
Meeting Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting

Green Level Town Council
Meeting Date: September 12, 2024
Green Level Municipal Building

Governing Body Members Present: Mayor Remonia Enoch, Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Jones, Councilmember Hosea McBroom, Councilmember Michael Trollinger, Councilmember Stephanie Enoch.

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

Mayor Enoch called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Invocation: Councilmember Michael Trollinger

Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment: *Section 153 Solar Energy Power Generation System Overlay District*

Town Administrator, Barrett Brown, stated the Council was provided with a copy of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment, expanding the current solar ordinance. Public comment was opened for residents to speak in favor of or against the amendment. There was no public comment.

Councilmember Trollinger made a motion to close the public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 153 Solar Energy Power Generation System Overlay District. Councilmember S. Enoch seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilmember Trollinger made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance amendment.

Councilmember McBroom seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Public Hearing – Zoning Application: GIS Parcel # 150253

Mr. Brown stated the Council was provided with a copy of the submitted rezoning application for GIS parcel #150253. He stated the document has been confused with a development plan but was only a matter of rezoning. Mr. Brown reported the application was originally denied by town staff as the request did not align with the Land Use Plan. He reported the Planning Board met to consider the application and recommended the Council deny the request. Public comment was opened for residents to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. Those who spoke in favor of: Yessica Cortez, Kaelynn Avechiga, Enrique Beltron, Idalia Gallegos, Henry Toledo, Craig Williams, Rosa Figueroa, Leticia Salazar, Lariza Funez, Susana Vergara, Jesus Garcia, Arlon Proffitt, Chris Proffit & Charity Proffitt. Those who spoke against: Fay Pinnix, Sandra McCollum, Ida Kleiner, Lester Warren, Kelly Bollinger, Jennifer Warren, Darrell Turner, Algene Tarpley, Billy Tarpley, Robert Warren, Dr. Cynthia Taves, Laci McCauley & Steve Warren.

Councilmember Trollinger made a motion to close the public hearing for the Rezoning Application – GIS Parcel # 150253. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Enoch thanked everyone for coming out and speaking on the matter. Councilmember Trollinger made a motion to state within the consistency statement that the request is not consistent with the objectives and policies of the following plans adopted by the Town of Green Level because: The proposed zoning is not consistent with the Green Level strategy of locating or accommodating growth within logical locations in the planning area to enhance the return on investment and feasibility. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilmember McBroom made a motion to state within the consistency statement that the request is not reasonable and in the public interest because: The proposed zoning is not consistent with adjacent zoning and development and Green Level Zoning Ordinance and/or Green Level Land Use Plan and/or Green Level Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Trollinger seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones made a motion to state within the consistency statement that therefore, the Green Level Town Council does not consider the action to be reasonable and in public interest and denies the request. Councilmember S. Enoch seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilmember McBroom made a motion to recess for five minutes before the start of the regular meeting. Councilmember Trollinger seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Enoch called the regular Town Council meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Enoch inquired if there were any amendments needed for the submitted September 12, 2024, regular meeting agenda. Councilmember Trollinger made a motion to approve the submitted agenda for the regular September 12, 2024, meeting with section nine and ten removed. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Enoch inquired if there were any amendments needed for the submitted August 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes and all councilmembers stated “No”. Councilmember S. Enoch made a motion to approve the August 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes as drafted. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Public Comments: There were four public comments. Ida Kleiner expressed concern for food trucks and shop and go markets operating in town and their permits. Sandra McCollum expressed concern for residential flooding during heavy rain events and a residential property that appeared to be selling multiple vehicles. Mrs. McCollum stated the North Carolina Sheriff’s Association has a Criminal Justice Scholarship Program, and any student interested should contact Sheriff Terry Johnson’s office for more information. Tonia Carter expressed concern for a pipe on her property that was damaged and causing

flooding. Dr. Cynthia Taves expressed concern for a neighboring home that was damaged during a fire and has not been fixed, becoming an eyesore.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer, Jaimee Cousin, stated a report was provided to the Council and inquired if there were any questions. She reported that, in reference to vehicles being sold, she spoke with the resident and the cars were moved. Councilmember McBroom inquired if there was any update on the ordinance addressing the allowed height of grass on a property. He stated there were several properties that had excessively tall grass and inquired how violations and fines are issued and collected. Mr. Brown stated that previously grass could not be higher than 12 inches, but years ago he proposed to amend it to 8 inches. He stated this caused some concern with residents, as some properties had fields and are not maintained the same as a regular yard. Mr. Brown stated that the previous council decided to give latitude to residents with fields, if it was bush hauled regularly. Mr. Brown stated the town staff was happy to investigate any alternative at the Council's request.

Public Works Report: Public Works Director, Arthur Simmons, stated a report was provided to the Council and inquired if there were any questions. He stated the department was in the process of addressing the concerns mentioned by Ms. Carter during public comment. Mr. Brown mentioned that previously there were several speed bumps throughout the town, but emergency services mentioned them causing delay, so they were removed. Councilmember Trollinger inquired if work was done on Florence Road during the construction of the pump station. Mr. Simmons stated the construction company had put down more gravel, but as the project is still being completed it had not been fully restored. Mr. Brown stated the road would be in the same condition or better before the project was completed. Mr. Simmons stated the Florence Road Pump Station is close to being functional. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones inquired how many noise ordinance violation signs were installed and where they were located. Mr. Simmons stated a few were placed on East Simpson Road, as that was where complaints were called in from. He stated that more signs could be erected in other locations and the department would continue to work with Code Enforcement.

Parks & Recreation Report: Parks and Recreation Director, Brandon Enoch, stated a report was provided to the Council and inquired if there were any questions. Mr. Enoch reported the youth football program was up and running. He reported a fundraiser was held in July, raising \$920, \$185 from the car wash and the remaining \$735 from concession and food sales. He reported the car wash supplies were donated by the team coaches. Mr. Enoch reported the first home game for the season was last Saturday, September 7th. He reported a total of \$3,160 was collected as gate admissions. Mr. Enoch reported that

the large number of people in the Municipal Park may require additional security in the future. Mr. Enoch reported an expenditure breakdown from the 2024 Juneteenth celebration, including contractual expenditures from Hear Me Now Audio (\$2,343), 5 Cat Productions (\$2,028.25), Wetzel Pyro (\$8,750), face painting (\$400), Bounce-N-More (\$600), 3Staxx Band (\$2,500) and a golf cart rental (\$160.12). Mr. Enoch reported that \$1320 was collected from vendor applications and \$316 was generated from the concession stand. Mr. Enoch stated that as the new programs and events come, he was looking forward to the rest of the fiscal year. Mr. Enoch reported a check from Impact Alamance had been mailed, for \$75,000, to be added to the \$350,000 grant for park improvements. Mr. Enoch reported that a yoga program will begin Wednesday evenings, October 2nd-November 6th, and anyone interested could register online. Mr. Enoch reported the 2nd Annual Fall Festival was schedule October 25th but would look different than the previous years. He stated that the haunted hayride that ran, while very popular, required a lot of effort and expense. Mr. Enoch stated a haunted house could be set up through the Community Center, allowing a similar experience but with less liability and expense. He stated he was open to any ideas or suggestions on the event. Mr. Enoch reported an agreement in the works between the Parks Department and Grace Christian Academy, as basketball season is approaching and there is no indoor gym space for practice and games. He stated that Grace Christian Academy would use the soccer fields in the Municipal Park, and the Town's basketball program would use their indoor gym space.

Town Administrator Updates: Mr. Brown reported the Council was given conceptual images for three possible options to repurpose the horseshoe pits: Completely replacing the horseshoe pit with pickleball courts, a half horseshoe and half pickleball court and a smaller pickleball court with customizable space for other activities such as cornhole, four square or shuffleboard. Mr. Brown stated the stonework that was constructed as a monument, would be left intact. He inquired if the Council had any questions. Councilmember Trollinger stated he agreed to leave the stonework as it was a monument to Pop Jones and all his service to the community, but to remove all the horseshoe pits so the space may be used more frequently. Mr. Brown reported that the biggest expense for this project would be grading the area, but as the spot has already been graded, the project can continue once the activities have been chosen. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones suggested using the second half of the court for corn hole. Councilmember McBroom agreed and inquired how many options will fit in the space. Mr. Brown stated that two options would be ideal, but a third activity could be fit in. Councilmember McBroom made a motion to replace the horseshoe pit with the cornhole and pickleball courts. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Brown reported the NCDEQ had provided the Town with five sample policies: the Record Retention Policy, Eligible Use Policy, Allowable Cost Policy, Civil Rights Compliance/Nondiscrimination Policy and Procurement Policy. He stated these policies will put the Town in the position to receive grant money and ensure it is used properly. Town Attorney Eugene Russell stated they are all standard policies. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones made a motion to approve the five policies. Councilmember Trollinger seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Town Attorney Updates: Attorney Eugene Russell had no update at this time.

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember S. Enoch thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that providing input is important. She stated that working together is the only way to get things done.

Councilmember McBroom thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the staff for their efforts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that all residents of Green Level have a voice.

Councilmember Trollinger stated that as an avid motorcyclist, he believes the Council should consider an ordinance that prevents grass clippings from being blown into the road, as they can cause serious injury to motorcyclists and bicyclists. He thanked Mrs. McCollum for coming out and expressing her concerns. Councilmember Trollinger thanked Carissa Graves for attending, as she is currently running for County Commissioner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting until the October 10, 2024, regular meeting. Councilmember S. Enoch seconded the motion.

The motion passed through mutual consent.

Mayor Enoch adjourned the Town Council until October 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Prince

Town Clerk