

NAVASSA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2009

7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eulis Willis, Mayor
Michael Ballard, Councilman
Milton Burns, Councilman

Jerry Merrick, Councilman
Craig Suggs, Councilman
Antonio Burgess, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT

Claudia Bray, Town Administrator
Travis Barnes, Planner
Al Beatty, Zoning Administrator

Charlena Alston, Town Clerk
Alonza Davis
Elton Daniels

CITIZENS & VISITORS PRESENT

Henry & Janice Robbins
Josie Lewis
William White
Louis Brown
Leon Bowman
Barbara Thomas
Bun Bethel

Marie Davis
Frank Willis
Andre Andrews
Henry Andrews
Sabrina Malloy
Ruby Brown

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURNS THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS ACCEPT AND ADOPTED WITH THE CORRECTION DELETING THE DUPLICATE CITIZENS NAME MARIE DAVIS AND NEHEMIAH HOLLIDAY. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Elton Daniels the magistrate for Brunswick County issued the Oath of Office.

“I, Eulis Willis, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be alert and vigilant to enforce the laws of this State; that I will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice; that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and execute the duties of my office as a City Council Member according to the best of my skill, abilities, and judgment; so help me, GOD”.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 17th day of December 2009.

“I, Jerry Merrick, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be alert and vigilant to enforce the laws of this State; that I will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice; that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and execute the duties of my office as a City Council Member according to the best of my skill, abilities, and judgment; so help me, GOD”.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 17th day of December 2009.

“I, Antonio Burgess, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be alert and vigilant to enforce the laws of this State; that I will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice; that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and execute the duties of my office as a City Council Member according to the best of my skill, abilities, and judgment; so help me, GOD”.

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GOVERNANCE

Mayor asks council for nomination for Mayor Pro-Tem.

- Councilman Suggs nominated Councilman Merrick for Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Councilman Burgess nominated Councilman Ballard for Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Councilman Burns made a motion to close the nomination on said two names.
- Two votes by show of hands for Councilman Merrick.
- Three votes by show of hands for Councilman Ballard.

Vote was done by a show of hands.

Ethics Training will be held in March and Mayor request that Council and necessary staff attend.

FOLLOWUP ACTION FROM MINUTES

The town received the land auction re-bid in the amount of \$33,500.

- COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURNS TO ACCEPT THE BID. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN BALLARD MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUGGS TO ACCEPT THE STIMULUS GRANT POLICY AND PROCEDURES RESOLUTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURNS TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NOT GREATER THAN \$14,000 FOR POLICE CAR. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Town Planner gave the following report:

- The Planning Board has been making progress on a noise and nuisance ordinance that will gradually work towards improving the town by removing sources of blight and encouraging increased civic pride. The Planning Board and staff will present a summary of the options Navassa has for administering code enforcement and these options will be given to the Town Council for their review.
- The Planning Board has been working on reviewing the board's bylaws under the new Zoning Ordinance and will be making a recommendation up to the Town Council for consideration once a final draft is agreed upon by the board in January.
- The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30 pm and members from the public are encouraged to attend.
- Staff attended the North Carolina Storm water Best Management Practices Reviewer Certification Course on December 8th & 9th which will aid the town's Environmental and Storm water Advisory Committee with developing a storm water ordinance. Staff is also interviewing three applicants for the Planning Internship position in January. The intern will be a graduate student from UNCW who will help the town in conducting planning research and will developing a storm water education program.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Planner gave a brief about the Street Renaming Policy.

- COUNCILMAN BALLARD MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUGGS TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE STREET RENAMING POLICY. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS

A meeting with McDavid on CDBG Amendment will be December 22nd at 10:00 am.

Council will hold their retreat January 30th at 8:00 am.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Councilman Ballard gave the following report:

- Request speed bumps on Plum Street because traffic flows at a high speed.
- Still meeting with Allen Pope regarding the ditch drainage problem on Cedar Hill Road.
- Mayor request that Ballard address the beaver situation on Cedar Hill Road/South Navassa road with Mr. Pope.

CITIZENS

- a) Louis Brown request that the pledge of allegiance be added the agenda.
- b) Frank Willis reminded council that they are held accountable for all decisions made regarding the town and express concern about the Phoenix district.
- c) Marie Davis asks when the speed bumps will be placed on Plum Street.
- d) Edward McKinnon addresses the drainage problem on Broadway Street.
- e) Bun Bethel request to see council involve more with the public and would like for the Mayor to be address as such not by his first name or nickname.
- f) William White asks when the town will be hiring a police chief.
- g) A resident ask if there was an ordinance concerning slaughter animals.
- h) Barbara Thomas request that the board leave hostile feeling for on another or public outside of the door when attending meetings.

ADJOURN

COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERRICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Mayor

[Approval Date: February 18th