard

Approval of Agenda: Mayor McCollum inquired if there were any amendments needed for the November 9, 2023, drafted agenda and all council members stated “No”. Mayor McCollum stated that with no amendments, there was no need for a vote and the agenda would proceed as drafted.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor McCollum inquired if there were any amendments needed for the submitted October 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes and all council members stated “No”. Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the October 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Councilmember McBroom seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor McCollum inquired if there were any amendments needed for the submitted November 1, 2023, special meeting minutes and all council members stated “No”. Councilmember McBroom made a motion to approve the November 1, 2023, special meeting minutes. Councilmember Howard seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Emory stated that there have been staffing changes, but inspections were still completed, and a report was provided to council members. He reported that there were currently eleven open cases. Mr. Emory reported he had been working with the Town’s Utility Billing to receive notification of any properties that had water service disconnected due to delinquent account balances. He reported that for 2023 there had been 216 cases opened, 184 of which were abated. There were no questions from council members.

Public Works: Public Works Director A.J. Simmons stated that the monthly report was provided to council members. Mr. Simmons reported that the department had been focused on the Fall Festival, and other big projects and events. He stated in the upcoming weeks, the department would be able to turn their attention to other projects. Mr. Simmons reported that Fred Smith Company should begin work paving Green Level Church Road in the upcoming week, or next. There were no questions from council members.

Parks & Recreation Report: Parks & Recreation Director Brandon Enoch reported the football season had come to an end, with the end of season banquet held the night before. He stated that next season the teams would be moving leagues, to the Central Carolina Youth Athletic League, which he is confident will be more conducive to the Town’s demographics. Mr. Enoch reported that ReFuel would be continuing their participation with the Platinum sponsorship, annually. Mr. Enoch reported that basketball season was in full swing, practices had just begun, and a full game scheduled would come out in December. Mr. Enoch reported the Fall Festival earned positive feedback, generating about \$1,800. He stated the priority of these events is for everyone to have a good time. Mr. Enoch reported the Ribbon Cutting for the Community Center happened Monday the 6th, 2023 and was a beautiful ceremony. He thanked Mayor McCollum and everyone for their support and efforts in the project. Mr. Enoch stated the Santa Storytime was scheduled for December 15th, 2023, from 6:00 PM-7:30. Mayor McCollum inquired if a change in football league would change the travel for players and their families. Mr. Enoch stated there were few organizations participating that were outside of the county, but the league was

more conducive to everyone's, players and parents, schedules. He stated with the new league, there are only games on Saturday's, with practices Monday through Thursday. Mayor McCollum stated she was very glad that the football team will be going in a different direction with the new league.

Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch inquired if there was a set cost for the sponsorships. Mr. Enoch stated there were sponsorship packages, with tiered prices. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch requested that this information be posted on the Town's website. Councilmember McBroom inquired who would be reading the story for the Santa Storytime. Mr. Enoch stated Melissa Enoch would read the story, and Dexter Leath would be dressed as Santa Claus. He stated that Gael Baskerville will attend as Santa's Helper, and Taylor Prince will attend as a reindeer. Mr. Enoch stated there may also be an appearance from The Grinch.

Town Administrator Updates

- 1. Community Center:** Town Administrator Barrett Brown stated he wanted to draw attention to a photo from the Community Center Ribbon Cutting, in which members of the Legislator attended and presented a check for \$350,000. He stated these funds will be used to support the Parks & Recreation department. Mr. Brown stated the Ribbon Cutting was a soft opening for the Community Center, which has a building capacity of 100 people. Mr. Brown reported that emergency doors still need to be installed to bring the building up to code, which will increase the capacity. Mr. Brown stated those who had attended the Green Level School were in attendance at the Ribbon Cutting, as well as members of the Golden Age Club.

Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch stated that Mr. Brown and Mayor McCollum worked hard leading up to the Ribbon Cutting, and she also wanted to give acknowledgement to the previous council that worked on this vision. She stated hearing mention that Mr. Brown also worked to meet deadlines for the grant awarded and wanted to say thank you for all the hard work. Mr. Brown stated that the Ribbon Cutting was a perfect example of the town staff coming together.

- 2. Vehicle:** Mr. Brown reported the Alamance County Sheriff's Department had donated a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe to the town. Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch made a motion to accept the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe donated from the Alamance County Sheriff's Department. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- 3. Yates Construction:** Mr. Brown reported that Yates Construction should be in the final days of work, after being slowed down due to rock. He stated they should be finished by the next council meeting.

4. **Fred Smith Company:** Mr. Brown noted, in addition to the Public Works report, while it had been difficult to get on the schedule, the paving work should be done within two weeks. He thanked the Public Works department for all their work patching and filling other holes throughout the town. Mr. Brown reported that the department has been renting equipment and doing public work, contacting outside contractors for larger jobs.
5. **Insurance:** Mr. Brown reported that, at the Financial Officer's request, the Town Clerk inquired into health coverage from the NC League of Municipalities and compared it to the current coverage from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He stated that after comparisons, it had been determined that a switch would provide large savings for employees with copays and deductibles, at a nominal cost to the Town. He reported this change, to Medcost through NCLM, was effective beginning November 1st, 2023.

Mayor McCollum inquired if Mr. Simmons had any updates to report on a new truck. Mr. Simmons stated he had looked into prices and been in contact with the Sheriff's Department regarding programs for municipalities but did not have specifics yet. Mayor McCollum stated she heard there was recently an issue with the boom truck, inquiring if it had been repaired. Mr. Simmons stated it had been repaired and was back up and running. Mayor McCollum stated she believed that the truck was a lemon, and the Town may need to purchase a new one.

Town Attorney Updates: No updates from Attorney Eugene Russell.

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember Howard had no comment.

Councilmember McBroom requested that if anyone knows any veterans, to recognize them this week. He stated that a lot are forgotten, and a simple "Thank you for your service" can be very meaningful. Councilmember McBroom thanked the town staff for their fantastic work. Mayor McCollum thanked Councilmember McBroom for his service.

Mayor Pro-Tem Enoch inquired if there was anyone in attendance who had served in the US military and thanked them for their service. She thanked the town staff, long time and new additions, for their work.

Councilmember Jones thanked the town staff, stating the council appreciated them all. She thanked all the residents for coming out and stated that all Green Level residents have a voice.

Mayor McCollum had no comment.

Councilmember Howard noted that Dexter Leath was in the audience and deserving of praise as well.

Councilmember Howard stated he had witnessed Mr. Leath multiple times, even in unpleasant weather, working hands on diligently. He stated, “well done” is better than “well said”.

Councilmember McBroom made a motion to go into a closed session in accordance with NC General Statute Article 33 C. 143-318.11 (a3) to discuss personnel matters. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CLOSED SESSION

Regular Session Resumes

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Prince

Town Clerk

Town of Green Level