

**MINUTES OF THE WHITSETT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**January 8, 2019**  
**Whitsett Town Hall Building**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall. The following members of the Town Council were present: Mayor Richard Fennell, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Brown, Council Members Jerry Rice, Cindy Wheeler, and Lee Greeson.

Also present were Town Administrator Ken Jacobs, CPAs Becky Loy and Wanda Baldwin from the firm of Cobb Ezekiel Loy and Company, *The Alamance News* reporter Tomas Murawski, and four area residents. Absent was Planning Board Chairman Bob Maccia.

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noted that a quorum was present; and asked all those present to observe a moment of silence.

**SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor, and invited Becky Loy from the Town's accounting firm to the floor to give a presentation to Council Members on the annual financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2018. (A copy of the audit is part of the official file for this meeting.)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of the Minutes**

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the December 18, 2018 public hearing; and with none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Council Member Jerry Rice made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Council Member Cindy Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the December public hearing minutes passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Fennell asked for any changes to the minutes from the December 18 regular meeting; and hearing none, asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Council Member Lee Greeson; motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Rice. The motion to adopt the December regular meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote.

**2. Approval of Annual Financial Audit by Cobb Ezekiel Loy & Company, P.A.**

Mayor Fennell asked for any further comments prior to Council approval of the audit; and hearing none, asked for a motion. Council Member and finance officer Jerry Rice made a motion to approve the financial audit as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Lee Greeson. By unanimous vote, the Town's 2018 annual audit was officially adopted as required by the Local Government Commission (LGC).

**3. Any Other Old Business**

Mayor Fennell asked if there were any other old business; and there was none.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Planning Board**

In the absence of the Board Chairman Bob Maccia and last week's meeting having been cancelled, there was no report.

**2. Enforcement Committee**

Enforcement Officer Jacobs reported that the Guilford County building code inspector Cole Perkinson had been consulted about the derelict building at 814 NC Hwy 61, who met Jacobs at the site for an assessment. Perkinson's initial reaction was that there should be no problem with declaring the structure condemned; but, would verify the county procedure to follow with supervisor Clarence Westcott and feed back action imposed by the county on the property owner.

**3. Enforcement Officer**

Jacobs reported that since last month's Council meeting, two development clearance certificates had been issued to: (1) Scott Kirkman to subdivide and combine parcels at 577 NC Hwy 100 and 7107 Burlington Road to build new residence, and (2) Williams Plumbing & Heating to change out 2.5 ton gas pack at 917 Penn Lo Drive.

**4. Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Jacobs reported that this month's attention remained with the Hudson Way development on Burlington Road now that the rezoning of the 24.5 acres had been approved. Pursuing the USDA loan would again become a priority.

On another funding pursuit, Jacobs reported that the complexity to apply for a matching Parks and Recreation grant afforded the Town as a result of the small town grant awarded to the Town, as first notified by NC Representative Jon Hardister back in June, continued to grow exponentially. The initial idea and expression made of “free money” to the Town, proved to be quite the misnomer.

Jacobs reported that the traffic study for reducing the 40 MPH speed limit on Greeson Road to 35 MPH had been completed and approved. The signs would soon be erected followed by documentation provided by NCDOT to the Town, formally completing the process.

Jacobs announced that the December-adopted revisions to the Land Use Plan and the modification to the zoning map as a result of last month’s approved rezoning on Burlington Road, were being incorporated on to Town maps and being reproduced by the GIS staff at Guilford County.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Any Items from Council Members**

Mayor Fennell asked for any items from Council members; and no one had any.

### **2. Announcements**

Mayor Fennell asked for any announcements; and there were none.

### **3. Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Fennell asked for any speakers from the floor; and no one asked to be recognized.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Fennell invited a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jerry Rice made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Cindy Wheeler. The motion passed by unanimous vote; and the January 8, 2019 Town Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Whitsett Town Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Whitsett Town Hall.

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Jo Hesson, Town Clerk

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Richard Fennell, Mayor

**APPROVED:**