

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2011

Members Present: Tim Bradley

Ed Hooks

Patty Philipps

Jill Auditori

Everette Greene

Mayor Stephenson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Mebane Municipal Building. Councilmember Bradley spoke a few words in remembrance of Jack Lancaster, retired Chief of the Mebane Volunteer Fire Department and downtown businessman, who passed away. Councilmember Bradley then gave the invocation.

Mayor Stephenson called the Council's attention to several memos within their packets including the notice for the March City/County Meeting, results from the 2010 Census Population Count, and results from the Video Survey. He also announced that the City of Mebane will be hosting a NCLM Regional Meeting on April 14, 2011.

The Council received a request from the Mebane Business Association to close streets downtown for the 23rd Annual Dogwood Festival on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30th. The Council directed City Manager Robert Wilson to make the decision. Mr. Wilson approved the request.

Mayor Stephenson recognized Boy Scout Troop #36. Troop Leader Lisa Arnette introduced the troop and briefly spoke about their goals to become Eagle Scouts.

The Council received a request for consideration of prohibiting parking on Oakfield Trail in the Village of Lake Michael subdivision. City Manager Robert Wilson stated he received a request from Tom Carver, resident and member of the Village of Lake Michael HOA advisory board, to have no parking signs placed on Oakfield Trail. City Manager Robert Wilson recommended having the Police Chief and Public Works Director to study this issue and report back with a recommendation.

Councilmember Bradley suggested that certain criteria be established for deciding no parking areas, speed limits and 4-way stops throughout the city in order to avoid inconsistencies. Mr. Wilson agreed that adopting such a policy would be a good idea and stated staff would work on this matter.

The Council received a request for approval of a Resolution Dissolving the Piedmont Triad Council of Government and Providing Distribution of Assets and Obligations. Councilmember Philipps spoke briefly on this matter. Councilmember Philipps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hooks, to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a request for Approval of a Resolution Formation and Membership in the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. Councilmember Hooks made a motion, seconded by

Councilmember Greene to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

No one spoke during the Public Comment period.

A Public Hearing was held on a request for approval of a proposed amendment to the City of Mebane's Unified Development Ordinance, Article 2, Section 2-2.A.1 Planning Board, Appointment and Terms of Planning Board Members. Mayor Stephenson stated the Public Hearing was continued from last month's meeting. City Attorney Charles Bateman said at last month's meeting staff and Council discussed what would be the appropriate number of members for the Planning Board and if there should be a limit on consecutive terms which a member can serve. He stated currently he has rewritten the proposed amendment to reflect a reduction in size from the current 14 members to 9 members (6 inside, 3 extra-territorial). He also stated he included an amendment which would remove the limitation on consecutive terms. Mr. Bateman said the reduction of current numbers shall be accomplished as terms expire; no sitting member shall be removed prior to the end of his/her term. No one from the public spoke concerning this matter. After considerable discussion among Council and staff, Councilmember Philipps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, to adopt the amendment as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a report that unpaid taxes that are liens on Real Property on the second Monday in February, 2011 totaled \$227,039.77. By motion of Councilmember Hooks, seconded by Councilmember Philipps, the Council voted unanimously to advertise the tax liens on April 13, 2011.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Tax Releases by motion of Councilmember Hooks, seconded by Councilmember Greene.

The Council received a request for approval of a document submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The Certificate of Municipal Declaration to Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence was in reference to rewriting an existing 45mph speed limit on a section of SR 1981, Trollingwood-Hawfields Road in Mebane. City Manager Robert Wilson spoke briefly concerning this matter. Councilmember Bradley questioned if Council could request NCDOT to concur with making that stretch of road 35 mph instead of 45 mph. City Manager Robert Wilson stated he would address the request with NCDOT. No formal action was taken.

The Council received a request for approval of a Resolution to Accept Pear Tree Road as a City Street at the request of NCDOT. Councilmember Hooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Philipps, to approve the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council received a request to reschedule the regular Council meeting date of April 4, 2011 until April 11, 2011. Councilmember Philipps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Greene, to reschedule to meeting date. The motion carried unanimously.

As an additional item, Councilmember Greene made a suggestion to begin making a video library recognizing Mebane's "Important People". Council directed staff to come back with some ideas on how to implement such a program.

City Manager Robert Wilson stated that a date needs to be set for a Budget Work Session to begin staff and Council discussions for the 2011-2012 Budget.

Councilmember Tim Bradley stated that recently the Council has had a lot of discussions concerning Ethics and commented on a recent book he read titled Ethics, Conflicts and Offices, authored by Fleming Bell of the UNC School of Government. He stated that a seminar lead by Mr. Bell for all Council members could prove to be very beneficial. Council directed City Clerk Stephanie Shaw to contact Mr. Bell about the possibilities of having him lead a seminar.

The minutes of the February 2, 2011 regular meeting were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk