

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LAUREL PARK, N.C.  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011  
9:30 A.M.**

The Laurel Park Town Council held its regular meeting in the Laurel Park Town Hall on November 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mayor Henry T. Johnson, Commissioners Richard P. Cooke, Dona M. Mennella, J. Carey O'Cain, and Robert O. Vickery. 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 October 18, 2011 Council Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes from the October 18, 2011 Council Special Work Session
- c) Minutes from the November 10, 2011 Council Work Session
- d) Tax Release - \$20,000.00 value/\$79.20

Commissioner O'Cain 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**

**DISCUSSION, TOWN AUDIT AS PREPARED BY BURLESON & EARLEY, P.A. FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011**

Mayor Johnson stated the Town received notification that the Local Government Commission had reviewed and approved the Town's audit as prepared by Burleson, & Earley, P. A. for the year ending June 30, 2011. The audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance. A copy of the audit would be available for public inspection during normal operating hours in the Town Office following the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HENDERSON COUNTY FOR REMOVAL OF ABANDONED MOBILE HOMES**

Mayor Johnson stated Henderson County asked Laurel Park to partner with it and the other local governments in an application to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources in a grant program that pays up to \$1,000 per home for the removal of abandoned mobile homes. He stated that although it would not affect Laurel Park, a joint application county-wide would increase the likelihood of approval on the County's application.

Commissioner Vickery moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Henderson County for Removal of Abandoned Mobile Homes. Mayor Johnson asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Ball stated he placed a copy of a letter the Town received from the NC Department of Agriculture in Raleigh in each Council's packet. The letter was in reference to a Laurel Park resident in Fleetwood Plaza who currently stored a state vehicle just outside of Town and wanted permission to store the vehicle at the maintenance shed on Tom's Drive in order to have easier access to the vehicle and avoid the expense of storing the vehicle on property outside of the Town.

Mayor Johnson suggested Council deny the resident's request. Mr. Ball stated that Council might want to consider a policy that would address vehicles of this type being stored on Town property.

Commissioner Cooke stated that it was clearly marked as a State vehicle. Commissioner Cooke stated he would be concerned with the liability issue. Mr. Ball stated the letter did say the Town would be released from any liability, but he still had liability concerns.

Commissioner Vickery stated he felt there could possibly be some state-owned locations within the County that the resident could store the vehicle. Commissioner O'Cain stated the Town should respectfully decline the request. Council concurred. Mr. Ball would send a letter stating Council's position.

Chief Fisher gave the following police statistics for the month of October: 5 accidents, 9 arrests, 30 citations, 2 domestics, 1 suicide, 5 suspicious vehicles, 15 warning citations, 4 disturbances, 2 mental/intoxicated person, 449 residence checks and 3 suspicious persons for a total of 2,506 service events for the month.

**OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**MAYOR JOHNSON** – Mayor Johnson had no comments.

**COMMISSIONER MENNELLA** – Commissioner Mennella stated her neighbor, Liz Sager, would be happy to serve on the Parks and Greenways Board. Mayor Johnson stated the available appointment would be made at the December regular meeting.

**COMMISSIONER COOKE** – Commissioner Cooke had no comments.

**COMMISSIONER VICKERY** – Commissioner Vickery had no comments.

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

Attorney Gillette-Stallings stated that the Town was the proud owner of a new piece of property on Primrose Lane. She stated the deed was signed and ready to be filed and recorded at the courthouse.

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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Carey O'Cain, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly B. Hensley, CMC  
Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date