



SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEDALIA TOWN HALL
March 5, 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 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.

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 with added discussion was made by Councilwoman Wrenwick and seconded by Councilwomen O. Jones. Motion carried.

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

C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUEST

I. Code Enforcement Update

Brandon Emory, with Alliance Code Enforcement, gave a detailed report on each open case that was in violation to a towns ordinance. In his report he stated that he posted sites, prepared notices of penalty for properties located at 6200 Rolling Acres Drive, 6270 Burlington Road and 6277 Burlington Road. He gave a description of the specific violations on each property, the conditions of each property and any correspondence he has had with the owners. At this point, the owners need to demolish the structures, or the town can do that and put liens on the properties. The Council can determine next steps on any of the cases where the property owners are not providing some type of progress. The property located at 911 Rockhurst also remains in violation. A controlled burn was done on this property, but the town agreed to extend extra time in order for them to entirely remove the debris from the property. Property at 401 Sedalia Road is back in violation again. As he understood, the previous owner is deceased, and the brother took ownership, so he was managing the property. The deceased had a girlfriend who is still living in the home, but a nephew is to be moving in soon and he has moved vehicles on the property. Some of the vehicles belong to the nephew, but 4 of them belong to the brother. A notice has gone out regarding this as well. Brandon's ideal situation would be to have all the owners of each property take responsibility without any expense to the town. So far, good progress is being made and he's looking to see more to come.

II. Resolution to Adopt the NC 457 Plan

The town recently had the opportunity to hear from Tammy Uzzell as she introduced the Town Council to the 457 Plan, which is a retirement plan for public employees. The Council feels this would be a great benefit for the town staff and the elected officials if they choose to do so. Either way, the Board Resolution would need to be adopted by the Governing Body in order for anyone with the town to sign up. Councilwoman Wrenwick read through the wording of the resolution. She also added that currently, the Council, the Town Clerk and the Office Assistant is eligible to participate. They were trying to find a way for the town Planning Board to also be eligible. The only way they would be eligible is for the Planning Board to receive compensation from the town, so the details still need to be ironed out. They would need to find out whether this is appropriate, and if so, how much could the town budget for it.

MOTION to approve the Town of Sedalia Resolution Adopting the NC Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan was made by Councilwomen Wrenwick. Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones stated a second. Motion carried.

III. Planning Board Meeting Update

Chairman R. Jones reported that the Planning Board met last on February 15th and they discussed variances on properties. The board members went through the E-Library module from the School of Government, where they also discussed regulations for the Board of Adjustment. Another subject that was brought up was ideas on how to get people in the community involved. Marian Jeffries put together a summary of this discussion, and it was all addressed during the planning retreat that took place on Feb. 17th. Lastly, Marie Martin shared some information concerning aging adults falling during the cold weather and how this affects them and their families. She stressed how families need to plan and rethink how they might handle their mobility and how they can investigate grants that are there to help older adults.

Mayor Morgan added that the Council has talked about doing this for a while now, but he would like to see a space set up where seniors can come to the town hall and learn basic computer skills, like surfing the web and checking emails. He said he thinks we already have a laptop that can be used, we just need to get some folks that are interested.

IV. Additional Town Streetlights

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk reported that for a good while now, the town has been talking about putting some additional streetlights throughout the town. During the Planning Retreat, the Council and the Planning Board talked about where these lights would go and how many are needed. Everyone was asked to begin identifying the dark areas noticed in the town. What has been identified so far is approximately 10 additional lights on Burlington road, especially on the far east end and the far west end. Also, one is needed on Rockhurst Drive, one on Simmons Lake Drive and one on Bethel Church Road. There is a light pole on Dansby Drive, but it was damaged in a storm, so it just needs to be repaired. If there are other dark area's that were missed, she needs to know about those. For budget purposes, the town has also been trying to find out how many existing lights are currently burning, and that has been a challenge. She mentioned that she was finally able speak with a Duke Energy Rep who was able to send her the information needed. As of now, the town has 113 streetlights and the bill is a little over

\$1,100 per month. One of the downsides to the whole process is when they are working on state-maintained roads, Duke Energy has to make an encroachment request, and this can take 3-6 months to complete.

It was mentioned that there are other areas where the lights are needed, but the town is not interested in shining light where properties need to be cleaned up. Once those areas are cleaned up, the town may even want to add some decorative poles on US-70 (Burlington Road). It was also added that as the bulbs burn out on the existing lights, they are being replaced with LED lighting. These are more expensive, but they last a lot longer and they have more coverage.

V. Town of Sedalia Newsletter

Mayor Morgan reported that at least twice a year, the town is looking to put out a newsletter. The Council is now taking suggestions for the name and also opening it up for residents to submit information. This can be birthdays, accolades, recipes, etc. The Council is hoping for one in the spring and one in the fall. Mayor Morgan read off the list of names he has so far and stated that they are looking for something very creative. If anyone has suggestions, please contact the Sedalia Town Hall so it can be added to the list. The newsletter itself will be four pages and it will also cover a lot of different things, like advice, senior info, and code enforcement info.

Councilwomen Wrenwick said that Sedalia News and Sedalia Chronicles is already used by Sedalia Missouri, so we'll need to take those two off the list.

VI. Sedalia litter Sweep

Councilwomen O. Jones announced that the town will hold the 2018 Spring Litter Sweep on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 9:00am at the Sedalia Town Hall. She mentioned she wasn't sure if a dumpster will be available at the town hall or not.

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk, added that she has requested to have a dumpster available, but she's waiting to hear back from Republic to know for sure. She's also still waiting on the postcards that will inform everyone about the new garbage pick up day. Republic offered to print those up. For those residents who aren't getting the CallingPost messages, the garbage pickup date is now on Tuesday's. Recycle carts will still be picked up every other week, but it remains on Monday's. Folks are still a bit confused, so the town is trying to get the word out as many times as possible.

Councilwomen O. Jones continued that the dumpster will be available in the Sedalia Town Hall parking lot for residents to discard of unwanted items except for paint, household chemicals and electronics. In the past, the town has not had a great turnout, so we need people to come out and help pick up trash from the side of the road. This helps to keep the community looking nice.

Mayor Morgan added that Guilford County usually holds a major clean-up event on a Saturday in April. The last few years have been in Greensboro at the parking lot near the coliseum, and people can bring tires, appliances, paint, etc. It's a free event and they will unload everything off your truck for you.

VII. MPO Update

Councilwomen O. Jones reported that she attended the last Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting, with the Transportation Advisory Committee, and it was held on February 28th. Some of the action items discussed was the MTIP Plans for 2018 - 2027. The US 70 widening project will begin at Mt. Hope Church Rd to Westbrook Dr, and this project will be divided into three phases for funding purposes. At this point, she is not sure what phase they will begin with. Another item was concerning Loudermilk Road and Sykes Ave becoming connector streets right at the railroad tracks. Also, they are putting in a traffic light near Stoney Creek at Golf House Road. Lastly, Mr. Mike Mills said that Blue Lantern Road is going to be paved, and that project will probably be done this summer.

Councilwomen O. Jones added that concerning getting people involved, as an incentive, she thought it might be helpful by offering them a gift. She has a whole bag full of items that she’s gathered from different conferences, so she can give those away for free.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Robert Jones, 6508 Rolling Acres Drive, brought up the house on the corner of Rockhurst Drive and Burlington Road. He said it appears that the tenants have moved out and left their full garbage cans on the side of the house, along with a mattress and other items.

Brandon Emory said he would go and take a look at the property.

E. ANNOUCEMENTS

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

- The next Planning Board meeting will be held on March 15th
- The next Town Council Agenda meeting will be held on March 26th
- The next Town Council meeting will be held on April 9th instead of April 2nd due to the Easter Holiday.
- Please keep in mind that garbage carts are now being picked up on Tuesday’s. For now, recycle carts will still be picked up every other week on Mondays. Please have all carts out by 6:30am on the scheduled day of pick-up.
- As a reminder, Sedalia will hold its’ Spring Litter Sweep event on April 28th starting at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk

Howard Morgan, Mayor

Date

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