

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2009

Members Present: Patty Philipps
Ed Hooks

Tim Bradley
Everette Greene

One vacancy exists.

Mayor Glendel Stephenson called the regular monthly meeting to order in the Civic Room of the Mebane Arts & Community Center at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Hooks asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Councilmember Bill Thornton. After the moment of silence, Councilmember Hooks gave the invocation.

Mayor Glendel Stephenson announced due to the Labor Day holiday, the September Council meeting scheduled for September 7, 2009 will be rescheduled for September 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Also requested by Council, the October Council meeting scheduled for October 5, 2009 will be rescheduled for October 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

The Council received a request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$17,530.00. City Manager Robert Wilson presented two (2) bids for the fencing along Washington Street at the new cemetery for Council's consideration. One of the bids received totaled \$7,065.00 for a 4ft. black vinyl chain link fence and the other totaled \$17,530.00 for a 4ft. ornamental steel fence. Mr. Wilson stated that staff recommends approval of the 4ft. ornamental steel fence with a bid total of \$17,530.00. After some discussion, Councilmember Hooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Greene, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$17,530.00 for the fence at the new cemetery. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a request from Police Chief Terry Caldwell for approval to create new positions within the Police Department. Chief Caldwell spoke concerning his request. He stated he would like to redirect two (2) positions within the agency. He stated since the retirement of Major K.D. Edmonds, Captain T.A. Byrd has unofficially served in that role. Chief Caldwell stated he would like to promote Captain T.A. Byrd to the position of Assistant Chief, incorporating a new title into the rank of Major Captain Byrd. Additionally, he would like to promote Lieutenant Putnam to Captain Lt. Putnam. He stated if his request is approved, he would make the promotion official within the next 30 days and place them on a 6 month probationary period. At the end of the 6 month probationary period, he would then like to explore possible changes in salaries.

Councilmember Hooks commended the Chief and the department. Councilmember Bradley agreed with Councilmember Hooks and made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Philipps, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Caldwell made two (2) additional announcements. He first announced that his department has received notification concerning the Byrne federal grant and can begin spending the monies from that grant. He also announced that the Mebane Police Department will be participating in the National Night Out on August 4, 2009. He stated this type of celebration is to build relationships between the community and law enforcement.

No one spoke during the Public Comment period.

A Public Hearing was held on a request from Mebane 8540, LLC & Brown Investment Properties, Inc. to amend the conditional use rezoning of property +/- 1.076 acres located on Arrowhead Blvd. within the Alamance County section from CU-O&I (Conditional Use-Office & Institutional) to CU-R-6 (Conditional Use-Multi-Family/Two Family

Residential) as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) previously amended by the City Council of February 2, 2009. Attorney Lawson Brown spoke concerning the request. Mr. Brown stated approximately two (2) acres of land, the Carden property, included in the previous approval has now been deleted. Mr. Brown stated there is a 30 ft. buffer with a 50ft. setback and they will be planting fast growing vegetation in the buffer.

No one from the Public spoke concerning the request. Councilmember Philipps questioned the pattern of ingress/egress of the Office & Institutional property that will remain next to the property in question. Attorney Brown answered it will not change.

Councilmember Bradley stated the plans are not changing from the original design. Therefore he made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hooks, to consider the request and to vote. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Greene made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Philipps to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a request from Mebane 8540, LLC & Brown Investment Properties Inc. for approval of Preliminary Subdivision Plat of "Arrowhead North, Section One". A subdivision previously amended by City Council on February 2, 2009 as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) located on Arrowhead Blvd. Councilmember Philipps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hooks, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a request from Allen S. Rowland for approval of a Final Subdivision Plat to subdivide +/-49.264 acres located at 2538 Kimrey Road & 2567 S. NC 119 Hwy into two lots. Mr. Rowland spoke on behalf of the request. After some discussion, Councilmember Bradley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hooks, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Ed Hooks requested to table the consideration for appointments to the Planning Board for the two vacant positions until the next Council meeting. The Council agreed, no formal action was taken.

As a past additional item, Councilmember Philipps stated that she and City Manager Robert Wilson attended a Piedmont Triad Council of Government meeting several months ago where they were introduced to a grant program intended to provide safe walking routes to schools for children. She stated that the City of Mebane only has two streets which are eligible under the criteria of the grant. She recommended that Council move forward in submitting the grant application. Mayor Stephenson stated that this grant would be a \$575,000 project, 80% being provided by the grant and 20% being matching by the City of Mebane. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed.

City Manager Robert Wilson stated as a past additional item, that Clay Street Project will be addressed next month by City Engineer Darrell Russell.

As a past additional item, City Manager Robert Wilson stated a meeting has been scheduled with Councilmember Philipps, a state consultant and staff to identify areas which could be eligible to be placed on the National Register of Historical Places. They will be looking within the city limits and in the ETJ.

As another past additional item, City Manager Robert Wilson stated as requested by Council, staff studied the issue of replacing 5-6 ft. sections of sidewalk along the Railroad on 3rd and 4th Streets, one being asphalt and the other concrete. The North Carolina Railroad has stated that plans must be submitted before the City can proceed with making any improvements. City Manager Wilson questioned if Council would still like for staff to proceed. Council questioned the cost of having plans drawn up. Council stated they would like for staff to proceed.

As additional items, Councilmember Hooks stated he has received several request from citizens to have bike trails established at Lake Michael. He stated he has also been contacted several times concerning the City's irrigation policies. He requested City Manager Robert Wilson to look at those policies closely. Additionally Councilmember

Hooks said he would like for staff to look into the possibility of the City having a dog park.

Councilmember Hooks spoke concerning an article/report that was written and published commending the City of Mebane's financial stability. He highly praised the staff and Council for their hard work.

Mayor Glendel Stephenson stated that artist Jill Troutman has presented some thoughts about doing some art work for the newly renovated City Hall. Mayor Stephenson requested for two (2) members of the Council to serve on a committee to meet with Ms. Troutman. Councilmember Philipps and Councilmember Greene agreed to serve on the committee.

The minutes of the July 13, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk
