



**OAK RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
(Meeting held electronically via Zoom)**

This meeting was conducted remotely under N. C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.24 by use of simultaneous communication using the Zoom online platform and in which Town Council members participated by simultaneous communication. Town Council members were joined and participated in the entire meeting, unless otherwise noted.

MINUTES

Members Present

Ann Schneider, Mayor
Jim Kinneman, Mayor Pro Tem
George McClellan
Martha Pittman

Staff Present

Bill Bruce, Town Manager
Sandra Smith, Town Clerk
Michael Thomas, Town Attorney

Members Absent

Doug Nodine

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ann Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Schneider asked Town Clerk Sandra Smith to conduct a roll call for Council members and staff.

Mayor Schneider said that the public had been invited to join in by phone or electronic device, and instructions for joining had been publicized widely. All materials were posted on the Town's website. She stated that Council members would identify themselves when speaking, and all votes would be taken by roll call.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Councilman George McClellan motioned to approve the meeting agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Kinneman seconded. Via roll-call vote, the motion was passed unanimously (4-0).

3. OLD BUSINESS

REZONING CASE #20-04: RS-40 (Residential – Minimum 40,000 sq. ft. lots) to AG (Agricultural). The property is located on the north side of Warner Road, approximately 1,300 feet east of Happy Hill Road, in Oak Ridge Township. It is a portion of Guilford County Tax Parcel 0166902, consists of approximately 24.6 acres, and is located in the Oak Ridge Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). It is owned by Bryan and Tammy Gardner.

The property description was read by Mayor Schneider, who stated that the required public hearing had been held on January 7, 2021 via Zoom. She said that

the Council was required to leave the public comment period open for 24 hours, which had been done.

Councilwoman Martha Pittman moved to approve the proposed zoning amendment RS-40 to AG for RZ-20-04 based on the following:

1. *The proposed zoning amendment is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan of the Town of Oak Ridge. The Planning Board has provided the Council with its written statement that the proposed zoning amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan, and the Council concurs and adopts the Planning Board's finding of consistency by reference. In addition, the Council further finds that the proposed zoning amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan.*

AND

2. *The proposed zoning amendment is reasonable. The Council considers the proposed zoning amendment to be reasonable because the report of the Town staff finding the proposed zoning amendment to be reasonable is adopted by reference.*

AND

3. *The proposed zoning amendment is in the public interest. The Council considers the proposed zoning amendment to be in the public interest because the report of the Town staff finding the proposed zoning amendment to be in the public interest is adopted by reference.*

Councilman McClellan seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Kinneman said that there was no basis to object to someone going back to a less dense zoning of AG. He stated that this rezoning made perfect sense.

Mayor Schneider said that she saw no reason to object to this request because it was entirely reasonable.

Town Clerk Sandra Smith stated that no public comments had been received regarding this rezoning request during the 24-hour comment period.

Via roll-call vote, the motion was passed unanimously (4-0).

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Kinneman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m., and Councilman McClellan seconded. Via roll-call vote, the motion was passed unanimously (4-0).