

Town of Cameron
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2022
7pm Town Hall

Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband called meeting to order at 7pm. In attendance were Commissioner Joey Frutchey, Commissioner Kane Parsons, Commissioner David Seiberling.

Oaths:

- A. POSTPONED: Swearing in Mayor
- B. Representative Jamie Boles was present and administered the Oaths for Commissioner Frutchey, Commissioner Parsons, and Commissioner Seiberling.

Representative Boles presented the Town of Cameron with a check from the State of NC for \$100,000.

Regular Meeting:

A. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda with exceptions as follows:

F. Old Business – remove Blow out valve update, Davis Reynolds was not present to provide update

G. New Business – remove #7 Water System Update, Davis Reynolds was not present to provide update and # 9 – Development Golf Course – Mayor Leiby not present to present
Commissioner Seiberling asked that Public Safety – Police Officer Update be moved to Old Business

Commissioner Seiberling made a motion to approve agenda, all agree, agenda approved.

B. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Seiberling made motion to approve minutes, all in favor, minutes approved.

C. Public Comments

None

D. Vacant Commissioner Seat

Tahserra Nichols spoke and shared her interest in in vacant seat.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband indicated there was another person interested from info shared by Mayor Leiby, that individual is not present tonight.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband to revisit vacant seat February 22, 2022, regular board meeting, all agree, motion approved.

E. Committee Reports

- Planning Board Recommendation – Commissioner Frutchey
Planning Board has been working on remaining ordinances and is prepared to bring those to the Board of Commissioners for a Public Hearing, ordinance changes are to Fences, Signs, and Mobile Home Parks. July 1, 2022 new Land Use Plan must be in place, Triangle J will assist with updating plan.
- Park – announcement of new committee member, Adam Ferguson
- Beautification – need volunteers, one person cannot do it by self

- Planning – looking for ETJ member
- Grants – Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband provided update on the Golden Leaf of NC and the Emergency Management thru the State of NC
- Historic – Commissioner Parsons / focus on preserving structures

F. Old Business

- **Police Chief Update**

Commissioner Seiberling stated that it has been a rocky road since interviews in October when offering the position to Jay Yarbrough. Commissioner Seiberling offered comments from the Board. Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband stated that issues have occurred, and the board was not aware of. She stated that the board had decided to suspend the hire until a later time when they can discuss the concerns. Candidate spoke and said he was an open book and was willing to speak in public to address concerns. Board agreed it will continue discussion at meeting that will reconvene on February 1, 2022 at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

- **Review and adopt Sidewalk/Pedestrian Plan**

Commissioner Frutchey made motion to adopt plan, all agree, plan adopted.

- **Purchase of Christmas Lights Update**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband reported that the 21 Pole Christmas lights have been ordered, totaling \$10,513.84; \$12,019.80 earmarked, leaving \$1505.96 for electrical updates with Duke energy approved electrician.

G. New Business

1. Write Off Uncollected Property Taxes over 10 years old
Commissioner Parsons made motion to write off uncollected property taxes, majority agrees, Commissioner Seiberling opposes, motion passes
2. Board action to correct 2021-2022 Budget – out of balance \$25
Decrease \$25 under Administration line equipment maintenance from \$500 to \$ 475; Commissioner Seiberling made motion to accept proposal, all agree, motion passes.
3. Resolution adopting 2022 Holiday Calendar
Commissioner Seiberling made motion to accept, all agree, motion passes.
4. Resolution accepting 2022 Town Board of Commissioner’s Meeting Schedule and Planning Board Schedule
Commissioner Parsons made motion to accept, all agree, motion passes.
5. Budget Amendment to move funds from Police salary to Public Safety Equipment
Proposal to move \$ 10,920 from Police Salary (unused budgeted amount from July 2021-January 2022) to Public Safety to allow purchase of gun safe, evidence locker update, signage to include speed enforced by radar, nor engine braking, and items needed
Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband made motion to accept, all agree, motion passes.
6. Recommendation to sale surplus property thru Gove Deals (Christmas Lights, Billy Goat, and Small Trailer)
Mayor Pro Tempore made motion to sale all surplus items minus Christmas Lights, until the new come in; Commissioner Parsons made motion to sale surplus items thru GovDeals minus Christmas Lights, all agree, motion passes.
7. Water System updates – removed

8. McDougald Street Repair – Horner Paving Quote presented, and motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband to accept pending the clarification that the quote provided will be for pavement that will support trash trucks. Powell Bill funds will be used to pay for this expense. All agree, motion passes.
9. Development Golf Course – removed

8:59pm Meeting recessed and will reconvene on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Meeting reconvened February 1, 2022, 6:30pm Town Hall

Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband called the meeting back to order at 6:30pm. It was noted that the Appointment of a Finance/Budget Officer was accidentally left off the agenda and that would need to happen at this meeting.

Purpose of reconvening due to concerns about Police Chief candidate:

Commissioner Frutchey made a motion to rescind the offer of hire to Jay Yarbrough, in agreement are Commissioner Parsons and Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband, opposed is Commissioner Seiberling, majority agrees, motion carries.

Appointment of Finance/Budget Officer:

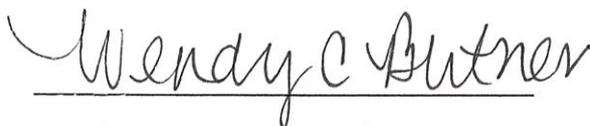
Traditionally Town Clerk has served in this role, Commissioner Seiberling served during time of Town Clerk absence. Commissioner Parsons made motion to appoint Wendy Butner, Town Clerk as Finance/Budget Officer, Commissioner Frutchey agrees, Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband agrees, Commissioner Seiberling opposes, majority carries, appointment passes.

Adjournment at 6:51pm by Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband.

Meeting back in session at 6:52pm, Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband administered Oath for Finance/Budget Officer.

Adjournment at 6:53pm.

Jim Leiby, Mayor



Wendy C. Butner

Wendy Butner, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

