

**TOWN OF FOUR OAKS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8TH, 2022
AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - (a) Town Council Meeting – July 11th, 2022
- 4) Presentation
 - (a) Special presentation by Patricia Chisolm-Jones
 - (b) Four Oaks Elementary School – TJ Parrish, Principal
 - (c) Four Oaks Middle School – Anthony Whitaker, Principal
 - (d) South Johnston High School – William Weaver, Principal
 - (e) Four Oaks Chamber of Commerce – Joan Pritchett
- 5) Proclamations
 - (a) Kathy Parrish
 - (b) Barry Stanley
- 6) Public Comments
- 7) Public Hearings
 - (a) Amendments to Town & Zoning Ordinances for Chapter 160D
- 8) New Business
 - (a) Resolutions for Annexation Investigation – Ironwood Developers, LLC, located off Keen Rd & Four Oaks Parkway, Four Oaks, NC, Parcels # 08I11071 & 08I11075A
 - (b) Certification of Municipal Declaration to Enact 25 Speed Limit on SR 1377 – Church Street
- 9) Mayor's Comments
- 10) Department Reports
 - (a) Police – Hatch
 - (b) Parks & Rec & Outreach – Robertson
 - (c) Water and Sewer – Hines
 - (d) Sanitation & Streets – Surles
 - (e) Finance – Hardy

Adjournment

TOWN OF FOUR OAKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 8TH, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Vic Medlin called the August 8th, 2022 regular scheduled Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present included Commissioners Andy Hardy, Mike Hines, Kim Robertson, and Carles Surles. Also, present were Public Works Director Barry Stanley; Police Chief Stephen Anderson; Planning & Zoning Administrator Pauline Ketchum; Town Clerk Martha Garriss recording minutes; and Mike Dart from FO Benson New in Review. Not present and excused Commissioner John Hatch.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Surles gave the opening Invocation with Andrew Carroll leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Town Council Meeting – July 11th, 2022

Commissioner Surles made a motion to approve the Town Council regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, voting unanimous.

Presentation

Special Presentations by Patricia Chisolm-Jones

Mrs. Patricia Chisolm-Jones presented Mayor Medlin and Commissioner Robertson, each, on behalf of the Acorns of Color group a plaque with the newspaper article of them taking office as Mayor and Commissioner. Mrs. Chisolm-Jones also presented a gift to Mike & Adam Carroll of Meherrin Fertilizer in appreciation and as an expression of generosity for the new roof they put on Disabled Veteran Andre Wright's home at 120 W Allen St., whom was recommended by Mrs. Chisolm-Jones and Mayor Medlin.

Community Development Donations for Schools & Chamber

Commissioner Hardy presented the following community development donations from the Town. He commented the Board continues to support the previous Mayor's concept of the three-legged stool for a good community: churches (have faith-based community), good schools, & got to support the merchants.

- a) Four Oaks Elementary School - \$1,000, TJ Parrish, Principal, was present to accept the donation to use as needed. Mr. Parrish thanked the Board and shared a few upcoming dates: (1) August 8 – Kindergarten orientation; (2) August 18 - meet the Principal Night at 6 pm; & (3) August 25 - orientation for grades 1-5.
- b) Four Oaks Middle School - \$1,000, Anthony Whitaker, Principal, was present to accept the donation to use as needed. Mr. Whitaker thanked the Board.
- c) South Johnston High School - \$1,000, William Weaver, Principal, was present to accept the donation to use as needed. Mr. Weaver passed out a gift to each Commissioner. Mr. Weaver extended his thanks to the Board and shared a few comments: (1) parking lot was

- paved over the summer, (2) addition to the football stadium was under construction; & (3) stated everyone is welcome at South Johnston anytime.
- d) Four Oaks Chamber of Commerce - \$12,000, Joan Pritchett, director, was present to accept the donation. Joan thanked the Board on behalf of the Chamber and commented the Chamber has a lot going on: (1) Acorn Festival - September 10, there will be vendors, food trucks, and entertainment; (2) Oyster Roast – Nov. 10; (3) Christmas Tree Lighting and Movie – Dec. 2; & (4) Christmas Parade – Dec. 3. She encouraged everyone to check out and visit frequently the Chambers new website.

Proclamations

Proclamation Honoring Kathy Parrish – Commissioner Robertson read & presented a proclamation honoring Kathy Parrish on her retirement from the Johnston County Public School System after thirty-three and one-half years of service in education.

Proclamation Honoring Barry Stanley – Commissioner Hardy read and presented a proclamation honoring Barry Stanley on receiving the Outstanding Firefighter Honor from Johnston Now Magazine and for his invaluable service he provides to the citizens of Four Oaks and surrounding communities.

Public Comments - None

Public Hearings

Mayor Medlin called the meeting into a public hearing.

Pauline Ketchum, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported the Planning Board met on Tuesday, August 2nd for a work session.

Mrs. Ketchum relayed the Planning Board felt with so many requests received that it would benefit the Town to amend the zoning ordinance for modular homes from a special use to a permitted use in the R-A zoning district and was recommending the amendment to the Board. Modular homes are built off-site and assembled on the property, while a stick-built home is constructed in one place on-site. Both homes have permanent foundations and follow the same NC 2018 building codes.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment:

Section 307. Four Oaks Table of Uses (see the attached table of uses)

Amend Modular Home to be a Permitted Use in the RA-Residential Agricultural District instead of a Special Use.

There were no public comments. Mayor Medlin closed the public hearing. Motion to approve amending modular homes to be a permitted use instead of being a special use in the R-A zoning district was made by Commissioner Hines, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, voting unanimous.

New Business

Resolutions for Annexation Investigation – Ironwood Developers, LLC, located off Keen Rd & Four Oaks Parkway, Four Oaks, NC, Parcels # 08I11075A & 08I11071

Mrs. Ketchum relayed an application for a voluntary annexation had been received for Parcels # 08I11075A (contiguous) & 08I11071 (non-contiguous) located off Four Oaks Parkway and Keen Rd., Four Oaks, NC., owner & petitioner Ironwood Developers, LLC to develop and have town services. Motion to approve the resolution directing the Town Clerk to investigate the petition for a voluntary annexation for Parcels # 08I11075A & 08I11071 received under GS 160A-31 and GS 160A-58.1, respectively, was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Hines, voting unanimous.

Certification of Municipal Declaration to Enact 25 Speed Limit on SR 1377 – Church Street

Mayor Medlin presented the certification of municipal declaration to enact 25 speed limit on SR 3177 or Church Street. The speed limit signs are 25 mph but the NCDOT owns Church Street and anything the NCDOT has right-of-way on is 35 mph so the Board must approve the said certification to the NCDOT to declare the 25 mph speed limit for Church St. Motion to approve the certification as presented was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Surles, voting unanimous.

Mayor's Comments - None

Department Reports

Police – Chief Stephen Anderson

Chief Anderson read the monthly police report (attached). Chief reported: (1) Officer Britt would be moving into the SRO position when school starts; (2) the department has one cadet starting BLET training that will join the team when completed and another he signed sponsorship for who will hopefully join after attending the Wayne County BLET program. Commissioner Hardy asked if he had spoken with the schools about traffic. Chief responded no but will do that.

Parks & Rec and Outreach – Robertson

Commissioner Robertson reported: (1) there was approximately 120 registered for football and cheer and practice would begin August 9th; & (2) she was working on the \$10,000 AFP project grant to assist with better accessibility and was considering using it towards replacing the brick walkways in Barbour's Grove Park with cement to make it safer and wanted direction from the Board. Barry Stanley commented there was a need for additional football helmets due to the increase in number of kids. Mayor Medlin directed her to move forward with the grant for the park and Barry to get the helmets needed. Note: At the July Board meeting, the board voted for Commissioner Robertson to seek the \$10,000 AFP Project Grant and the Town will help in any way needed.

Water and Sewer – Hines

Commissioner Hines read the water and sewer report (attached). Water had revenue of \$44,107 and the sewer had revenue of \$38,579. The 12-month daily average per gallon was a 4% loss for water and 13% loss for sewer.

Sanitation & Streets

Commissioner Surles reported (1) streets & sanitation were good; & (2) ditches are being cleaned out but still need work to help the water flow and eliminate drainage issue before any bad storms come.

Finance – Hardy

Commissioner Hardy read the financial report (attached) with total funds of \$3,915,102. Commissioner Hardy made a motion to approve the July payables listed in the attached report, seconded by Commissioner Surles, voting unanimous.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Robertson to move out of regular session and into executive session to discuss economic development matters, voting unanimous.

No actions taken or motions made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Hines to move out of executive session and into regular session, voting unanimous

Adjournment

With no further business brought before the Town Council, motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. was made by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Hines, voting unanimous.



Vic Medlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Martha Garriss, NCCMC
Town Clerk