

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.
JANUARY 19, 2010
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on January 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Dona M. Mennella, Richard P. Cooke, Robert O. Vickery, and J. Carey O'Cain. Town Manager Jim Ball was also present. Town Attorney, Sam Neill was absent.

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; there was none. 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 December 15, 2009, Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the December 15, 2009, Council Closed Session
- c) Minutes from the December 15, 2009, Council Special Work Session – Town Ordinances
- d) Minutes from the January 14, 2010, Council Work Session

Commissioner Vickery moved to approve all the items on 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, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, BEGGING PROHIBITED ORDINANCE

Mayor Johnson stated Council would continue the process to review all Town Ordinances, during special work sessions scheduled after each Council regular meeting, with the goal to review the ordinances for clarity, applicability, and formatting. As ordinances were revised and updated, a copy would be available for public inspection during normal operating hours in the Town Office and revised ordinances would be posted to the Town's web site.

The ordinance for consideration was Chapter 2, Article 1, Begging Prohibited Ordinance. Upon Council review of the ordinance, minor wording clarifications were recommended along with formatting.

Commissioner Mennella moved to approve the revisions to Chapter 2, Article 1, Begging Prohibited 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 Town had found or been made aware of six (6) water line breaks; all were due to the recent extreme cold weather.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of December: 868 residence checks, 2 arrests, 4 accidents, 26 citations issued, and 1,249 area security checks for a total of 2,553 service events for the month.

Chief Fisher stated police activity for the month of December was pretty slow due to the fact that the Town had snow on the ground for half of the month. He also stated that, during the snow storm of December 18 – 19, 2010, the Town assisted 63 motorists who were either stuck in the snow or needed assistance getting home.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL

There were none.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

MAYOR JOHNSON – Mayor Johnson stated the Town of Laurel Park would host the January 19, 2010 LGCCA meeting. He and Commissioner Cooke planned to attend the meeting.

COMMISSIONER MENNELLA – Commissioner Mennella had no comments.

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 Mennella 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