

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Angier Municipal Building
28 North Raleigh Street
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Lewis W. Weatherspoon
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Craig Honeycutt
Commissioner Bob Smith
Commissioner Loru Boyer Hawley
Commissioner Mike Hill

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Town Manager Gerry Vincent
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Planning Director Sean Johnson
Finance Director John Ellis
Lieutenant Arthur Yarbrough
Corporal Danny King
Corporal Lee Thompson
Parks & Rec Director Derek McLean
Downtown Manager Christy Adkins
Library Director Amanda Davis
Utility Maintenance Worker Jeff Merritt
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.

Others Present:

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Weatherspoon presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Weatherspoon led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation:** Commissioner Smith offered the invocation.
4. **Approval of the January 8, 2019, meeting agenda:** The Town Board approved the agenda with the following amendment: adding the Audit Contract Extension with Cherry Bekaert, LLP.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously approved the January 8, 2019 meeting agenda with the above amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Smith

Second: Commissioner Hill

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

5. Town Staff Recognition:

Mayor Weatherspoon administered the Oath of Office to new Town Manager Gerry Vincent.

Mayor Weatherspoon administered the Oath of Office to Chris Wagner to serve on Angier's Planning Board.

Mayor Weatherspoon along with the Board of Commissioners welcomed new employees Michael Anderson, Police Officer; Christy Adkins, Downtown Manager; and Jeff Merritt, Utility Maintenance Worker.

6. Public Forum: Mayor Weatherspoon provided an opportunity for audience members who wished to address the Board of Commissioners on issues not listed on the Agenda.

Mayor Weatherspoon addressed the audience and asked that each speaker limit comments to three minutes (3) in addressing the Town Board. He also reminded attendees that citizens who appear before the Town Board should note that the Board may not take any action regarding subject matter. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda. Any handouts distributed must be furnished to the Town Clerk.

Dolores Price, 619 N Dunn Street, warmly welcomed Gerry Vincent to the Town of Angier.

7. Consent Agenda: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Minutes – December 4, 2018 – Town Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes; **November 9, 2018 –** Town Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting Minutes; **November 27, 2018 –** Town Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting Minutes; and **November 27, 2018 –** Town Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes.

B. Amended Resolution to adopt 2019 Holiday Schedule – consideration for approval is an amended Holiday Schedule due to incorrect date for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday.

Motion: Commissioner Smith

Second: Commissioner Hill

Vote: 4-0, unanimous

8. Public Hearing:

A. Rezoning Request – Application submitted by Black River Grove Baptist Church to rezone a .547 acre parcel at 828 N Raleigh Street from Open Space & Recreation to Office & Institutional (PIN#: 0674-74-1101.000).

Sean Johnson presented the Staff Report for the proposed rezoning request submitted by the Black River Grove Baptist Church for the property located at 828 North Raleigh Street and identified by Harnett County PIN: 0674-74-1101.000. Mr. Johnson explained that the 0.547 acre parcel currently contains a partially demolished structure and is zoned Open Space and Recreation. The property owner has requested the parcel be rezoned to Office & Institutional.

Mr. Johnson stated that the surrounding land uses include medium and high density residential, office, and retail. The property can be served by Town of Angier water and sewer services. He also stated that the 2017 Comprehensive Land Use Plan calls for commercial uses in this area, including on the property in question.

During the Staff evaluation of the rezoning request, Mr. Johnson concluded the following:

- 1) The impact to adjacent property owners and the surrounding community is reasonable, because the requested zoning district allows for uses compatible with surrounding uses.
- 2) The requested zoning district is compatible with the existing Land Use Plan which calls for commercial use of the property.
- 3) The proposal does enhance or maintain the public health, safety and general welfare, because the proposal would allow for uses compatible with surrounding uses.
- 4) The request is not for a small scale rezoning, because the requested zoning district would allow for uses compatible with adjacent uses.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning request at their December 11, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Weatherspoon opened the Public Hearing.

Dorothy Williams, 2149 Matthews Road, Lillington, stated that she has been a member of Black River Grove Baptist Church since birth. She requested the Board to consider the rezoning so they may rebuild their sanctuary as they are currently having services in the cafeteria. Ms. Williams thanked Sean Johnson for all of his assistance.

John Chatman, 148 W Church Street, is a long-time member of Black River Grove Baptist Church. He stated that the church is one of the oldest buildings in Angier and requested the Board to please consider the rezoning so they may re-establish the sanctuary.

Evangelist Janice Bass, Knightdale, stated she drives to Angier to attend Black River Grove Baptist Church. She stated many plans are in place for the church as well as beautifying the community.

Joseph Jones, Raleigh, stated he is the pastor of Black River Grove Baptist Church. He explained that he would like the new church to be a beacon for the community.

Morris Harper, 385 E Wimberly Street, spoke on how he and many citizens of Angier were very sad to see the collapse of the church building and would like to see the Board approve the rezoning.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Weatherspoon closed the Public Hearing.

Pastor Jones stated the building would be built according to the requirements of the Town.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve a rezoning request submitted by Black River Grove Baptist Church located at 828 N Raleigh Street from Open Space & Recreation to Office & Institutional (PIN#: 0674-74-1101.000).

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Honeycutt

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

9. New Business:

A. Retention Wall Estimates for Jack Marley Park – consideration and approval of estimates received. Budgeted item for \$45,000.

Mayor Weatherspoon recommended the Board table this item so that it may be discussed at a work session meeting.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to table the retention wall estimates for Jack Marley Park until a discussion is had at a work session.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

Second: Commissioner Hill

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

10. Old Business:

No Report.

11. Manager's Report

Mayor Weatherspoon introduced new Town Manager Gerry Vincent and welcomed him to Angier.

Mr. Vincent discussed the following items:

1. Working on a number of projects with Mayor Weatherspoon in transition from the Interim Town Manager Mike McLaurin.
2. Reviewing the Board Retreat agenda before it is delivered to the Board of Commissioners for discussion and consideration. Time frame for the Board Retreat is tentatively late February/early March and location TBD.
3. Have met with Mayor & Commissioners to discuss opportunities in each of their respective Wards and Town visioning overall.
4. Attended the Triangle J COG Manager's Meeting in December.
5. Met the managers of Holly Springs & Fuquay-Varina for lunch.
6. Reviewing the proposal from Triangle J COG to review & update the Town's classification & pay study, job descriptions, and evaluation process, and personnel policy. This will be a Workshop at a later date TBD.
7. Reviewing possible budgetary effects due to a number of changes since March 2018.
8. Audit work has been submitted and due date for completion will be at the end of January for Board review and consideration in February.
9. Will set a meeting with Harnett County to continue to discuss terms of the expired Water Contract.
10. Contacted Waste Industries to deliver recycling carts for Town Hall and Police Department to begin recycling on a daily basis.

12. Mayor and Town Board Reports

Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) – to discuss a personnel matter.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) – to consult Town Attorney; NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) – to discuss possible economic development; and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) – to discuss a personnel matter at 7:36pm.

Motion: Commissioner Smith

Second: Commissioner Hawley

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to reconvene in open session at 7:59pm.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to move forward in participating in the Balloon Festival held in the area this year.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

Second: Commissioner Smith

Vote: Unanimous, 4-0

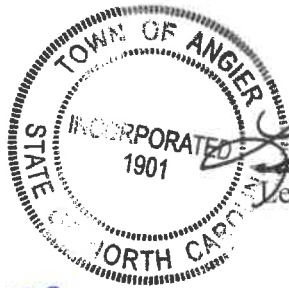
13. Staff Reports and Informational Items

14. Adjournment: Being no further business, the Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

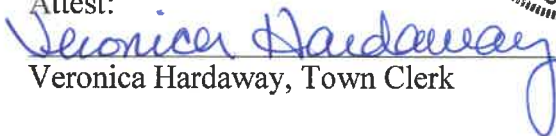
Second: Commissioner Hill

Vote: 4-0, Unanimous




Lewis W. Weatherspoon, Mayor

Attest:


Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk