

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
AUGUST 16, 2011
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on August 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Dona M. Mennella, Robert O. Vickery, J. Carey O'Cain and Richard P. Cooke. Town Manager Jim Ball and Town Attorney Monica Gillette-Stallings were also present.

Mayor Johnson opened the regular meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Johnson asked for any additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the Agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes from the July 19, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the August 11, 2011, Council Work Session

Commissioner Vickery moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, PARKS

Mayor Johnson stated the action for consideration was to amend Town Ordinance *Chapter 7, Article 1, Parks*. The minor change would allow tents/arbors for special events/wedding ceremonies with written permission from the Town. Tents/arbors shall not exceed 20 feet by 20 feet. He stated the Town had received several requests to set up a tent/arbor at Jump Off Rock, especially for wedding ceremonies during the summer months.

Commissioner Mennella moved to Amend Chapter 7, Article 1, Parks. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

CONSIDERATION, RESOLUTION ADOPTING HENDERSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Mayor Johnson stated if adopted, the resolution would allow Henderson County Animal Control to enforce the County Ordinance within Laurel Park's cooperate limits. He stated it would aid Laurel Park staff in dealing with a possible vicious animal or stray animal.

Commissioner Mennella moved to approve the Resolution Adopting Henderson County Animal Control Ordinance. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Ball stated the Laurel Park Civic Association was looking to incorporate. In order to incorporate, they need a physical address. The Civic Association has requested to use 441 White Pine Drive. Mr. Ball did not see a problem with allowing the Civic Association to use the Town Hall's address.

Paul Hansen, of 435 Upper Laurel Drive and board member of the Laurel Park Civic Association, stated he had spoken with the USPS and they did not have a problem with the Laurel Park Civic Association using the Town's address. Council's consensus was that it would be ok for the Laurel Park Civic Association to use the Town's address.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of July: 5 accidents, 8 arrests, 1 bank alarm, 320 business checks, 180 foot patrols, 4 assist County Sheriff, 32 citations and 453 residence checks for a total of 2,168 service events for the month. Chief Fisher also stated there had been a large increase in telephone fraud.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL

There were none.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

MAYOR JOHNSON – Mayor Johnson congratulated Commissioners O'Cain, Vickery and Cooke on their upcoming new terms. He also reminded everyone to go vote.

COMMISSIONER MENNELLA – Commissioner Mennella reminded everyone to go vote.

COMMISSIONER COOKE – Commissioner Cooke had no comments.

COMMISSIONER VICKERY – Commissioner Vickery had no comments.

COMMISSIONER O'CAIN – Commissioner O'Cain had no comments.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Attest:

Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC
Town Clerk

Date