



SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEDALIA TOWN HALL
April 9, 2018
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 Councilwomen Wrenwick.
- **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 and Councilwoman O. Jones were present at roll call.
- **ABSENT:** Mayor Morgan and Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones

One item of discussion was added to the meeting agenda regarding an update on the MPO meeting. The report will be presented by Councilwomen O. Jones.

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

B. MOTION to approve minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Meachem and seconded by Councilwomen O. Jones. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUEST

I. Code Enforcement Update

Brandon Emory with Alliance Code Enforcement (ACE) gave a detailed update on each open case where the property owners were still in violation to one or more town ordinance. The property at **6200 Rolling Acres Drive** is still in violation and there has been no change. The owner has had no direct contact with ACE since notices were sent. Brandon will follow up again to find out the owner's course of action. A hearing is scheduled for this property on May 1st. The owner at property **911 Rockhurst Drive** has received 4 quotes and is waiting on the last and final quote in order to get the remaining debris cleaned from the property. The owner was also emailed a detailed outline of what has to be done for the property to be considered abated. The plan is for this to be completed by the end of the week. In March, the owners at **6277 Burlington Road** had settled on the contractor to demolish and clean-up the property. The first week of April, Brandon was advised that the asbestos in the siding was being demolished and demo on the house itself was to follow. Concerning the property at **6270 Burlington Road**, it remains in violation, but some clean-up has taken place. The Railroad Museum in Spencer, NC is interested in taking the train cart, so someone would be coming out to inspect and to make sure the structure could actually handle the move. The property at **401 Sedalia Road** remains in violation, and Brandon has had several conversations with the owners of the vehicles on the property. He was advised that several vehicles would be relocated out of

town, and they are looking to have this done within the next few weeks. A hearing is scheduled for this property on May 1st.

The addresses of the new cases that were opened the first week of April are **6117 Burlington Road, 5910 Blue Lantern Road, 6101 Burlington Road and 6309 Jennie Drive**. Violations have been identified and Notice of Violation (NOV) letters have been sent.

II. Jordan Lake Clean-up

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk, shared an informative report on the state required updates regarding the Jordan Lake watershed clean-up. This info was related to how Clean Jordan Lake was co-founded in July 2009 by Doctor Thomas Colson, their mission, and the different programs they offer. Clean Jordan Lake is recognized as a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Tax Code. They work in partnership with the Haw River Assembly to expand volunteer programs in helping to remove shoreline trash, to inform local and state government agencies about the problem, and to recommend trash prevention strategies that will keep the shoreline clean in the future. Jordan Lake is a multi-use reservoir filled in 1982. Its primary purpose is flood protection for downstream citizens in the Cape Fear River basin. The lake covers 14,000 acres (about 22 sq. miles) and has 180 miles of shoreline. The 33,000 acres of public land that surround the lake for recreation and wildlife management is very special because not a single dwelling can be seen from the lake. She also reported on the different clean-up efforts hosted by New Hope Creek Clean-up in the City of Durham. Another added factor is that our drinking water can also be affected by things like lawn fertilizer, motor oil, and pet waste, so we should all be mindful of this and make sure we dispose of these items correctly.

Councilwomen Wrenwick added that the town is required to account for educating our citizens on the Jordan Lake clean-up efforts. This is why you will see citizens receiving updates throughout the year, and why there are brochures, stickers, pens, etc. made available at the town hall and during events.

III. Evolis Speed Sign

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk, stated that the Council has had a few conversations about possibly purchasing a solar speed sign that can be permanently or temporarily placed along the roads, which would deter drivers from speeding. There are several companies that sell these signs, but Evolis seems to have the best rating so far. She provided the Council with some information on the sign concerning its' durability, size, weight, cost, how it is assembled, etc. the Council would need to decide if this is something that's worth the cost and would it benefit the town. She was able to touch base with the Assistant to the Police Chief in Lillington, NC and she seemed to be pleased with the one they recently purchased. She suggested that the town consider the solar option as opposed to the battery operated one. The batteries don't do well in frigid temperatures, so they have to be removed during most winter months.

A few comments from the floor was that the sign would be helpful to patrol the area and the town would be able to show proof by the numbers of speeders going by. This documented info can be reported to the police dept or NCDOT. Also, it was added that there is a similar sign on Friendly Ave in Greensboro and it does help make drivers slow down. Lastly, it was suggested that the town purchase 2 signs so that there is a sign directed to traffic on both sides of the road.

Because there were two board members absent and one present member who thought the cost was more than the town should invest in, it was decided to table the decision to another meeting time.

IV. Republic service New Route Change

Councilwoman Wrenwick reported that Republic Services is making a route change that would affect Sedalia and many other customers. A notice was sent to the town hall dated April 3rd, regarding some reroute changes being made in order to better serve the local communities. She read through the first section where it states that Republic Services takes great pride in servicing its customers by collecting trash with precision and persistency. In January there was a route change made that disrupted the collection process for many customers. Based on customer feedback, Republic announced that as of the week of April 16th, trash and recycle collection will be aligned to the same day of the week. She added that for Sedalia, trash will be picked up every Tuesday and recycle items will now be picked up every other Tuesday. They ask that all containers be placed at the curb the night before or by 6am on the designated pickup day. Also, carts should be placed at least 4 feet away from each other and from other objects. Customers with questions can contact Customer Service at (336) 724-0842.

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk added that when the notice came out, it stated that customers would be notified. This doesn't mean each resident will be notified, it means the town would be notified. It is up to the town to get the word out to the residents, so she asked if Republic would consider sending a notice to each household. Back when the first route change was made, Republic sent letters to the town hall, but they were two weeks late. Then the town was responsible for folding, stuffing envelopes, labelling and mailing this information all at the towns expense. Now with this newest route change, the Manager did agree to send out notices to the residents, so hopefully that will happen soon.

V. Sedalia Car Show / Food Truck Rodeo

Councilwomen O. Jones gave an update on the Town's 1st annual car show that will be held this summer on Sat. Aug. 11th. She read over the details of the flyer stating the event will be held at the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum from 10am until 2pm. The town has a list of food truck options, so invitations have been sent out and during this time there will also be food trucks present. All proceeds will go towards helping fund construction of the Town's Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Winners for each class of cars will be awarded 1st & 2nd place

prizes. She added that she brought back a flier from the YMCA because they will be hosting a car show as well, and she thought maybe the town could use their flyer as an example if needed.

VI. Blue Lantern & Dansby Drive Road Repair Updates

Councilman Meachem reported that he had the opportunity to meet with Mike Mills, NCDOT about some of the needed road repairs in the town. It has already been said that NCDOT would pave the unfinished section of Blue Lantern Road and that should be completed this summer. Some years ago, the town completed work on Dansby Drive trying to get it up to standard so that NCDOT could take over maintenance. The town put up a lot of money just to get it open from one end to the other and make it suitable for driving, but unfortunately it was not enough to meet standards for NCDOT. Mr. Mills came out and looked over everything and said that DOT could possibly take over 1/3 of that road. Councilman Meachem explained that the town was hoping to get the whole road taken care of, so Mr. Mills offered to see about assessing the property owners to handle the expense. Mr. Mills said he first would have a counter placed on the road to check the traffic. With what the town has already invested into Dansby Drive, there's a chance that NCDOT can finish up the remaining requirements.

VII. 2018 Sedalia Spring Litter Sweep & G.C. Spring Clean-up

Councilwoman O. Jones announced that on April. 28th, the town will be holding Sedalia Spring Litter Sweep starting at 9am. The community will get together to clean up the roads, but everyone will first meet at the town hall to gather supplies. There will also be a dumpster available in the parking lot just for Sedalia residents to discard of unwanted items. Electronics, paint and household chemicals are not allowed. Also, on that same date, Sedalia Elementary School will host the Guilford County Spring Clean-up event from 8am until 2pm. They will collect tires, appliances, electronics and personal documents to be shredded.

On a note off the subject, Councilwomen Jones added that on the back table, she has a basket of items that she's collected from conferences over the years. Each person can choose items from that basket each time they come out to the town hall and attend a Council meeting.

VIII. MPO Meeting Update

Councilwomen O. Jones gave a report from the last Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting. She stated that the US 70 widening project is split up into 3 sections. The entire project goes from Mt. Hope Church Road to Rock Creek Dairy Road. The way it's being divided up is, the 1st section is from Mt. Hope Church Road to Birch Creek Road, the 2nd section is from Birch Creek Road to Knox Road, and the 3rd section is from Knox Road to Rock Creek Dairy Road. There is another whole section from Rock Creek Dairy Road all the way up to Westbrook Drive, but she believes this part will be handled by Alamance County.

At this point, the 1st section on the Guilford County end (Mt. Hope Church Road to Birch Creek Road) will have right of way construction in fiscal year 2020. The next section in 2025. The purpose of this breakdown helps to improve the prioritization scores. This project will be ongoing until approximately 2030.

D. CITIZENS COMMNTS

*Kim Henderson, 314 Barberit Drive, attended the meeting to share some information on the upcoming election. Ms. Henderson is a representative with Danny Rogers, who is a running candidate for Guilford County Sherriff. Mr. Roger’s wasn’t able to attend due to a number of daily events, so he asked Ms. Henderson to come on his behalf. She bought along with her some information about his campaign to give out to those who may be interested.

*Rep. Jon Hardister, 6427 Bellcross Trail, stated that there was a redistricting by the legislators and now Sedalia is in his district. He wanted to come out and introduce himself. He added that he and Mayor Morgan had lunch together last week and had some good conversations. One was about NCDOT and some of the projects the town was working on. He said based on tonight’s traffic safety discussion, he knows that DOT was trying to find ways to help reduce speeding, so he could look into seeing what DOT has come up with. Another subject was about bringing roads up to DOT standards, which is what a lot of small towns deal with because it can be expensive. There may be some grants available to help with that. He said he’s working on putting together a grant program for that specific purpose. He said he also has a list of economic development grants that the state has created over the last few years, so he’ll make sure he sends that over to the Clerk. One of them is a Community Dev. Building Grants (CDBG) and another is a rural infrastructure. Lastly, there is a small-town development grant that was created not too long ago, and he was able to help get \$100,000 for Pleasant Garden and a grant for \$160,000 for the Town of Gibsonville. He said he will send an electronic copy of that info to the town hall. Mr. Hardister introduced Sabastian King, his Research Assistant, and said they both are available to help with whatever the town might need.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk

Howard Morgan, Mayor

Date

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