

Regular Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lillington, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. held virtually through ZOOM

Board Members Present: Mayor Glenn McFadden
Mayor Pro Tempore Marshall Page
Commissioner Rupert Langdon
Commissioner Dianne Johnson
Commissioner Tim Stephens
Commissioner Neil McPhail

Staff Present: Joseph Jeffries, Town Manager
Lisa Young, Assistant Town Manager
Alicia Gregory, Management Analyst/Town Clerk
Josh Perry, Planning & Inspections
Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney

Call to Order & Welcome: Mayor Glenn McFadden called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance at 6:00 pm.

Invocation: Commissioner Page held the invocation.

Agenda Consideration: Mayor Glenn McFadden presented the agenda for consideration by Town Board. Commissioner Page moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and approved unanimously. (Minute Book Notation: Agenda is on file at Lillington Town Hall).

The Board was polled and approved the Consideration of the Agenda unanimously.

Public Comment: Mayor Glenn McFadden inquired as to whether anyone wished to address the Town Board.

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Langdon moved that the consent agenda items be approved as submitted to the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Page and the Board was polled and the consent agenda items were approved unanimously:

Item #1

Work Session Minutes from September 14, 2020 Minutes were approved.

Item #2

Closed Session Minutes from September 14, 2020 Minutes were approved.

Item #3

Regular Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2020 Minutes were approved.

Item #4

Recessed Regular Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2020
Minutes were approved.

Item #5

FY20-21 Budget Amendment #3

Amendment was approved.

Item #6

Agreement for Engineering Services to the Town of Lillington for the Golden Leaf Foundation Sewer Rehabilitation 2020

Agreement was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #10 Public Hearing on the Question of Annexation of the Noncontiguous Satellite Area PIN#: 0558-96-9735.000, 0568-06-1481.000, 0558-95-7869.000, 0568-05-3943.000, 0558-95-9554.000 Case Number ANX-21-02

Mayor McFadden opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor McFadden recognized Alicia Gregory, Management Analyst/Town Clerk. Ms. Gregory stated the Town of Lillington received a petition under §160A-58.1 for satellite annexation. The Town Board by Resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. In accordance with §160A-58.2 the Town Board called a Public Hearing for the question of annexation for a 36.651-acres being PIN #0558-96-9735.000, 0568-06-1481.000, 0558-95-7869.000, 0568-05-3943.000, 0558-95-9554.000 Case Number ANX-21-02.

Mayor McFadden polled the Board of Commissioners and there were no additional questions.

As there were no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

Item #11 Public Hearing on the Question of Zoning Assignment for Newly Incorporated City Limits

Mayor McFadden opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor McFadden recognized Josh Perry, Planning & Inspections. Mr. Perry explained the applicant is proposing a RS20 Zoning District with plans of single family residential home. This would allow the applicant to construct a single family dwelling.

Evaluation:

The impact to the adjacent property owners and the surrounding community is reasonable, and the benefits of the rezoning outweigh any potential inconvenience or harm to the community.

REASONING: The requested zoning assignment to Residential Single Family RS20 will not have a negative impact on the community as it is similar in nature to existing uses within this area.

The requested zoning assignment is compatible with the existing Land Use Classification.

REASONING: The requested zoning district is compatible with this area's land use classification of Single Family Residential and Agricultural Farm land.

The proposal does enhance or maintain the public health, safety and general welfare.

REASONING: The requested rezoning to Residential Single Family RS20 would maintain or enhance the public health, safety, and general welfare due to area's existing Single Family Residential and Agricultural land uses.

Mayor McFadden polled the Board of Commissioners and there were no additional questions.

As there were no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #9 Consideration of Board of Adjustment Appointments

Mayor McFadden recognized Alicia Gregory, Town Clerk. Mrs. Gregory stated Per Section 32.45-49 of the Lillington Code of Ordinances; the Planning Board has one (1) vacancy open for appointment. Three applicants have applied for the vacancy. All applications are attached.

The proposed reappointment terms are as follows:

| Name | Address | Proposed Term |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Anna Bryant | 109 Woodwater Circle | October 2020 – October 2022 |
| Terry Beatty | 811 Garden Street | October 2020 – October 2022 |
| Brenda Langdon | 806 Lakeside Drive | October 2020 – October 2022 |

A motion was made by Commissioner Page to appoint Brenda Langdon to the Lillington Planning Board.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor McFadden asked if there was another motion on the table.

Commissioner Johnson stated she felt the Board was struggling to make a decision because all three applicants were great candidates.

Commissioner McPhail asked to make a few comments. He stated he called each one of the applicants. He explained he spoke with Ms. Anna Bryant and she has a very energetic personality and thought she would be a great applicant. He stated Mr. Terry Beatty is a local builder and felt he would be very capable of servicing this position well. He said he also spoke with Mrs. Brenda Langdon and said she is a lifelong resident of the Town and he felt she would service the Board well also. He stated that all three candidates are very capable and would serve the Planning Board well.

Commissioner Page made another motion to appoint Brenda Langdon to the Lillington Planning Board. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

The Board was polled and the motion carried 4-0.

(Commissioner Langdon had lost connection to the meeting and did not vote).

Item #10 Consideration of ABC Board Appointments

Mayor McFadden recognized Alicia Gregory, Town Clerk. Mrs. Gregory stated Per the requirements of GS § 18B 700, the Lillington Board of Alcoholic Control has two (2) vacancy open for appointment. These terms expired October 1, 2020. Mr. Frank Powers and Mr. Pete McPherson as requested reappointment to the Board. If appointed, their term will be October 2020 – October 2023.

Commissioner Stephens asked how long these individuals have served.

Ms. Gregory stated this will be Mr. Powers second term if reappointed. She then stated Mr. McPherson has served several terms on the Board.

Commissioner Stephens asked how many of these folks live and pay taxes in Lillington.

Ms. Gregory stated only Mr. McPherson lives in Lillington.

Commissioner Stephens stated that one lady said she was on the ABC Board for thirty nine years and he felt that was a little bit long. And he then asked if the Board Members are paid and how much.

Ms. Gregory stated she was unsure of the amount they were paid but the Town does not pay them.

Commissioner Stephens said “so we have a Board member who is paid by another Board and is on two Boards that pay?”

Mayor McFadden stated yes that is correct.

Commissioner Langdon stated what is our alternative. We have two vacancies and only two people applied.

Mayor McFadden stated it must be filled and that the Town advertised the vacancies.

Commissioner Stephens said that we need to find out as much as we can about appointees before we put them back on a Board.

Mayor McFadden stated as soon as the packets come out you have the applications available to call any applicant.

Commissioner Langdon asked if we had completed and fulfilled our obligation on filling these appointments.

Mayor McFadden stated yes we have fulfilled all requirements and placed on the Town’s LED sign.

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Commissioner Stephens stated that just because we fulfilled our obligation does not mean we did a good job.

Commissioner Johnson stated this has come up before and she knows it was advertised, but could the Board be notified sooner so they can try and get people to apply for the Boards.

Mayor McFadden stated if you have to twist someone's arm to apply, why would you want them to serve. He said we are utilizing our resources to let people know the vacancies are available, but we can't make people apply for them.

Commissioner Johnson stated when we needed new Board Members in the past other Board members would try and find them and encourage them to participate.

Mayor McFadden stated to seek whoever you would like as long as they meet the requirements of the position.

Commissioner Langdon stated as I said last time, I would whole lot rather have someone who wants to do the job, instead of someone who doesn't. That those who volunteer do a much better job.

Commissioner Langdon made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Frank Powers and Mr. Pete McPherson to the ABC Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Commissioner Stephens asked if the ABC Board could continue to operate without these appointments. He stated he would rather have a twisted arm than no arm.

Mayor McFadden stated that he felt that was unfair to the individuals who took the time to apply and then give others extra time to apply past the timeframe for applications.

Commissioner Stephens again asked if the ABC Board could operate without these appointments.

Mayor McFadden stated no they could not operate because they would not have a quorum to do their business.

The Board was polled and the motion was approved 4-1. Commissioner Stephens voted against the motion.

**Item #11 Consideration of a Façade Grant Application for 506 W. Front Street
"Afterburner Cigar Lounge"**

Mayor McFadden recognized Alicia Gregory, Town Clerk. Ms. Gregory stated Eric Brewington (Afterburner Cigar Lounge) is requesting a Façade Grant Award for the improvements to the building located at 506 W. Front Street. The proposed improvements include a new awning for the front of the building. The Lillington Façade Grant Program awards up to \$1,000.00 for applicable, exterior improvements in the downtown district. Ms. Gregory recommended the approval of \$617.92 for the Façade Grant Award to the "Afterburner Cigar Lounge".

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A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Façade Grant Award in the amount of \$617.92. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McPhail. The Board was polled and the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Stephens voting against the approval of the Façade Grant Award.

Non-Agenda Items: Mayor Glenn McFadden inquired as to whether there were any non-agenda items that should be addressed by Town Board members or staff.


Mayor McFadden stated that Lillington has been participating in several baseball tournaments and stated Mr. William Baker has been going above and beyond to ensure the baseball fields and facilities are ready to house these tournaments. He stated if you see Mr. Baker please give him a pat on the back and let him know what a great job he has been doing.

There were no additional comments.

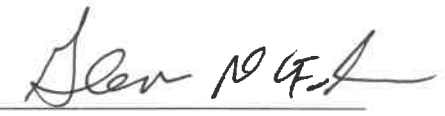
Adjournment: The meeting was recessed to Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. following the unanimous approval of a motion by Commissioner Langdon and a second by Commissioner Page.

The Board was polled and the meeting was recessed.

Attest:


Alicia L. Gregory, Town Clerk




Glenn McFadden, Mayor