

Town of Mineral Springs
Town Hall
3506 S. Potter Road
Town Council
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2017~ 7:30 PM

Minutes

The Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, met in Regular Session at the Mineral Springs Town Hall, Mineral Springs, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Present: Mayor Frederick Becker III, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Neill, Councilwoman Valerie Coffey, Councilman Jerry Countryman, Councilwoman Janet Critz, Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman Bettylyn Krafft, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Janet Ridings.

Absent: Attorney Bobby Griffin.

Visitors: Dedtreia Eason.

With a quorum present Mayor Frederick Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting of July 14, 2016 to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. **Opening**

- Councilwoman Neill delivered the invocation.
- Boy Scout Troop 18 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Public Comments**

- Dedtreia Eason – 2105 Billy Howey Road.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- **Councilwoman Neill** made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented containing the following:

- A. *October 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes*
- B. *September 2017 Tax Collector's Report*
- C. *September 2017 Finance Report*

and **Councilwoman Cureton** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Countryman, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

4. **2018 Town Hall Holiday Schedule**

- Mayor Becker noted Ms. Brooks provided the council with the 2018 Holiday Schedule at the very back of the agenda packet. Mayor Becker asked Ms. Brooks how the Christmas holiday was working this year; do we take off the entire week? That would be on the 24th, 25th and 27th we would be closed on the regular office hour days, so it's the whole week? Everything else is pretty much normal, right? Do we do Veteran's Day this year (are we closed on Monday)? Ms. Brooks responded, "no, we are not closed on Monday". Mayor Becker asked that won't happen this year? Ms. Brooks responded, "right". Mayor Becker commented "but in 2018 we will be closed for the day".
- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented and **Councilwoman Critz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

5. **Staff Reports**

- Mayor Becker announced he got the first draft of the audit reports back from Kendra Gangal (the auditor) and he had given her some additional information on contributions to the Local Government Employees Retirement System for 2013 and 2014, because the LGC requires her to go back several years beyond from when she started, so she is working on that and in the next few days she should be done with that.

6. **Other Business**

- Councilman Countryman asked about the holiday schedule for getting our decorations and things up. Ms. Brooks responded they were going up the week of Thanksgiving.
- Mayor Becker reminded the council of the spelling bee one week from tonight at Siler Church in Wesley Chapel at 6:00 p.m. This is the Literacy Council of Union County Annual Spelling Bee fundraiser. The "Mineral Stings" only has one member right now and we need two more. It is an adult spelling bee, so they need to be 18 or older and we would prefer a Mineral Springs resident. If anybody knows somebody who can help Mayor Becker, otherwise he well be beating the bushes for a speller to help compete on his team. Councilwoman Neill offered Mayor Becker could put her down to help; she is a fairly good speller. Councilwoman Critz offered Mr. Critz if they returned from picking up "Eva" in time.
- Mayor Becker announced the Catawba Lands Conservancy and Carolina Thread Trail have finalized the date for the first co-sponsored work day and nature hikes at the trail. It is going to be on a Friday, so that conflicts with school for some people and work for some. It's a Friday morning trail work day, set up is at 8:30 a.m., so people should get to the trailhead at 6214 McNeely Road at 9:00 a.m. on December 1st. There will be some trail work sponsored by their experts, just routine maintenance and then they are going to do a guided nature hike after lunch, which they will be providing for the workers and participants. Mayor Becker suggested that Ms. Brooks could get the word out on the town website to spread the information, since there will be no newsletter in the near future. Councilwoman

Krafft asked if there was a PDF that could be put on “Put Mineral Springs on the Map”. Mayor Becker responded right now you can go to the Thread Trail website, because they actually have a sign-up process. Mayor Becker will get together with Ms. Brooks and put whatever they can on our website and on the Mineral Springs Facebook page. Councilwoman Critz asked about putting a little blip in the Enquirer-Journal. Mayor Becker responded we might be able to get them to just do it as a community event, which wouldn’t cost the town anything. Mayor Becker stated he would definitely contact them and he would post a link on “Land of the Waxhaws”, because it gets a lot of readers.

7. **Adjournment**

- **Councilwoman Critz** made a **motion** to adjourn and **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded. *The motion passed unanimously as follows:*

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Countryman, Cureton, Krafft and Neill

Nays: None

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk

Frederick Becker III, Mayor