

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Angier Municipal Building
28 North Raleigh Street
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Smith
Mayor Pro-tem Loru Boyer Hawley
Commissioner Jim Kazakavage
Commissioner George "Jr." Price
Commissioner Alan Coats

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway
Chief of Police Lee Thompson
Finance Director Hans Kalwitz
Community Development Coordinator Casey Todd
HR Director Melissa Wilder
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.

Others Present:

Call to Order: Mayor Smith presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation: Mayor Smith offered the invocation. Mayor Smith called for a moment of silence for the passing away of Nancy Marley.

Approval of the May 2, 2023 meeting agenda: The Town Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Presentations

1. Proclamation: National Day of Prayer

- a. Mayor Smith presented the National Day of Prayer Proclamation; the National Day of Prayer event will be held Thursday, May 4th at noon.

Public Comment

Howard Babbitt, 56 E Williams St., spoke on behalf of the ABC Board and explained that their board has asked the state to investigate allegations and a newspaper article that affects the ABC Board. The state has been asked to investigate and fully disclose the report to the Board of Commissioners of any information obtained. Along with that, the ABC Board's policies and procedures will be reviewed.

Bob Jusnes, 574 N. Broad St. E., revealed that he had submitted a complaint to the Board of Commissioners regarding a threat made towards him by an appointed official of the ABC Board. He inquired as to why no action has been taken on the matter or at the very least a response in regards to the complaint. It is his belief that the Board of Commissioners are not taking his complaint seriously or acted upon in a timely manner.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 16, 2023 – Board Retreat Day 1
- b. April 4, 2023 – Regular
- c. April 18, 2023 - Workshop

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

New Business

1. Additional Receptacles on Depot Grounds

Community Development Coordinator Casey Todd explained that the Angier Chamber of Commerce has agreed to fund 12 quad receptacles in the Depot Square by *Mabry's Electrical Service*. The additional receptacles will benefit all events held within the depot grounds. The new receptacles will be installed towards the backside of the Depot grounds near the bushes.

Commissioner Coats voiced his appreciation to the Angier Chamber of Commerce for assisting with the cost of this project.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to allow the Angier Chamber of Commerce to contract with *Mabry's Electrical Service* to install 12 quad receptacles in Depot Square and fund the project.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

2. Road Closure Request to Host a Car Show June 24th

Ms. Todd stated that Brian Guy with Auto Culture Events has requested to host a car show June 24th from 10-4pm. The request was put in for a large event road closure; which is the following area, N. Broad St. W & E. Mr. Guy is estimating approximately 200/300 cars and trucks with car related vendors such as window tinting, lifts, etc. Food trucks will be in attendance, a DJ for entertainment, however there will be no alcohol on site. The Town will charge the current rate for rental of the Depot grounds and stage. This event has been approved in the past.

Brian Guy, with Auto Culture Events, stated this event will be the same as his last car show held in November.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to allow Brian Guy with Auto Culture Events to host a car show June 24th from 10-4pm along with the requested road closures.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

3. Junny Road Tank Fire System Connection

Public Works Director Jimmy Cook stated the project has one contract for construction. The scope of construction includes 165 linear feet of 8" pipe, 40 linear feet of steel casing, the relocation of an 8" backflow preventer, an above ground enclosure for the BFP, bypass pump connections; etc. The project purpose is to alleviate the expense of distribution system flushing resulting from water quality issues caused by maintaining the Junny Road standpipe on the distribution system. At the same time, the tank would be configured to remain a key component of the neighboring industry's fire protection system. The completion of the new 0.50 MG elevated tank project is expected to alleviate the water quality problems caused by maintaining the Junny Road standpipe on the system. This situation would be temporary until the new tank is constructed.

Mr. Cook stated that Charlie McGougan, with MBD Consulting Engineers, has recommended rejecting bids and maintaining the current system operation. MBD Consulting Engineers will do their best to expedite the design, permitting, and bidding of the new 0.50 elevated tank and booster station project.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to reject bids received for the Junny Road Tank Fire System Connection.

Motion: Commissioner Kazakavage

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

4. Resolution #R009-2023 Amending Charter for Triangle J Council of Governments

Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks explained that the Board of Directors for the Triangle J Council of Governments has approved renaming the organization “Central Pines Regional Council”. The change must now be approved by the local member governments.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to adopt the Resolution #R009-2023 Ratifying, Accepting, and Approving the Amended Charter Resolution of Central Pines Regional Council (Formerly Triangle J Council of Governments).

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Resolution No.: R009-2023

Date Submitted: May 2, 2023

Date Adopted: May 2, 2023

RESOLUTION RATIFYING, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE AMENDED CHARTER RESOLUTION OF CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL (FORMERLY TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS)

WHEREAS, the Councils of Governments system was created by the State of North Carolina in 1970 by Governor Bob Scott designating seventeen Regional Councils to serve across the state and Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG), formerly the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission, as the regional entity serving Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, and Wake counties, and the municipalities within those counties; and

WHEREAS, the TJCOG Board of Delegates approved an organization rebrand process in its Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to identify and implement a new name, logo, and brand for the organization, and rebranding consultant Carrboro Creative was selected to conduct the process in the Fall of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rebrand, including a name change from Triangle J Council of Governments to Central Pines Regional Council was presented to the TJCOG Officers, TJCOG Executive Committee, and TJCOG Board of Delegates in December, February, and March of 2023 for consideration; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, the TJCOG Executive Committee and TJCOG Board of Delegates unanimously approved the name Central Pines Regional Council and approved a proposed amended charter to reflect this change; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, the charter is TJCOG's governing document and must be endorsed by all member governments when they join the organization and by a minimum of 2/3 when amendments to the document are made; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Angier that it does hereby ratify, accept, and approve the amended Charter Resolution reflecting the organization's new name of Central Pines Regional Council. Further, the governing body authorizes that the new name will be effective July 1, 2023, or once 2/3 of the member governments approve the Charter amendment, if it is after July 1, 2023.

Adopted by the Angier Board of Commissioners on this the 2nd day of May, 2023, in Angier, North Carolina.

5. Relief for Pending Utility Charges at 1074 E. Wimberly Street

Mr. Hicks explained that Mr. Shiva Geereddy owns a property at 1074 E. Wimberly Street. In December, there was a major water leak at the property, which has resulted in charges totaling \$3,674.06. Staff has explained to Mr. Geereddy, that it is the Town's policies that adjustments are not made for water leaks. Since the Town buys its water from Harnett

County, the Town still has to pay for the water that went through the meter as a result of the leak. The Town did offer to set up a payment plan, but Mr. Geereddy insists on some relief of the pending charges. The owner has requested that the meter be removed from the property. Any relief on the charges would result in a direct reduction in town revenues and the town has already incurred the expense of the water that was used. Mr. Hicks explained that the water did not go through the sewer, as a result charges related to the sewer were not affected.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to deny the request from Mr. Geereddy to provide relief for the pending charges at 1074 E. Wimberly Street.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

6. Library Consolidation Report

Angela McCauley, Harnett County Library Director, gave a brief update regarding the library consolidation. The new Angier Library Director, Jocelyn Williams, was introduced. It was reported that the consolidation has been a challenge; however, they are starting to see the benefits and anticipates that will continue.

Ms. McCauley reviewed the consolidation process and mentioned that through this process Angier library staff have remained very professional and determined to keep the library running under drastic changes. Additional shelving has been installed and staff was able to weed out books during the re-shelving process. Weeded books were then shipped to a book vendor that was able to give purchasing credit to buy additional books. The phone system and equipment were changed out and switched over to the County as well as cleaning services, and hiring a new Library Director.

An invoice was sent to the Town of Angier for the portion of year one of consolidation that was outlined in Article 4, Section A of the Consolidation Agreement that the Town pay two thirds of the revised budget of \$250,277 making it \$166,835. Year two will be a third of the \$250,277 making it \$83,417; and then the following year the contributions would be zero. Harnett County Library staff has recommended Angier Library's FY 23/24 budget be \$274,287 and is awaiting approval from the County Commissioners.

Ms. McCauley shared with the Board her disappointment of the Town utilizing the Board Room where multiple library programs are held throughout the day and throughout the summer. It will impact story time and summer programs. They are grateful for being offered utilizing the Depot for programs; however, it robs people of the convenience of being able to come to a library program and then utilize the library across the hall.

Jocelyn Williams introduced herself and stated her goal has been that if we can't bring the people to the library, we bring the library to them. Programming has been expanded to seniors that could use help with computers, cellphones, or anything technology related, they can "book a librarian"; where they can setup an appointment one-on-one for 45 minutes. Everyday there is something going on during the summer programs. Ms.

Williams has also setup tech classes every third Monday for those that feel intimidated by technology.

7. Approval of Engineering Retainer Agreement

Mr. Hicks stated a proposed retainer agreement from Bill Dreitzler with DM2 Engineering has been submitted for the FY 23/24 and the cost of services is provided in the adoption of the annual budget.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve DM2 Engineering Agreement for FY 23/24.

Motion: Commissioner Price

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

8. Community Development Committee Members Removal

Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway informed the Board that two members of the Community Development Committee have not been in participation since September 2022. The Clerks office has sent out letters 4/10/23 along with a follow up email making those members aware that they have missed several consecutive meetings and that they were at risk of being removed from the committee. To date, there has been no response from either member. It is understood that unexpected events occur; however, attendance is needed in order to meet a quorum to conduct Town business. Ms. Hardaway revealed the two members, who are Sam Nelson and Tyjah Johnson.

The Board agreed that committees can not be run without contribution of members and would like to find more people who are dedicated to the service.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to remove Sam Nelson and Tyjah Johnson from the Community Development Committee.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

9. Advisory Board Introduction Interviews and Appointments

Ms. Hardaway informed the Board that two applications have been received for the vacancies available on the Community Development Committee. The appointed members will be fulfilling the remaining term of former members that ends 12/31/2023.

Ms. Hardaway informed the Board that Chris Donovan has withdrawn his application as he has coaching obligations.

Candidate Jillian Knowles was given a five-minute question and answer session during an open session with the Town Board. During the interview process, it was determined by the Board of Commissioners that there are no conflicts that would create problems or

prevent this candidate from fairly or impartially discharging their duties as an appointed member.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to appoint Jillian Knowles to the Community Development Committee.

Motion: Commissioner Coats

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

10. S. Wilma Street Widening

Public Works Director Jimmy Cook stated that staff was asked to investigate the width of S. Wilma St. from McIver down to Kathryn's Retreat subdivision and it's approximately 18ft wide. A standard street is usually around 21ft, so staff is proposing to mill both sides of the road and widen it by an additional 4ft, 2ft on either side. If the Board approves doing this, property owners will be notified if they need to relocate their mailboxes during construction. This project can be funded using Powell Bill funds.

Commissioner Coats disclosed that he lives on Wilma Street and will not be affected by this project as he is located in another section of the street.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to authorize the widening of S. Wilma Street by 4ft.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Old Business

1. Revision to Approved Ordinance of a Voluntary Annexation Petition Submitted by Daniel & Janet Gardner and Kenneth & Debra Gardner

Mr. Hicks explained that the Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing October 4, 2022 for a voluntary annexation petition that was submitted by Daniel & Janet Gardner and Kenneth & Debra Gardner for approximately 47.8 acres located on Old Buies Creek Road in Angier (Harnett PINs: 0673-72-4977.000; 0673-72-7501.000). At that meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved an Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Angier.

This is the site of Gardner Farms subdivision that was approved by the Board September 6, 2022. Since that time, the aforementioned applicants have submitted a revision to the plat to include an additional 1.8 acres totaling approximately 50.28 acres.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve a revision to Ordinance #A001-2023 to revise a Voluntary Annexation Petition submitted by Daniel & Janet Gardner and Kenneth & Debra Gardner to include an additional 1.8 acres totaling approximately 50.28 acres.

Motion: Commissioner Kazakavage
Vote: 4-0; unanimous

2. Resolution #R010-2023 – Fixing a Date for Annexation Public Hearing submitted by G&J Development, LLC

Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway stated staff has received a voluntary annexation petition submitted by G&J Development, LLC for approximately 28.35 acres located at 5963 NC-210, Angier, NC (Harnett County PINs: 0662-68-5452.000; 0662-68-6638.000; and 0662-68-0457.000). The Town Clerk has investigated the sufficiency of the annexation petition, and the next step is for the Board to set a date for the Public Hearing as June 6, 2023.

Mr. Hicks advised the Board to be aware of the distance out of Town and what may be involved as this annexation is located near North Harnett School Road.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve Resolution #R010-2023 Fixing a Date for Annexation Public Hearing submitted by G&J Development, LLC for June 6, 2023.

Motion: Commissioner Coats
Vote: 4-0; unanimous

3. Resolution #R011-2023 – Fixing a Date for Annexation Public Hearing submitted by CBD-MMP JV, LLC

Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway stated staff has received a voluntary annexation petition submitted by CBD-MMP JV, LLC for approximately 40 acres located off Matthew Mills Pond Road, Angier, NC (Harnett County PIN: 0673-23-1894.000). The Town Clerk has investigated the sufficiency of the annexation petition, and the next step is for the Board to set a date for Public Hearing as June 6, 2023.

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to approve Resolution #R011-2023 Fixing a Date for Annexation Public Hearing submitted by CBD-MMP JV, LLC for June 6, 2023.

Motion: Commissioner Price
Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Manager's Report

- Department Reports (Informational Items included in Agenda packets)

Mr. Hicks stated staff has been working diligently on FY 23/24 Budget. We are still waiting on quotes for employee health insurance as well as property and liability insurance. He informed the Board that Derek McLean has extended an invitation to the Board to attend Thursday evening's games. It will be one of the busiest days of the year. Mr. Hicks also announced that our new Planning Director, Jeff Jones, will be starting May 8th.

Chief Thompson announced that the Town of Angier's National Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 4th at Noon located at Depot Square.

Commissioner Price thanked Commissioner Coats for donating a new butterfly and two dragonfly metal art pieces to Jack Marley Park.

Community Development Coordinator Casey Todd stated Angier will be getting a new pizza restaurant. She informed the Board that she is working on an Environmental Enhancement Grant to help the park with some improvements.

Commissioner Price explained that as a member of the ABC Board, he requested that the Town Attorney draft a letter in regards to Bob Jusnes' comment earlier. The Board has made a decision regarding his complaint and would like to share those findings.

Mayor & Town Board Reports

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(5) to discuss possible land acquisition and (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter at approximately 7:49pm.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Board Action: The Town Board unanimously voted to reconvene in open session at approximately 10:00pm.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

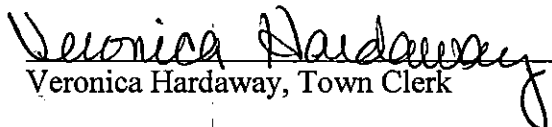
Vote: 4-0; unanimous


Adjournment: Being no further business, the Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hawley

Vote: 4-0; unanimous

Attest:


Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk


Robert K. Smith, Mayor

