



**Town Council Regular Meeting
Green Level Municipal Building
Thursday, July 11, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday July 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Green Level Municipal Building located at 2510 Green Level Church Road.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Larry McCollum, Mayor ProTem Michael Trollinger, Council Member Carissa Graves-Henry and Council Member Theodore Howard.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBER ABSENT: Council Member Remonia Enoch.

GREEN LEVEL OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Administrator Haywood Cloud, and Town Clerk Sandra McCollum.

GREEN LEVEL ATTORNEY PRESENT: Marissa West (Vernon Law Firm).

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order, Mayor ProTem Michael Trollinger gave the invocation.

Mayor McCollum asked for a motion to approve the May 9, 2013 minutes. Council Woman Graves-Henry made the motion. Pro Tem Trollinger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Town Administrator Updates

The Administrator reported to Council that the Day In The Park went well. The amount spent was \$1,052.80 of the \$2,500.00 allotted for entertainment and games. Collection from the raffle was \$380.00. The Administrator thanked everyone for their help.

The Administrator informed the Council that the contract for solid waste service is up for renewal with Republic Waste for four more years. The contract will be the same with no increases. The Mayor asked if there were any questions? Council Member Howard asked what was going on with the pick up of recycle? The Administrator replied that recycle and solid waste contracts are two different companies. Recycle is with Waste Management.

The Mayor asked for a motion to renew the four year contract as is with Republic Waste. Council Woman Graves-Henry made the motion, seconded by Pro Tem Trollinger. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

The Administrator asked the Code Enforcer, Bernard Pinnix to give his report on his projects that has been done relating to his job description. His report was that he sent out twenty-eight letters to property owners to mow their property and Public Works mowed eleven of the twenty eight properties. Only one on the properties, money was collected. The Town Attorney have complied another letter that will be used to send to the property owners. He continued to say that once the letter is sent out, if the Town have to cut the grass, another letter is sent out demanding payment. If payment is not made to the Town, the Town Attorney sends out a letter that will be able to collect the money through taxes. He continued to say that he have to help the Secretary since the Clerk was out on leave, with answering the phones and taking payments. The Code Enforcer continued to say that there were five mobile homes tagged in the Otter Creek MHP to be removed. The owner demolished three and removed two. Monroe MHP had one to be remove and the owner had it demolished. He continued to say that he is checking rental properties to make sure that Green Level is not left holding the bag cleaning up the property. There were eighteen properties checked this year for junk cars, trash and property that need to be mowed and if the inspection do not pass, the owner will not get a water account. Six letters were sent out for junk cars, four of the owners complied, two were towed. Helped with the Easter Egg hunt and helped Bernard Johnson with the summer program. He continued to say that he clean the Town Hall. He said in 2012 there were restrictions placed on Green Level MHP, because they did not comply with the Town's ordinance. They had trash and brush they did not remove and they were restricted in moving in more trailers. They cleaned the MHPs and they are now able to move in new trailers. There were two inquires to purchase Monroe MHP and Clark MHP. He said he told the callers that there were no restrictions on the parks.

The Code Enforcer asked if there were any questions? Pro Tem Trollinger asked who paid the cost to have the two cars towed? The Code Enforcer replied that the owner pays. When the tow truck take the car, the owner have to deal with the towing company.

Bernard Johnson, Park Director, gave his reports on his job description. He stated that the Day In The Park went well. Football registration is going good with thirty-two kids signed up. The football camp will start on Monday (July 15, 2017). The summer program is going well, averaging around fifteen kids a day. The Park rental is going well. Pro Tem Trollinger asked what is, or if anything the Recreation Department is doing to have the baseball field utilize? Bernard replied that there is no interest right now. The kids are not interest. But he is looking at maybe having a co-ed.

Rodney Gunn, Public Works, gave the Council a detail print-out of his job description and what Public Works Department is responsible for.

Mike Koser reported that a meeting took place in Raleigh about the funding of Otter Creek pump station. Rodney, the Administrator and he attended. The project was approved on May 31, 2013 with complete funding as stated before. He continued with the intention of scheduling. Another check box will be either August or September, the Town's loans for these two projects for Basil Holt and the force main for Otter Creek will be presented to the LGC for review and approval.

Mr. Koser stated that the Town is solid with the reports that are presented. He continued to say

that he feels like it would be better to bid the projects for Otter Creek and Basil Holt at the same time and maybe this will be a better bid because of the large project. Mr. Koser presented a detail schedule to the Council saying that the first thing is to do some surveying.

Town Attorney Updates

Town Attorney reported that she is researching other towns to see what they do to collect monies for mowing residents properties. Alamance County Tax Department do not want to be involved in collecting monies on property lien for Green Level. She continued to say that she reviewed paper work for the football camp to make sure that the Town will not be held responsible for any liabilities.

Public Comments

Mr. Jackie Jeffries ask permission to place a group home on his grandmother's property located on Manley Trail. He continued to say that he talked to the Administrator and the Code Enforcer, and he was told the property is land lock and he do not understand because he pay taxes. The Administrator stated that the issue is, not having a public street same as the Fonville's issue. The zoning that was done by Alamance County when the Town was incorporated, was ground zoning. He continued to explained that what happened was once the zoning layer was put over that, then everything had to come to their standards. The properties that were already in existence prior to the zoning, they became a legal nonconforming use, if you are there already, and the Town put a zoning layer on top of you, that is not consisting in what is there, the Town will not bother you. But, if there is a house that burned down or is taken down, what ever you build, will have to be the Town's standard now. The Administrator said that he talked to Mr. Jeffries about today's zoning. The Code Enforcer stated what had to be done about the road. Mr. Jeffries said he know what he need to do. Pro Tem Trollinger replied that he and his family own the road and when they sold the property, they gave the property owners easements. Pro Tem Trollinger continued to tell Mr. Jeffries that before he gets permission from the Town, there will be a problem with the easement for him to cross the Fonville's property. Mr. Jeffries replied that he have already taken care of this. Pro Tem Trollinger continued to say that once he complied to that, he will have to go to the Planning Board. Mr. Jeffries continued to tell about all his relatives. To save Mr. Jeffries money and time, the Council recommended to the Administrator and Code Enforcer, to give Mr. Jeffries in writing, step by step the procedure he needs for this project.

Mr. Billy Tarpley had questions about the person selling fruit on Hwy. 49 without a permit from the Town. Mr. Tarpley continued to say that he had a person that contacted him and want to put an auto part business in the Town. Mr. Tarpley said that he and the investor went on a tour of Green Level and everything looked good except a spot on Green Level Loop. He asked the Council to help get business into the Town. He continued to say that there is a building on Loop Road that need to be torn down. Mr. Tarpley said that he would like to see Green Level Church Road paved because the Town have a three quarter of a million dollar park and the road is not presentable.

Council Discussion

Council Member Howard stated that he had a business, but it was going to require a lot of water and talking with the health department reference to recycling, they could not tell him if this was going to be a health issue or not and he would have to talk to the inspector. He continued to say that since the Town was going to be delayed on the sewer system going to Burlington, he may have to look at another alternative. The Mayor replied that the Town is talking about early 2014 for the connection to Burlington. Council Member Howard stated that the recycle truck have been missing Tuesday and picking up on Wednesday and this being going on for at least two months or longer. He continued to ask if anyone have a time frame on how long this have being going on? The Mayor replied that he received one compliant and the answer he got was either the truck was broke down or the truck was full and had to dump and return. The Administrator replied that Green Level is last to be picked up on the route. Depending on the how late it is, they will pick up on Wednesday, not to charge the Town to come back so late in the day. The Administrator continued to say leave the cans out. Council Member Howard continued to say that residents put out brush and old furniture to be picked up too long. The Administrator replied that when this happen, they are asked to take the bulk back from the street. Council Member Howard asked if DOT could put the stop sign on James Boswell on the right, the sign is on the left. Council Member Howard asked if there is a fee for a contractor to pay if he do not clean up in the Town? The Code Enforcer replied, no. Council Member Howard compared the building on NC 49/Greenway Street to the new building on 49 a cross from Food Lion with the grading up above the street.

Pro Tem Trollinger stated that the residents on Manley Trail ask him again why the garbage truck cannot come all the way down on the street and pick up on both sides of the street and can back up to 49 and the recycle truck will not do it? He would like for the recycle truck to pick up the recycle on the street so the residents do not have to take the can to 49. The Administrator replied that the road is not the issue, the truck is too large to go under the wires on the street.

Council Woman Graves-Henry asked about the increase for the water bill. The Mayor replied that this was what was voted on when the budget was approved.

Mayor McCollum - No discussion.

Mayor McCollum asked for a motion to adjourn the regular to go into closed session G.S. 143-318.11 (a.) (6). Confidential information that is not considered a public record. Pro Tem Trollinger made the motion, seconded by Council Woman Graves-Henry. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

The regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Council Woman Graves-Henry, seconded by Pro Tem Trollinger. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Larry McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST: Sandra McCollum, Town Clerk