



**SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEDALIA TOWN HALL
6121 Burlington Road
November 4, 2019
7PM**

Minutes

- **OPENING:** The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of Sedalia was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Sedalia Town Hall by Mayor Morgan.
- **PRAYER:** Time was allotted for silent prayer and meditation.
- **PLEDGE:** Time was allotted for pledge to the U.S. Flag.
- **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Meachem, Councilwoman O. Jones, Mayor Morgan, Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones, and Councilwoman Wrenwick were present.

A. MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of the item IV. 2020 Census & Voter ID was made by Councilwoman Wrenwick and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones. Motion carried.

B. MOTION to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones and seconded by Councilman Meachem. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUEST

I. Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Brandon Emory, with ACE, gave an update on the violation cases in town. As of date and according to the submitted report, there were a total of 14 open cases, 10 abated cases, and one unfounded case. The following information was provided on the open cases.

Concerning the railcar at **6270 Burlington Road**, there are no new updates, the plan remains to relocate and preserve it in Greensboro. Progress has been made for the case at **6117 Burlington Road**; however, there are still some issues with the house repairs. No progress has been made at **6252 Burlington Road**; three vehicles remain in the same spot on the property. Work continues and progress is being made for the cases at **6212 Burlington Road, 6108 Blue Lantern Road, 5904 & 5910 Blue Lantern Road**. Moving forward with a Finding of Fact (FOF) for nuisance vehicle for the case at **6117 Blue Lantern Road**. No progress has been made for the case at **6056 Burlington Road**; moving forward with a notice of hearing (NOH). Notices of violation (NOV) have been sent to **6124 Burlington Road** (overgrown lot), **6111 Blue Lantern Road** (junk pile), **604 Rockhurst Dr.** (junk pile), **6202 Creek Ln.** (fallen tree limb), and **654 Sedalia Rd.** (tarpaulins covering back side of house).

II. Revision Discussions on Nuisance Ordinance

The Council discussed revisions to the Town's Nuisance Ordinance. Revisions included clarifying the regulations that apply to high grass and vacant lots. The discussion centered on what is or what is not a violation, and under what circumstances the sheriff would

become involved. Also, concerns were expressed regarding a trash pile in an open field on Blue Lantern Road.

III. Planning Board Meeting Update

Planning Board Chairman Robert Jones provided an update on the most recent Planning Board Meeting. The Planning Board met on October 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Sedalia Town Hall. Members discussed the Planning and Zoning Law Bulletin: 2019 North Carolina Legislation Related to Planning and Development Regulation (September 2019) prepared by the UNC School of Government. According to the bulletin, Chapter 160D will become effective on January 1, 2021. The Town Council will be required to adopt the new regulation into the Town's Development Ordinance by the effective date. The Planning Board will be discussing each section of the bulletin. The Town Council discussed how to familiarize themselves with the information in the bulletin as well.

IV. 2020 Census and Voter ID

Councilwoman Wrenwick attended the Know Your Rights Forum held on October 15th at the Elon First Baptist Church. The presenter for Voter ID was Terry R. Harris, Training, Education & Outreach Specialist N.C. State Board of Elections, and the presenter for the Census was Bernadine Anthony, Team Leader & Partnership Specialist for the Faith Based Community State of N.C. - Atlanta Regional Census Center.

Councilwoman Wrenwick shared the following regarding Voter IDs:

- ID will be required beginning with the primaries in 2020.
- Absentee ballots will require a photocopy of a valid ID or an affidavit if you are unable to send a copy.
- Valid IDs include:
 - N.C. Driver's License unless it has been expired over a year;
 - Passport;
 - Military/Veteran ID, even if expired;
 - State approved Tribal ID;
 - Student ID (college/university must get approval for their IDs before Nov. 1st); and
 - County Board of Elections ID (issued free of charge and good for 10 years)
- For voters over 65 years of age, if the voter has an expired driver's license that was valid after they turned 65, then that ID can be used.
- ID is required for early voting.
- All precincts are required to allow curbside voting for disabled. Disabled voters must sign an oath that states they are disabled.
- Military personnel overseas voting absent ballot do not require an ID.
- If a voter does not have a valid ID, then the voter will be given a provisional ballot.
- If a voter leaves their ID at home, then the voter can take their ID to the county Board of Elections within 10 days

- There is a form to provide the reason why a voter does not have an ID such as no transportation, disability/illness, work schedule, family responsibilities, etc.

Councilwoman Wrenwick shared the following regarding the 2020 Census:

- Atlanta Regional Office includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina & South Carolina.
- Census has been taken every 10 years since 1790.
- Census determines how \$675 Billion is distributed, the reapportionment of Congress, and redistricting of national, state and local.
- Forecast for N.C. to gain 1-2 House seats.
- State goal to have 83% participation.
- Target populations include: 5-year old and under, veterans, people with disabilities, senior citizens, migrant farm workers, homeless, rural America, low income, foreign born, limited English speakers and renters.
- Complete Count Committees (CCC) help with the target populations paying \$16/hr. Census jobs: 2020Census.gov/jobs 1-855-JOB-2020
- Your location is where you are as of April 1, 2020.
- Deployed personnel expected to return in the next 10 years are counted.
- Data gathered is private and confidential for 72 years.
- Census never asks for social security number, money, or requests for a political party.
- For 2020, the census can be completed using the phone or internet.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

*Mrs. Anderson, 202 Martingale Dr., expressed concerns about dogs that are fenced in and left out in the cold near her home. The dogs also bark late in the evening. She also expressed concerns about all the abandoned vehicles around town. She feels there is more work to be done by the Code Enforcement Officer.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular scheduled meetings are held at the Sedalia Town Hall at 7:00 pm

- Remember to vote on Nov 5th. Polls are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm
- The next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Nov. 21st
- The next Town Council Agenda Meeting will be held on Nov. 25th
- The Sedalia Town Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Nov. 28th & 29th
- The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Dec. 2, 2019

Meeting adjourned

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk

Howard Morgan, Mayor

Date

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