

NORTH CAROLINA
YADKIN COUNTY
TOWN OF YADKINVILLE

Commissioners Present: Gene Branon,
Betty Driver, Phillip Graham, Tony Hall &
Eddie Norman
Mayor: Hubert Gregory
Attorney: Ben Harding
Manager: Ken Larking

A public hearing was convened at 6:50 p.m. on Monday evening, March 3, 2008 by Mayor Hubert Gregory. The purpose of the hearing was to consider a Sign Ordinance amendment. The amendment will allow for business signs within a specific area near interchanges with US421 to be 60-80 feet in height. Nobody was present to speak at the hearing.

A public hearing was called at 6:55 p.m. to consider a request to rezone property located at 2000 Old Highway 421 West from R-20, Residential to R-O, Residential Office. The request was made by Ella Anderson McKnight. Nobody was present to speak at the hearing.

The March 3, 2008 meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners was duly held at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Graham to accept the February 4th minutes with the following correction: The last paragraph will be corrected to read, "Commissioner Graham said that a street light on *East Lee Avenue below Progress Lane* is out. Mayor Gregory pointed out the street light at Town Hall is also out." Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. All Approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Norman, second by Gene Branon and unanimous approval by the Board, the following invoices were approved for payment:

Synagro	\$ 10,393.85
P & N Asphalt Works	\$ 19,050.00
Carolina Grading	\$ 71,739.00
Hobbs, Upchurch	\$ 5,000.00

Nobody was present to comment on the Public Hearing for the Environmental Assessment for the Town of Yadkinville Reservoir Project. No action was required by the Board.

Kevin Austin with the Austin Company signed up for Public Comments. He thanked the board for doing all they did in trying to keep the County Jail downtown.

No one else desiring to speak, the period of public comment was closed.

Mayor Gregory called for action on the public hearings.

Eddie Norman made a motion to accept the new Sign Ordinance and was seconded by Phillip Graham. Ayes 5 – Noes 0

Commissioner Graham made a motion to accept rezoning the property located at 2000 Old Highway 421 West from R-20, Residential to R-O, Residential Office. Commissioner Hall seconded. Ayes 5 – Noes 0

Ken Larking gave the Board a draft of the Emergency Water Conservation and Restriction Plan that has been sent to the State. He has asked the Board to review the draft and provide comments so that staff could finalize the proposed plan that will be made available to the public.

Ken Larking suggested Steve Hodge represent the east side of Town for the Planning Board. Ken has spoken with Steve, he works for the Employment Security Commission and has expressed interest in this. Commissioner Norman made a motion to appoint Mr. Hodge to the Planning Board, which was seconded by Tony Hall. All were in favor. Mr. Larking said there is still a vacancy on the Planning Board for a representative from the West side of Town. Mayor Gregory will work on finding someone for this position.

The Town Clerk presented Budget Amendments Numbers 18 through 20 for adoption by the Board. Commissioner Branon moved that these amendments be adopted. Commissioner Norman seconded the motion. Ayes 5 – Noes 0 (See Attachment 1)

The Town Clerk made the Board aware of a tax reduction refund in the amount of \$4,432.26 to S&S Yadkin, LLC (West Point). This company purchased property from Unifi in March 2007 and the property will not be operated as manufacturing but as a warehouse. The value was reduced from \$4,503,273.00 to \$3,305,360.00. No action was needed.

The Public Works Director reported that the tornado sirens were tested and the one at McDonalds is not spinning. The Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department has offered to take the ladder truck out to see if they can fix it. He also reported that the Fire Marshall/Inspector is requiring a fire hydrant to be near all new commercial buildings. Gene Branon and Perry Williams will discuss this issue further.

Police Chief Tim Parks reported that the Police Department has solved three of the recent break-ins at Papa's Pizza, Cain Tire & Auto and the Chamber of Commerce. In addition, a Community Watch Program was started on Virginia Drive. He also reported that about \$20,000.00 has been received from Drug Money and around \$150,000.00 is yet to come. The K9 Program should be in service by April 1. Mark Dowell is currently in training with the K9 Unit. Chief Parks made the Board aware that they are trying to cut down on mileage due to high gas prices. The Police Department should be able to cut back 2,000 miles per month.

Commissioner Branon reported on behalf of Fire Chief Brian Southard regarding the Tanya Holcomb Property on Virginia Drive. The state wide burning ban was lifted on March 1. The Holcomb House is schedule for burning on March 15, if the weather cooperates and the burn ban does not go back into effect.

Attorney Harding stated that he and Mr. Larking are working on condemning the Hefner Building (old Dollar General Store). Mr. Larking reported that the building has been condemned by the County Building Inspector. They should be able to report on this during the April meeting.

The Town Manager reported that certified letters will be sent to the owners of non-confirming mobile home parks. Brent Brown is the owner of Holt Grove Trailer Park located on West Lee Ave and Melinda Williams is the owner of the mobile home park at 305 Locust Street. These letters state that they are not in compliance with the Yadkinville Zoning Ordinance and have until March 2010 to comply.

The Manager also updated the Board on the Town Park design & cost. Ground breaking should be by mid-summer. Commissioner Norman suggested that the Manager talk with the state about widening Tennessee Road. Commissioner Norman also expressed concern about the power source for the proposed pavilion and asked Ken to research this issue.

Thursday, April 3rd was set for the Board-Staff Retreat. The retreat will be held at Surry Community College starting at 8:30 and ending after lunch. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Commissioner Hall notified the Manager that holes on Old US421 and Adams Street need to be fixed. He also said there is a problem with dogs running loose on Lee Ave.

Commissioner Graham inquired about the status of the Chipping Policy and suggested that the word "encouraged" be removed from the policy and replaced with "must." Commissioner Graham motioned to adopt the new Chipping Policy with the proposed change in language. It was seconded by Commissioner Branon. All approved.

Commissioner Norman made a motion that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to NC G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss a matter protected by attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. All approved.

No action was taken following the closed session.

With no further business to be discussed, Commissioner Driver moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gene Branon seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Hubert Gregory, Mayor

Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk