



OAK RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Members Present

Roger Howerton, Mayor Pro Tem
Danny Yanusz
George McClellan
Spencer Sullivan

Staff Present

Sandra Smith, Town Clerk
Bruce Oakley, Town Manager
J. Michael Thomas, Town Attorney

Members Absent

Ray Combs, Mayor

Staff Absent

Sam Anders, Finance Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Howerton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Councilman Spencer Sullivan made a motion to approve the October 3, 2013, meeting agenda. Councilman George McClellan seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (4-0).

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to approve the September 5, 2013, meeting minutes and the September 5, 2013, closed session minutes. Councilman McClellan seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (4-0).

4. RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Kinneman thanked the players and sponsors who participated in the Oak Ridge Lions Club annual golf tournament in September.
- Mayor Pro Tem Howerton noted there would be a Firemen's Barbecue at the Fire Department on Oct. 12.

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Bruce Oakley presented a resolution supporting efforts to change mailing addresses from Kernersville to Oak Ridge within the Town of Oak Ridge and within the Town's ETJ area. Oakley said a group of citizens had begun the initiative and asked for the Town's support.

Mayor Pro Tem Howerton noted it was not a public hearing, but asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak on the matter.

- Gray Cassell said he had lived in the Oak Ridge community for the last 25 years, and although he had strong ties to Oak Ridge, he was opposed to changing his address.
- Brian Haderlie said he understood the Postal Service would make the decision regarding any change, and that they would send out an official survey to those affected before any change was made. Some of the properties affected were actually in the Town of Stokesdale, which had prepared a letter of support. Citizens were putting together a package to present to USPS, and were working with County Commissioner Linda Shaw and U.S. Representative Howard Coble. In an informal survey, Haderlie said 85 percent of Meadow Ridge homeowners had supported the change, as had 94 percent of Smoke Ridge residents, 84 percent of Arbor Run residents, and 80 percent of those in the Westridge Estates/Barden Drive area. Tammy Gardner, a real estate agent, also prepared a letter saying properties with a Kernersville address do not show up on MLS when realtors look for homes in the Oak Ridge area. Haderlie added that there was the inconvenience of picking up packages or mail at the Kernersville post office for those affected.

Howerton asked Yanusz to read the resolution into the record:

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO CHANGE MAILING ADDRESSES FROM
KERNERSVILLE TO OAK RIDGE IN THE TOWN OF OAK RIDGE AND THE TOWN OF OAK RIDGE
EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS, a significant number of Oak Ridge citizens have a Kernersville mailing address;
and

WHEREAS, a significant number of Guilford County residents living in the Oak Ridge Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction area also have a Kernersville address; and

WHEREAS, changing the addresses from Kernersville to Oak Ridge could help prevent confusion and would provide for more consistency; and

WHEREAS, a citizen driven effort to try and have the United States Postal Service change these addresses to Oak Ridge has begun; and

WHEREAS, the citizens leading the effort to change the address request the Town of Oak Ridge's support; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Oak Ridge supports efforts to change the mailing addresses of citizens living in the Town of Oak Ridge or in its Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction from Kernersville to Oak Ridge.

Council comments:

Council McClellan said those living in or doing business in Oak Ridge should have Oak Ridge addresses.

Mayor Pro Tem Howerton said the Council was just considering giving support to something citizens had initiated, and that the ultimate decision would be made by the USPS.

Councilman McClellan made a **motion** to adopt the resolution. **Councilman Sullivan** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (4-0).

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Adoption of Draft Comprehensive Pedestrian Transportation Plan

Oakley reminded Council that a public hearing was held on the plan at the September meeting, and introduced Jesse Day of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments, the lead planner for the draft plan. Day gave Council an update on comments received from NCDOT regarding the plan.

Councilman McClellan asked Day if NCDOT had made any comments on changes to the intersection at N.C. 68 and N.C. 150, and Day said no.

Councilman Sullivan made a **motion** to adopt the Comprehensive Pedestrian Transportation Plan. **Councilman Yanusz** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (4-0).

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- None

8. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Oakley presented the report for Finance Officer Sam Anders, who was out of town. Activities for the month included:

- A wire transfer from Guilford County for remittance of property taxes as of September 30, 2013, which totaled \$206,420.75.
- Monthly property tax and sales tax disbursements were received, as were Other Park Revenues and various utilities franchise fees.
- Investments have been renewed and updated, and accounts are being opened at Wells Fargo and Bank of North Carolina.
- The audit is ongoing and should be completed on time.

- The annual workers comp audit is complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Howerton made a **motion** to approve the financial report.
Councilman Yanusz seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (4-0).

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES

A. Fire Department

No report

B. Historic Preservation Commission

No meeting, no report

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

Oakley reported for Chair Bill Edwards:

- The Movie at the Park and Music at the Park events in September were successes, and the Commission is working on spring events.
- A Community Yard Sale will be held at the park on October 26.
- Work on the Dog Park has started, and the fencing is scheduled to be installed the first week of November.
- Qualifications for firms to create a park plan required for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant are due October 18; the completed PARTF grant must be submitted by January 31, 2014.

D. Finance Committee

No meeting, no report

E. Planning and Zoning Board

No meeting, no report

F. Board of Adjustment

No meeting, no report

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- None

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- **Councilman Yanusz** said election time is coming up, and there are a few candidates running for Council positions. He encouraged citizens to learn about the candidates and then make a decision.

- **Councilman McClellan** announced there would be a Rabies Clinic at the park on October 5, with rabies vaccinations being given for \$5 each.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Yanusz made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. **Councilman McClellan** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted:



Sandra B. Smith, Town Clerk



Ray Combs, Mayor