

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
February 11, 2010
9:30 P. M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held an agenda work session in Town Hall on February 11, 2010 at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioner Richard P. Cooke, Commissioner Dona M. Mennella, Commissioner J. Carey O’Cain, and Commissioner Robert O. Vickery. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present.

Mayor Johnson called to order the February 11, 2010, Council Agenda Work Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA REVIEW – The Council reviewed the agenda items for the February 16, 2010 Town Council regular meeting.

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) Minutes from the January 19, 2010, Council Regular Meeting
 - b) Minutes from the January 19, 2010, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
 - c) Minutes from the February 11, 2010, Council Work Session

- 2) Public Hearings
None

- 3) Old Business
None

- 5) New Business
 - a) Tax Collector’s Report
 - b) Consideration, Chapter 2, Article 2, Firearms Ordinance
 - c) Consideration, Chapter 2, Article 3, Pellet Guns and Projectiles Restricted Ordinance
 - d) Discussion, Ice Storm Update

- 6) Town Manager’s Report

COUNCIL UPDATES AND OPEN DISCUSSION – The Council received updates on and discussed the following areas:

1. Discussion, Proclamation 90th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Mayor Johnson stated a proclamation had been prepared recognizing the 14th of February, 2010, as the 90th Birthday of the League of Women Voters.

2. Discussion, Ice Storm update. Mr. Ball provided Council an overview of the February 4-5, 2010 ice storm. He stated that various areas in Laurel Park began losing power at about 10:15 a. m. on February 5, 2010 and by 3:30 p. m. all areas of the community were without power except one small area in the vicinity of Town Hall. Duke Power worked hard to restore power to the community. On February 6, 2010 approximately 250 homes, the business district, and the medical district (including

the three nursing facilities) had power restored. On February 7, 2010, power was restored to the majority of the remaining community except the Echo area, Cedarbrook area, the Sabine Drive area, and a portion of Laurel Park Highway. By 7:00 p. m. on February 8, 2010, all power had been restored to the community.

Council discussed the overall clean up of the community. It was the general consensus of the Council that the following procedures be followed.

- Prepare bid packets for appropriate companies to handle the Town clean up
- Prepare a special newsletter to the community outlining the clean up procedures

Council provided guidance to Town Manager Jim Ball on the specifics to be contained within the newsletter; a more detailed overview of the clean up operations will be provided at the Council regular meeting scheduled for February 16, 2010.

3. Discussion, Semi-annual Water Loss Report. Mr. Ball reviewed the current status of the Town's water system with Council. The unbilled gallons rate was 8.1% for the calendar year 2009 as compared to 6.2% for calendar year 2008. The Town experienced three major water line breaks within the last six months that accounted for the increase.
4. Discussion, update Old Lake Property. Mr. Ball informed Council that the additional survey work for the condemnation action had been completed and given to Sam Neill, Town Attorney. The project will be delayed because Mr. Neill had fallen and broken his hip.
5. Discussion, sewer project. Mr. Ball informed Council that he and Will Buie, of William G. Lapsley and Associates, had reviewed the draft of the sewer study with the sewer committee. The sewer committee had provided its input/recommendations to the sewer study. The revisions had been completed and the updated draft had been provided to the sewer committee. The sewer committee will meet later in February, time to be determined, to review the updated draft. Once completed, the study will be presented to the entire Council for comments and discussion.
6. Discussion, general review of Town ordinances for the Tuesday work session.
 - Chapter 2, Articles 4, Manufacture, Sale, and Use of Pyrotechnics Ordinance
 - Chapter 2, Article 5, States of Emergency Ordinance
 - Chapter 2, Article 6, Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance

Mr. Ball discussed with Council the goal to review three ordinances at the next special work session scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 10:00 am.

7. Discussion, Civic Association Historic Marker. Mr. Ball informed Council that he met with Robert Thrower, the Civic Association President. Mr. Thrower had informed Mr. Ball that the first Historical Marker had been ordered. The marker will represent the history of the Fleetwood Hotel. He asked for support from the Town on the installation of the marker. He also requested support from Council for a small dedication ceremony when the installation was complete. It was the general consensus of the Council to support the requests.
8. Discussion, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Mr. Ball informed Council that the Town had received a community assistance visit from the State in regard to the Town's Floodplain Management Program. No violations were noted.

KEY DATES – The Council reviewed and discussed the following key date(s):

Board Member Appreciation Dinner, Hendersonville Country Club – February 17, 2010
Essentials of Municipal Government in Asheville, NC – February 24-25, 2010

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

Henry T. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC
Town Clerk

Date