

**TOWN OF CAMERON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 27, 2023

MINUTES

Mayor Bauerband called the meeting to order at 6pm, present were Mayor Pro Tempore Joey Frutche, Commissioner Lisa Paschal, Commissioner Kane Parsons, Commissioner Michael Williamson and Commissioner Tanya Nicely.

REGULAR MEETING

A. Approval of Agenda

The Town Clerk asked for an item to be added under new business, letter N. Audit Contract. Commissioner Paschal made a motion to approve amended agenda, all in favor, motion passes.

B. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from May 23, 2023, Public Hearing, Local Historic District Adoption
- Minutes from May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from May 30, 2023, Budget Work session
- Minutes from June 13, 2023, Public Hearing, Budget Adoption for 2023-2023

Commissioner Williamson made a motion to accept all minutes as written, all-in favor, motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (there is a sign-up sheet) Comments are limited to three minutes. If additional time is desired, it requires approval of the Board.

- Stephanie Sellars with Sandhills Sentinel reported she has reviewed copies of Planning Board minutes since January that were provided by the Town Clerk. She wanted to review the last article about the discord on the board, upon retraction, once of the members on the Planning Board, all members opposed the idea of increasing lot size, Chair Joey Frutche was in favor of. In the May article she reported that the one Planning Board member who voted against increasing lot size was asked to resign, after review of minutes that was not so, other members were opposed as well, so she will be reprinting the article. Commissioner Nicely noted that even though Gail Brown was not the only one in opposition, she was the only one asked to resign. Sellars said this wasn't brought up at the May meeting, and Nicely responded, the person was brought this up and asked for resignation was not present at the May meeting. Retraction will be that Gail Brown was not the only Planning Board member opposed to increasing lot size per Sellars. Commissioner Parsons added that Gail Brown was not singled out because of her opposition, he suggested that Brown resign because she doesn't live here, he did not demand, and that we should follow the rules. Mayor Bauerband noting the 3-minute mark is approaching, so we will end with this.

NEW BUSINESS

C. NCRWA Presentation, Matt Casto, NCRWA

Matt Casto, Circuit Rider with NCRWA provides technical assistance. Annual conference for training, vendors, classes, and awards for people who are deserving of recognition for outstanding service. Assisted with others a little over a year ago to try to help clean up the water system and determine what was going on, over the course Matt got to know the Town Clerk, Wendy Butner well and nominated her for the Administrative Personnel Award, Matt said

Wendy deserves this award, she goes above and beyond anything he has ever seen a Town Clerk do before, adding the Town is very blessed to have Wendy as their Town Clerk. The ways she grabs the bull by the horns, when the water situation came up, she jumped on it and addressed it immediately, she took it personal and fixed it, one of the things she said to me that really stuck out was when talking about what brought you to this job? Wendy replied, I had the opportunity to come home, that really hit me in my heart. I see that she really cares about the Town, people, and job. She has gone above and beyond, she operates the water system daily, has taken the C-Well Class and will sit for the certification exam later this year, this is unheard of for a Town Clerk to do, she didn't have to do it, she wanted to do it, so I am here to present this award to Wendy.

- D. Presentation for Town Hall Security Cameras, Layne Martindale, Vector Security
Layne Martindale presented quotes for cameras and security systems for the Town. The total cost of the systems is \$ 4578.30 with a monthly fee that includes maintenance and monitoring for all is \$ 69.30, noting the three-year contract. Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey noted Vector is much less cost wise than previous quotes from Central Security, he made a motion to accept, all in favor, motion passes. Funds will come from Police Dept for fiscal year 2023. Martindale will schedule installation with the Town Clerk.
- E. Revisit Quote for Security Door Lock for Town Hall, Town Clerk
Covered under Letter D, due to cost and keeping all systems with one company, will go with Vector Security.
- F. Amend Holiday Schedule to allow for Juneteenth, Mayor Bauerband
Mayor Bauerband stated that in 2021 the State of NC adopted Juneteenth as a State Holiday, the Town of Cameron did not recognize it in 2021 and it was not adopted for 2022, the Town follows the State Holiday schedule and would like a motion to add to Holiday schedule, also noting that the Town Clerk is due the day for 2021. Commissioner Williamson made a motion to adopt into Holiday Schedule, all in favor, motion passes.
- G. Resident Suggestions, Commissioner Paschal
Commissioner Paschal presented the idea for a resident suggestion box where residents can leave feedback, ideas, etc. Box will be at Town Hall.
- H. Downtown Beautification Discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey
Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey shared that in the upcoming budget the board had included some funds for downtown appearance to include pole banners and decorative street lighting to begin. The decorative streetlights are leased from Duke Energy, will invite a representative from Duke Energy to the next meeting to share ideas and thoughts about placement etc. Commissioner Nicely said she would like to see about removal of the old unused poles in downtown. Frutchey made a motion to pursue obtaining designs to present at the next meeting, all in favor, motion passes.
- I. Discussion of formation of Dewberry Barn Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey
The grant has been awarded, significantly less than applied for, the need to be careful with what we were awarded and get the most for it, be wise. Town Clerk spoke with Triangle J and it was suggested to pull together a committee for this project. Mayor Bauerband stated this is fast and that we need to be in a contract by August 31, 2023. A design needs to be developed and priced and submitted to State, rough ideas and quotes only were submitted with application. Frutchey suggested including the Historic Preservation Commission to get an idea of what barns of the

era would have looked like back in time and move forward with a plan to present. Bauerband likes Laura Younts barn, invited others to go see. Frutchey said we need to form a committee as soon as possible. Laura Younts invited everyone to join in Congratulations! Bauerband feels the grant reviewers looked at this and said this is what we are looking to fund. These are federal funds by the way of the state (NC Dept of Commerce). Stephanie Sellars asked how much the Town is willing to pay for design plans, Bauerband replied to the Town does not have to hire a designer for plans and at this time that is unknown. Sellars also asked if the Town is open to having design plans donated. Bauerband replied, absolutely. Commissioner Nicely asked if the project could be phased out? Bauerband replied, yes but it must be rentable.

J. Planning Board ETJ Member Appointment, Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey

Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey shared that Mr. Sean Long had expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board as an ETJ member and met the requirements, the Moore County Board of Commissioner's had approved, so the Oath of Planning Board Member was administered by the Town Clerk. Mr. Long shared that he has been a resident for the last 10 years and loves the Cameron community and wants to be a part of it.

K. SB675 Opposition Letter, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk, Wendy Butner provided SB675 update, with current revisions the bill will not impact Moore County, however; along with other municipalities in Moore County, it is good practice to address the Moore County Board of Commissioner's with a letter from the Town showing the Town is in opposition to this bill to have on file for the record, as they (Moore County Board of Commissioner's) were going to show support of SB675 initially. Butner has composed a letter and provided it to the Town Board, Mayor Bauerband shared that she has read the letter thoroughly and that it covers everything needed to be addressed. Commissioner Nicely made a motion that the Town sign the letter and submit it to the Clerk for the Moore County Board of Commissioners, all agree, motion passes. Commissioner Nicely thanked Butner for staying on top of this issue and for attending the Moore County Board of Commissioner's meetings. Mayor Pro Tempore also thanked Butner for presenting on behalf of the Town, he understands the information was well received.

L. Interconnection Deed of Dedication, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk presented that the State has given the final approval on the Interconnect, and it is now time to sign it over to Moore County, who will control the functions when/if needed. Commissioner Nicely made a motion to sign the Deed of Dedication, all in favor, motion passes. Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey also noted that it could be used if needed in cases other than emergency. The Town Clerk noted that the County is responsible for maintain per agreement.

M. GFL Increase, Town Clerk

CPI has been received and carts are increasing 52 cents per month, to cover this increase, we need to raise the rate from \$11 month to \$12 month. Commissioner Williamson reported that we checked with other companies, and we are receiving a good price. Commissioner Nicely asked to check on if there is a spill such as a hydraulic spill etc, are they required to come clean it up? Commissioner Williamson made a motion to accept increase, all in favor, motion passes.

N. Audit Contract, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Butner presented Audit Contract for fiscal year 2023, Jyoti Singh is now out on her own, she worked last 5 years in McConnell's office, Jyoti will be writing audit, peer group will be reviewing. Frutchey stated this is a good thing, right? Nicely agreed. There have been some

issues with McConnell in the past, Bauerband stated this didn't come as a surprise, as he had given a heads up to this a while back. Overall fees increased \$250 for audit prep, review same price. Commissioner Nicely made a motion to approve contract with Jyoti Singh for audit, all in favor, motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

O. Consideration of Resolution Condemning Hate, Town Clerk

Commissioner Nicely apologized for participating in a Facebook post, her decision to participate has bothered her, she didn't feel it was a good representation of her nor the Town, she has fixed the post. Nicely doesn't feel we have to adopt a resolution to know this is real. Frutchey doesn't feel Town is pro hate. Commissioner Williamson asked if we had any info on the group, Bauerband replied nothing other than the presentation that the May 23 meeting. The Board agreed that the item has been addressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification – Sylvia Caddell reported the flags were flown, have volunteers helping with that. The stretch of flags has increased due to adding more flags, goal is from bridge to Park. Clean up date August 5, meet at Town Hall at 8am and go out in groups, clean street signs that need cleaning, pick up trash, pruning, and get grass off curbs. Jim Jolliff noted that all the signs on metal post are in violation to the sign ordinance, all signs will be removed and trashed. Volunteers are welcome.

Grant – Mayor Bauerband actively pursuing other grants, DEQ fall funding, she has reached out to LKC Engineering, Commissioner Paschal asked about ordinance for awnings, Commissioner Nicely inquired about the awning on Sullivan's, what an eyesore it is.

Historic- no meeting in July due to Holiday, upcoming meeting discussing conveyance deeds.

Park – Laura Younts researching grants and working with Lindsay Whitson of Triangle J. Currently working on the Z Reynolds Smith, PARTF, and CVB grants. Fundraising updates: \$11800.00 donations, \$2081.00 merchandise sales profit. Setting up at James Creek Cider House every 1st and 3^d Sunday selling merchandise. Laura asked the Board's opinion on the CVB grant, the Park will be applying for the CVB grant and wanted to see what they thought about glass dewberries by StarWorks, who made the pinecone for Pinecone Pathways, total for mold and 40 (minimum) dewberries # 5500.00, 6–8-week notice. Town Clerk Butner reported the outpouring attendance regarding looking for the pinecones. Lots of positive feedback on our park. Commissioner Nicely and Mayor Pro Tempore said she should pursue it. Younts also asked was it ok to set up at Park and sale merchandise from time to time and pass out Park surveys. The Board all agreed that was ok. Upcoming in September, Horse Paddy Bingo at Flint Rock Farm; Summer Reading Program, first week went well. Pooh Trail has been pushed to fall 2023, story still being written.

Planning - Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchey share the Planning Board is still working on and discussing Atkins Rd Subdivision, has been approached for a car road course – more to come (132.04 acres), Commissioner Nicely asked is the parcel was in the ETJ, Frutchey replied yes, just barely.

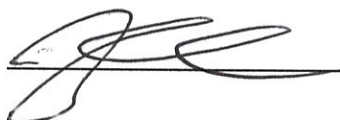
Public Safety- Waiting for solar speed sign placement assistance from Robbins Police Dept., no credible applications for Police Chief. Commissioner Williamson asked criteria for Police Chief position, what are we considering, criteria, requirements, schedules set by Board, varying.

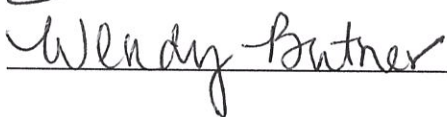
Street Fair – Commissioner Parsons shared the Spring fall went well, main concern is number of vendors have dwindled, upcoming Fall Street Fair the committee is focusing on attracting vendors. Town Clerk Butner shared we are obtaining quotes on advertising in vendor resources. Commissioner Nicely shared that she felt vamping up the downtown appearance will help attract vendors as well. Mayor Pro Tempore Frutchev talked with several vendors at Liberty and the vendors told him that there are not enough quality vendors to attract the clientele to purchase what I sale, lack of true antiques. Also, when the new management about 10 years ruined the show by the changes they implemented. Parsons said the complaints are not about the Town, Frutchev said the vendors see that the town is accommodating. Mrs. Sean Long asked about vendor guidelines, wanted to make sure there are no direct sales. Laura Younts added that Clark Ethridge, Park Committee member has military friends in need of documented volunteer hours for promotions, so we need to keep them in mind. The word Antiques needs to be emphasized and get back to that per Mayor Bauerband.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, all agree, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

 _____ Joey Frutchev
Ginger Bauerband, Mayor Pro Tempore

 _____ Wendy Butner, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

(ATTEST)