

**Town of Mineral Springs  
Town Hall  
3506 S. Potter Road  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2020 ~ 7:30 PM**

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**Minutes**

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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, March 12, 2020.

**Present:** Mayor Frederick Becker III, Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Coffey, Councilman Jerry Countryman, Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman Peggy Neill, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks, Attorney Bobby Griffin and Deputy Town Clerk Janet Ridings.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Janet Critz and Councilwoman Bettylyn Krafft.

**Visitors:** None.

With a quorum present Mayor Frederick Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 12, 2020 to order at 7:33 p.m.

**1. Opening**

- Councilwoman Neill delivered the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Public Comments**

- None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- ***Councilman Countryman made a motion to approve the consent agenda, containing the following:***

- A. February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. January 2020 Tax Collector's Report
- C. January 2020 Finance Report

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

***Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill  
Nays: None***

4. **Consideration of Approving the 2018-2019 Audit Report**

- Mayor Becker noted the council had seen the audit report and had the chance to look over it after Ms. Gangal's explanation.
- **Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to accept the audit report as presented by Ms. Gangal and Councilwoman Neill seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

5. **Consideration of Appointing a Planning Board and Reappointing Board of Adjustment Members**

- Mayor Becker mentioned that Ms. Brooks gave the council a very detailed memo and pointed out the council didn't quite have what they needed, but he opened it up for council discussion. Mayor Becker asked Ms. Brooks if she had any recommendations of where the council should take this stage. Ms. Brooks noted since Michael Rutland did not want to be reappointed, the council could move Renee Helms or Steven Capobianco up to the regular member position. The town will then have to find another alternate. Ms. Brooks pointed out the council would need to consider reappointing Sharon Carter, Jim Muller, and Renee Helms.
- **Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to reappoint Sharon Carter and Jim Muller as regular members, put Renee Helms as a regular member and reappoint Steven Capobianco as an alternate and Councilman Countryman seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

- Mayor Becker noted Ms. Brooks will be seeking another alternate through the town website, etc., and see how that goes.
- Ms. Brooks reminded the council that last month they asked her to get in touch with Steven Capobianco to see if he wanted to be on the planning board. Ms. Brooks sent emails to him on three occasions and called and left a message, but she has not heard back from him. Ms. Brooks asked if the council wished for her to advertise for a planning board member while she was advertising for the board of adjustment alternate.
- **Councilman Countryman made a motion to look for a new planning board member and Councilwoman Neill seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill*

*Nays: None*

6. **Consideration of Partnering with Union County for a BUILD Discretionary Grant**

- Ms. Brooks explained Bjorn Hansen was looking for a "sign of interest" from the town on looking into this partnership and then of course if they were to get approved for the grant, the town would want to say "yes", and would give money, but we have no idea how much that would be. Currently, Mr. Hansen is not looking for a dollar

commitment, he is just looking to see how many people are interested. Ms. Brooks noted the City of Monroe would not be joining in, because they have already done an extensive stormwater study of their own, but the rest of the municipalities may participate. Mayor Becker asked Ms. Brooks, as the stormwater administrator, if she thought this could be valuable since we're kind of behind the curve with stormwater management. Ms. Brooks responded, right, because the county is having a lot of stormwater problems.

- Mayor Becker explained Mr. Hansen was asking two questions: 1. Do we think this study would be useful? 2. Do we think the town would contribute any funds? Mayor Becker noted the town couldn't just write a blank check, but are they interested? Councilwoman Coffey stated she agreed 100%, because the last storm we had was horrific and she was out there trying to get home and on her third detour, she decided that she had to drive through the water, so she did. We have a lot of challenges in our county and we are aware of that, so Councilwoman Coffey thought it would be good and then as this information becomes clearer, because there is a lot of gray areas here at this point, then we can commit to what we need to. Councilwoman Neill commented the town couldn't not put our name in the hat. Mayor Becker explained he suspected the contribution would be based on population like the critical intersection study is. Mayor Becker reminded the council they were not committing now.
- ***Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to pursue this, notify Mr. Bjorn Hansen that we are interested and we certainly will sign on if the contribution is affordable and Councilwoman Neill seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton and Neill*

*Nays: None*

#### **7. Consideration of Playground Mulch and Maintenance**

- Mayor Becker explained he got bids from just one source, because Playground Guardian is related to Cunningham Recreation. It wasn't really a sticker shock, Mayor Becker expected to spend about \$3,000 doing what was needed to be done. After four years, Mayor Becker thought the playground was in pretty good shape, so he recommended approving it and that they would probably be getting it done within the next month.
- ***Councilwoman Coffey made a motion to approve this fee that you have gotten quoted on the upgrades that are needed and the maintenance for the playground, \$2,590.76 for mulch, inspections, and cleaning and Councilman Countryman seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:***

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton and Neill*

*Nays: None*

#### **8. Consideration of Purchasing a Steeplechase Race Program Advertisement**

- Mayor Becker noted the annual Queen's Cup ad is in the budget and the council seems to like this particular copy.

- **Councilwoman Neill** made a motion to approve the \$300.00 full page Steeplechase advertisement again as usual and **Councilwoman Cureton** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

**9. Consideration of Adopting O-2019-01 & O-2019-02 – Concurring Speed Limits**

- Mayor Becker offered this looked like good news, which comes not so long after the council had the questions by Ms. Simmons from Shannon Road – Ms. Brooks is working on a concurring ordinance with NCDOT on two stretches of highway. NCDOT has already approved the speed limits, they are just waiting for the town to concur so they can put them in place. Mayor Becker believed the people on Shannon Road will be happy when the new signs go up since there has been more than one that asked for it. Mayor Becker explained it looked like the speed limit will be 45 mph for the full length of Shannon Road and then the 45 mph on Waxhaw Indian Trail will be extended down to the Whispering Pines Subdivision; the 45 mph kicks in right around Muhsin Muhammad’s subdivision and it’s 55 mph up to that point. Mayor Becker mentioned the intersection of McNeely Road and Pleasant Grove Road and Waxhaw Indian Trail Road (where Waxhaw Bible Church is) is one of the intersections that was considered in the critical intersection study since they have a lot of wrecks there, because visibility is bad and it is 55 mph. Mayor Becker thought NCDOT probably had that in mind on that anyhow.
- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a motion that we approve the Ordinance O-2019-01, which is the Shannon Road one and **Councilwoman Neill** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

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

- O-2019-01 is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SPEED LIMIT MODIFICATION  
CONCURRING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
ORDINANCE  
O-2019-01**

WHEREAS, N.C. G.S. 20-141 (f) authorizes speed limit modifications based upon engineering and traffic investigation on portions of a State Highway System Street located in the Town of Mineral Springs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, the following:

SECTION 1. Enact the Following Speed Limit.

<u>Speed Limit</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Road Description</u>
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SECTION 2. Effective date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption of the Department of Transportation of a concurring ordinance and the erection of signs giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 2020. Witness my hand and official seal:

Frederick Becker III, Mayor

Attest:

Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk

- **Councilwoman Neill made a motion that we approve the Ordinance O-2019-02 for the stretch of Waxhaw Indian Trail Road specified in the ordinance and Councilwoman Cureton seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:**

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill  
 Nays: None*

- O-2019-02 is as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 TOWN OF MINERAL SPRINGS

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SPEED LIMIT MODIFICATION  
 CONCURRING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 ORDINANCE  
 O-2019-02**

WHEREAS, N.C. G.S. 20-141 (f) authorizes speed limit modifications based upon engineering and traffic investigation on portions of a State Highway System Street located in the Town of Mineral Springs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, the following:

**SECTION 1. Enact the Following Speed Limit.**

<u>Speed Limit</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Road Description</u>
45	SR 1008	SR 1008 (Waxhaw Indian Trail Road) between SR 2501 (Knotty Pine Road) and a point 0.08 miles north of SR 1325 (McNeely Road).

SECTION 2. Effective date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption of the Department of Transportation of a concurring ordinance and the erection of signs giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 2020. Witness my hand and official seal:

Frederick Becker III, Mayor

Attest:

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Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk

10. **Staff Updates**

- There were no staff updates.

11. **Other Business**

- Councilwoman Cureton mentioned it would be nice if everybody would go over to Western Union School and look at the garden the kids did; it is wonderful, they have vegetables ready to eat. The garden is the one the town donated money to; they thanked Councilwoman Cureton when she went over there. It is nice, and the council would be proud of those kids.
- Mayor Becker mentioned he read to a third-grade class last week and he got to see the garden then. Mayor Becker talked to the president of the PTO and she thanked him for the town's contribution, and she thought they were going to have the money for the sunshade for the summer.
- Mayor Becker mentioned schools would be closed tomorrow, which was reflective of the water problems, but that will probably be resolved tomorrow evening.
- Mayor Becker mentioned COVID-19 was of national interest and things were being cancelled. The council will be kept updated and we will see what the governor's office recommends. On these types of things, the town will often defer to Emergency Management groups that are in place (i.e. Union County Emergency Management). Hopefully the town will have a meeting next month, unless things change. "Everything seems to be working well for us here and hopefully we'll have school starting again on Monday," Mayor Becker said.
- Councilwoman Cureton explained a policeman asked her to report if anybody needed or wanted water, they were giving it away at the police department in Waxhaw.

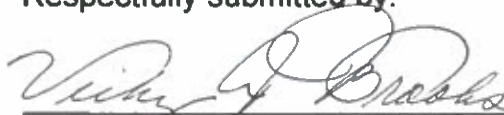
12. **Adjournment**

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

*Ayes: Coffey, Countryman, Cureton, and Neill  
Nays: None*

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, Town Clerk



  
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Frederick Becker III, Mayor