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**TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 09, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Town of Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Thursday, March 09, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with the Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr. presiding.

Council Members Present: Sally P. Williams, Judy Jablonski, W. Paul Henkel, James K. Troutman, Paul R. Bryant

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Justin E. Longino, Town Manager; Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk; Steven H. Shealy, Finance Director; Erika G. Martin, Planning Director; Matthew A. Selves, Police Chief; Adam K. Lippard, Public Works Manager; Gary W. Thomas, Town Attorney

Press Present: Debbie Page, SVL Free News  
Jennifer Dandron, Statesville Record & Landmark

**MAYOR PRO TEM YOUNG CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**ITEM 1. MAYOR YOUNG WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**ITEM 2. INVOCATION** – Delivered by Pastor Ivan Cowan, New Life Missionary Baptist Church

**ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM 4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Deletion: Item 14. Introduction of Part Time Police Officer Jake Troutman.

Officer Troutman was unable to attend the meeting.

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henkel, and unanimously carried, agenda for the regular meeting of March 09, 2017 was approved as amended.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** *Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless the Mayor or a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item under New Business.*

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BRIEFING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 06, 2017**

**ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 06, 2017**

**ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 09, 2017**

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 09, 2017**

**ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SANDERS RIDGE SUBDIVISION**

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF DOG PARK NAMING RIGHTS “LAKE NORMAN HUMANE DOG PARK”**

Upon motion by Council member Jablonski, seconded by Council member Troutman, and unanimously carried, Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

(Copied in full, Sanders Ridge Preliminary Plat is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

## **RECOGNITIONS**

### **ITEM 12. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – LAKE NORMAN HUMANE (Maria Haughton Roberson, Lake Norman Humane), (Mayor Young)**

In presenting the certificate, Mayor Young read it aloud in recognition and appreciation of Lake Norman Humane for investing and supporting the town's dog park, deeming the naming rights the "Lake Norman Humane Dog Park".

Maria Haughton Roberson of Lake Norman Humane accepted the certificate stating it is a great opportunity for her as someone who grew up in Troutman to give back to the community and with her love of animals, it is a great way to create human and pet bonding. She stated that Lake Norman Humane is the merger of Friends of the Animals and the Humane Society of Iredell. Last year 872 cats and dogs were adopted. Lake Norman Humane is getting ready to build a Pet Education Adoption Center on Templeton Road between Exit 31 and Exit 33.

(Copied in full, Certificate of Recognition is filed on CD titled, "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in CD Book #1 titled, "Town Council Supporting Documents")

### **ITEM 13. EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT – Troutman Middle School (TMS), (Judy Jablonski, Council Member)**

Council member Jablonski presented Troutman Middle School (TMS) as the March 2017 Education Spotlight. Honoring by recognition, 24 students from TMS for their accomplishments.

The following students stood as they were recognized individually by Assistant Principal Kathy Walker for their accomplishments.

- Superior Bobcat Student Athletes: Karsen Clontz, Carley Hazelton, Shania Houser, and Maggie Jolly
- Outstanding Bobcat School Spirit: Clara Wilkinson
- Outstanding Bobcat Student Athlete: Morgan Leahy
- School Spelling Bee Champion: Aiden Reep
- Most Improved Artist: Avery Bellmann
- Exceptional Designer Artist: Angie Guerrero
- Outstanding Artist: Aniyah Mornson
- Iredell Statesville (All-County) Honors Band: Sarah Powell
- 2017 Battle of the Books Team (12 members) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place District Finish: Jordan DuTremble, Hailey Flinkingshelt, Linda Johnson, Erin Kimmel, Izzy Kimmel, Halston Mattingly, Sylvia Melvin, Aizak Silvis, Regan Stacy, Mahalia Torrence Hunter, Lana Vang, and Ashlynn Wagner

Following the recognitions, students came forward to shake the hands of Mayor Young and Town Council and be presented with a town medallion and patch from Mayor Young followed by taking of pictures.

### **ITEM 14. INTRODUCTION OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICER JAKE TROUTMAN, (Matthew Selves, Police Chief)**

*Deleted from the Agenda*

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### **ITEM 15. TROUTMAN ESC PARK, (*John Larew, Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman*)**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, John Larew, presented the following monthly park report:

- Painting of the pavilion is complete
- Dog Park fencing will arrive on March 17th. Before installation there are a few items that will need to be completed.
- Sprint into Spring was a success. Great turnout with 160 participants and a large number of volunteers. No injuries were reported.
- TYAA Spring soccer practice has started in the park.
- Construction of the Greenway connector has begun on Hwy 21 by Bell Construction Company.
- All park memorial bricks have been sold. Hoping to work with the CATS masonry students to get them in place.
- Poles have been installed for the Park gate.
- ESC interns has been painting a clear non-slip coating on the pavilion bathroom floor.

In the next Phase of the park, the committee is looking forward to the installation of a splash pad.

Mayor Young compliment the organizers and volunteers on the great job with the Sprint into Spring event.

Council member Bryant asked the official kick-off day for the Farmers Market. Planning Director Erika Martin responded May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **ITEM 16. J. HOYT HAYES MEMORIAL TROUTMAN LIBRARY, (*Rebecca Lopez, Troutman Branch Manager*)**

Ms. Rebecca Lopez, Manager of the J. Hoyt Hayes Memorial Troutman Library presented the following monthly library report on current and upcoming programs and events:

- Teen Volunteer Club had 27 volunteers over a three day period assisting with the Sprint into Spring 5K/10K event. They picked up garbage at ESC Park and on Richardson Greenway, assisted with packet pick-up, and helped guide runners on race route. Upcoming events is Community Garden Work Days on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the Library.
- Adult Pinterest Craft Club's DIY Wine Bottle Crafts will be held Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30pm. Sign up is required.
- Adult program -Your Karma Yoga will be held Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am. The event is free, and sign up is required. The one hour class is held on the last Saturday every month with a different style of Yoga each time. This month is gentle/restorative Yoga.
- MAKER MONDAY: Kids to make Slime with Ms. Laurene on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. Sign up is required.
- National Library Week – In honor of National Library Week this year the library is hosting a series called “Cultured Communities” as a way of raising awareness of other cultures. A performer has been hired and paid for with the grant funding from the Town for “Around the World” Story Time on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

## **COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND GUESTS**

*The Public is invited to address the Town Council with comments or concerns. The public comment period is limited to three (3) minutes per individual.*

Sara Nestler – Addressed Council with opposing comments regarding the proposed rezoning of 111 Westmoreland Road.

Following Ms. Nestler’s comments, Mayor Young requested advisement from the Town’s Attorney Gary Thomas regarding proper procedure in receiving comments on a rezoning that a Public Hearing was held and closed last month. Town Attorney Gary Thomas advised Council that procedurally by statute and by ordinance there was an advertised Public Hearing held and it would not proper to take any more comments on that issue because the Public Hearing was closed. All is left is for the Council to decide the issue itself, and anything said tonight should not be considered. Mayor Young stated he will continue to allow comments, but instructed Council that any comments made tonight should not be considered in any action the Council may take based on the fact that a Public Hearing was held last month, per advisement of the Town’s attorney.

The following residents of the Westmoreland Road community addressed Council opposing the rezoning request with concerns of traffic, light pollution, safety, highway congestion, and etc: Fred Nestler, Meritta Overcash, along with Lawrance Gowens who asked Council to request NCDOT by Resolution to drop the speed limit on Hwy 21 to 45 mph if their decision is to pass the rezoning request.

Town resident James McNiff voiced support of the rezoning.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 17. REZONING REQUEST (RZ-17-01)**, Applicant: Pruitt Development Corporation, 111 Westmoreland Road, PIN 4659274254, 10.6 acres from Iredell County Residential Agriculture (RA) to Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB), (*Martin*) (*tabled item from Town Council’s February 9, 2017 meeting*)

**a. Consider Adoption of Ordinance 03-17 Titled: “An Ordinance Changing the Zoning Classification of the After Described Property from Iredell County Residential Agriculture (RA) to Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB)”**

Planning Director Martin stated that Council has three rezoning options from which they could consider. 1<sup>st</sup> is Highway Business as recommend by staff and the Town’s Planning Board; 2<sup>nd</sup> is Neighborhood Center which is a less intensive zoning district that is also consistent with the Town’s Future Land Use Plan; and 3<sup>rd</sup> is Town Residential that is consistent with the existing area, but inconsistent with the Town’s Future Land Use Plan.

Upon motion by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henkel, and carried, Ordinance 03-17 titled: “An Ordinance Changing the Zoning Classification of the After Described Property from Iredell County Residential Agriculture (RA) to Town of Troutman Highway Business (HB) was approved.

Yeas: Williams, Henkel, Bryant

Noes: Jablonski, Troutman

**b. Consider Consistency Statement**

Upon motion by Council member Henkel, seconded by Council member Williams, and unanimously carried, approve that RZ-17-01 consistent with the 2035 Future Land Use Plan Business and Industrial Development Goal. The rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest because it provides a healthy environment for a diverse mix of business uses that builds upon the area’s economy and strengthens the community.

(Copied in full, Ordinance 03-17 is filed in Ordinance Book 8, Pages 138-139)

(Copied in full, Ord. 03-17 is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 18. CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS, (Justin Longino, Town Manager)**

#### **a. Planning Board - Inside Member to Fill Vacant Seat of Term Expiring May 14, 2018**

Town Manager Justin Longino stated that Planning and Zoning Board has a vacant inside member seat to be filled. Karen VanVliet is the current inside alternate member and has been recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term ending May 14, 2018 of Jim McNiff. He commented that typically alternates move into the vacant positions as they become available.

Upon motion by Council member Jablonski, seconded by Council member Troutman, and unanimously carried, approved Karen VanVliet to fill the vacant inside member position, term expiring May 14, 2018.

#### **b. Parks & Recreation Committee – TYAA Representative to Fill Vacant Seat of Term Expiring July 16, 2017**

Town Manager Justin Longino stated that the Parks and Rec. Committee has a vacant Troutman Youth Athletic Association (TYAA) representative seat to be filled. This position is to provide input to and from the TYAA. Mr. Michael Barker, TYAA's incoming president has been nominated by the association to fill the unexpired term of Jeremy Hapes expiring July 16, 2017. He commented, if Council so desires, Council could vote to appoint Mr. Barker to fill the unexpired term, plus an additional 3 year term.

Upon motion by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henkel, and unanimously carried, approved Michael Barker to fill the vacant TYAA Representative to the Parks and Rec. Committee.

### **ITEM 19. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR TROUTMAN CHAIR CO. FRONT PORCH FEST, (Mike Todd, Troutman Business Council)**

Mr. Mike Todd, representative of the Troutman Business Council made a request that Council approve alcohol sales at the upcoming Front Porch Fest and road closure from 7am – 5pm on

#### **a. Consider approval for Alcohol Sales**

Upon motion by Council member Henkel, seconded by Council member Troutman, and unanimously carried, approved request for alcohol sales at Troutman Chair Co. Front Porch Fest.

#### **b. Consider Ordinance 04-17 Titled: "An Ordinance Declaring a Road Closure for a Community Street Festival"**

Upon motion by Council member Troutman, seconded by Council member Jablonski, and unanimously carried, Ordinance 04-17 titled: "An Ordinance Declaring a Road Closure for a Community Street Festival" was approved.

(Copied in full, Ordinance 04-17 is filed in Ordinance Book 8, Pages 140)

(Copied in full, Ord. 04-17 and McNiff resignation is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated March 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

## **ITEM 20. COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR**

Council members Williams, Henkel, and Bryant commented on Lawrence Gowan's question that was proposed to Council to put themselves in their community's position of what would they do if a storage unit was located in their neighborhood. Each commented that they did consider the question, voicing no issues.

Mayor Young:

- Spring into Spring was a very good event and hopes everyone will continue to support it.
- Welcomed Town Manager Longino as a new resident of Troutman.
- Attended National School Breakfast Week at Troutman Elementary School held in efforts to make sure the children understand how important it is to receive a nutritious breakfast.

## **ITEM 21. COMMENTS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Longino:

- Reminded Council that with the appointment of Karen VanVliet to the vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Board, there is now an inside alternate position available. Applications are on-line and available at Town Hall.
- Reminder: Nomination for Citizen of the Year and Organization of the Year are due March 4<sup>th</sup>. One nomination for Citizen of the Year has been submitted.
- Reminder: Special Council meeting on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Town Hall.

Erika Martin, Planning Director:

Invited the public to a Public Drop-in Meeting to be held with NCDOT regarding the round-a-about proposed on Perth Road in the vicinity of St. Paul's Methodist Church and Stumpy Creek on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 5pm-7pm at Town Hall.

Matthew Selves, Police Chief:

Invited the public to "Engaged to Excel Kickoff" an event to be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at Statesville High School to "Thank Responders.com", a website that will be available to thank responders or a particular organization for their service. There will be free food, and door prizes along with the different organizations from the county to answers questions.

## **ITEM 22. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Young called for a closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic development.

Upon motion by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Jablonski, and unanimously carried, approved to hold a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic development.

**Mayor Young opened the closed session.**

Along with Town Council, Mayor Young asked that Town Manager, Justin Longino; Town Clerk, Kimberly Davis; Planning Director, Erika Martin; Finance Director, Steve Shealy; and Town Attorney Gary Thomas attend the Closed Session.

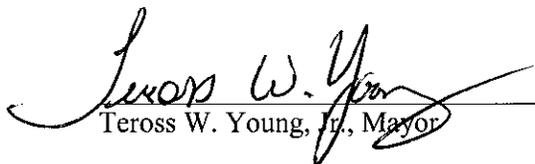
***\*\*MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION HAVE BEEN SEALED UNTIL SUCH TIME PUBLIC INSPECTION WILL NO LONGER FRUSTRATE THE PURPOSE OF THE CLOSED SESSION\*\****

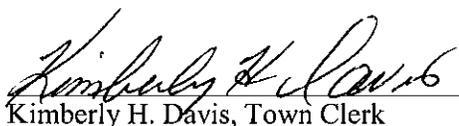
**Reconvene Open Session**

Upon motion by Council member Henkel, seconded by Council member Bryant, and unanimously carried, approved to close the close session and reconvene the open session.

**ITEM 23. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Council member Troutman, seconded by Council member Henkel, and unanimously carried, the March 09, 2017 Town Council meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

  
Teross W. Young, Jr., Mayor

  
Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

