



SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEDALIA TOWN HALL
Sept. 11, 2017
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:** Councilwomen Wrenwick, Councilman Meachem, Councilwoman O. Jones, Mayor Morgan and Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones were present at roll call.

A. MOTION to approve the agenda was made by Councilwoman Wrenwick and seconded by Councilwomen O. Jones. Motion carried.

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

C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUEST

I. Chris Harrison, owner of DesignViz Tool, gave a presentation of the Sedalia Downtown Streetscape Design that he created. His PowerPoint presentation was done based on the Town of Sedalia Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, showing the existing corridor on Burlington Road. Presently the road is not safe for pedestrians to walk on and it also lacks the sense that you are actually coming through a town. The video shows options of how to go about creating a brand for the town and how to create a certain traveling experience for people. The design included canopy trees, street lamps, mix use buildings for commercial and residential, bike paths, sidewalks and public art pieces. The focus is to provide a place for residents and visitors to experience community and actually want to be outdoors, jogging, walking their dog or shopping. Mr. Harrison added that there is great history in Sedalia and Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown chose this area and fought hard for it. It would be great if the town could activate the space and push it for celebrating education. Branding the town, for example, could mean that Sedalia is known for Mom & Pop stores or a farmer's market, or for having movie night outdoors, or for the little town that has the best sweet potato pie you've ever had. These are examples of what can help make Sedalia a walkable town. He suggested that the town connect with Mr. Paul Kron, with Foothills Planning & Design, who probably would be able to arrange a student project to help with the walkable plan. Mr. Harrison created a YouTube video of the presentation and the town will have it posted on the Sedalia website.

II. Planning Board Meeting Update

Chairman Robert Jones reported that the Sedalia Planning Board met on Aug. 17th and completed Module 3, which was the next E-Learning training from the School of

Government. This session was on gathering evidence, the way it basically would be done for a hearing in court. They learned about knowing the purpose, the roles of various people, actions and how to gather the evidence. They also discussed different quasi-judicial hearings. Mr. Jones recommended that the Town Council take the opportunity to hear again what the roles are for the governing body.

III. Town General Update

Mayor Morgan gave a report on some of the general town updates. One was regarding NC Water and Wastewater Funding Programs. The State Water Infrastructure Authority announced that \$168.5 million in water and wastewater funding will be available this upcoming fall. Another was the Sedalia Bike/Ped project, where the town is asking for residents to review and rank the proposed MPO projects. If the town's bike/ped projects get good feedback, it could help increase chances of being considered for funding. The council also discussed plans for a subdivision request on Sedalia Road, the closing of the BB&T Stoney Creek Branch, and the town visualization design, which is a specific look or overall branding of what the downtown streetscape could be. The last two items of discussion were about Champion Envelopes & Printing Company merging with Copy King of Greensboro and then some overgrowth on the corner of Rockhurst Drive and Rolling Acres Drive. Sedalia has been doing business with Champion Envelopes for many years now, as they have provided the town with letterhead, envelopes and business cards. Concerning the overgrowth, the town has to find out if this would be the property owners, NCDOT, or the town's responsibility to have it cut back so it doesn't cause problems for drivers.

IV. Founder's Day Recap

Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones gave an update on the town's Founder's Day event. The town's Founder's Day event held on Aug. 19th was a success, and many people expressed their enjoyment. A special thank you went out to Calvin Atkins and Valerie Jones, who went out of their way to help out how in a lot of different ways. The shred event went well as the town partnered with the LGFCU. There was a total of 42 cars and 2,420 pounds of paper shredded. During the event, the guest speakers: Mayor Howard Morgan, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Sheriff BJ Barnes, Commissioner Alan Branson, Former Mayor Ruth Smith, Duane Bryant and Mayor Lenny Williams, all did a great job offering words for the special occasion. The food and activities were a success as well and everyone seemed very pleased. The Founder's Day budget was set at \$5,000 and total expenses to pull everything off came to approximately \$3,390.

V. Hurricane Irma Update

Town Clerk, Cam Dungee reported on the situation with Hurricane Irma and the possibilities of it impacting North Carolina. Most counties and states prepare for Hurricane Season every year, which runs from June 1 to November 30 with the peak season from mid-August to late October. With Hurricane Irma headed close to North Carolina, we wanted to make sure folks are staying updated. There was still much uncertainty within the forecast regarding Hurricane Irma. What was known at the time, is that Irma continued to be a significant storm with the potential to impact North Carolina and the Triad. As such, there

was beginning to be some concern for both a flooding and wind event, should the hurricane turn northward. Currently, North Carolina could expect impacts beginning this weekend and into next week. Everything was dependent on how the storm developed and it tracked over the next few days. However, Guilford County Emergency Management saw enough indicators to cause some concern and prompt us to begin preparing for impacts. In light of this, we were asking that everyone begin preparing for a disaster. The State of North Carolina was under a State of Emergency. We asked for families, schools and businesses to review and prepare their disaster plans, safety kits, preparedness for pets and their evacuation plans. If further information was needed on how to prepare for a hurricane, residents were referred to <http://readyguilford.org/hurricanes/>

Councilwoman Wrenwick added that another good website to view when preparing for disasters is www.readync.org

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments made

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The town will hold a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training on Sept. 16. All Sedalia residents are invited to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible
- The next Planning Board meeting will be on Sept. 21st
- The next Town Council Agenda meeting will be on Sept 25th
- The next Town Council meeting will be held on Oct. 2th
- Fall Litter Sweep is being rescheduled from Oct. 7th to Oct 21st

Meeting adjourned

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk

Howard Morgan, Mayor

Date

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