



SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEDALIA TOWN HALL
October 2, 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 Councilmen Meachem. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUEST

I. CHB Museum Update

Councilwomen O. Jones reported that the two new CHB Museum new staff members attended the last Agenda Meeting on Sept 25th. Jamie Jones is the Assistant Site Manager and Leslie Leonard is the Historic Interpreter. They both expressed their desire to partner with the Town of Sedalia in different programs and events. They notice how it didn't appear to be a lot of consistent connections between the two and they are eager to change that. They want the site to be available to the town, free of charge when they can, to have meetings or hold events that are during office hours. This will help the people in the town, but also in return help to promote the museum and help the site gain exposure. A small fee per person would be charged for functions outside of normal hours of operation. Jamie mentioned how the idea came up of possibly providing a food drive or a coat drive in the area and would love if the town could partner with that. Their goals right now are to look for advocates and make connections. The Council was also very excited about the possibility of connecting and working with the CHB Museum as well, since this is something they've been striving to do for quite a long while now. Mayor Morgan expressed his excitement regarding the historical piece so people and the schools are made aware of the history behind Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown. He added that it was sad how he really wanted to hold the towns Founder's Day event over at the museum, but he was out numbered simply because the rest of the planning committee didn't want to be bothered with the hassles we've had in the past. During this time, several other ideas were discussed, such as a car show and/or food truck event, a library and holding the Town Council retreat and Senior Luncheon, as well as ways to partner in keeping the campus grass mowed. Both the town and the site agreed to share their upcoming event schedule for

the remaining of the year, and to begin looking at ways the site and the town can work together. Councilwomen O. Jones added that the new staff had lots of energy, and great personalities. They are hoping that this will be a good working relationship. She also went over some upcoming events that are being held at the CHB Museum from October through December.

II. Planning Board Meeting Update

Chairman Jones reported that the Planning Board met on Sept. 21st, and they discussed Module 4 out the E-Learning Library from the School of Government. This session was concerning quasi-judicial decisions, special-use permits and variances. Mr. Jones read through some information regarding the “Do Process”. He also mentioned the Introduction to Zoning Regulations, Constitution of U.S. & Local Government and the subjects of hearing regulations, fairness, requirements, judicial matters, legal rights, and formality. It was stated that board members cannot participate if they have a bias or if they are related to individuals who are affected. He thought it was informative and he recommends the council look at this module as well.

III. Cert Training

Mayor Morgan reported on the Sedalia Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training that took place at the town hall on Sept. 16th. There were about 17 participants in all and this training was on the proper use of fire extinguishers. Presentations were given by Steven Grose, with the Guilford County Emergency Management, Chief Rimmer, and several others with the Guilford County Fire Department. The fire dept. also held a hands-on training session with a live fire, so each participant had the opportunity to use a fire extinguisher to put out a fire. Mayor Morgan took some pictures and did a few short videos that can be kept on file to showcase the event. He added that the Sedalia CERT is the only active group in Guilford County, so the town should be proud of that. There was a discussion about possibly holding the next CERT training on the proper use of a chainsaw. Also, the idea came up of maybe doing another CERT training to certify new members.

Chairman Jones added that this event ‘s success came from a result of preparation by the Town Clerk and Steven Grose. He mentioned that during the training, it was also stressed that you should always contact 911 in case of an emergency, and it’s helpful to make sure your house number is illuminated so it can be seen from the road.

Councilwomen Wrenwick added that the home fire extinguishers need to periodically be turned upside down and shook to loosen the powder because over time it settles at the bottom of the tank. You can use your hand or a rubber mallet to tab the bottom.

The Town Clerk mentioned that there are Guilford Emergency Alert Notification Information (GEANI) cards at the back window for everyone to grab on their way out. If you sign up, you’ll receive local emergency alerts that can be customized and sent as a phone call, text or an email.

IV. 2018 Meeting and Event Schedule

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk, reported that she put together a regular meeting schedule and an event schedule for 2018. The meeting schedule includes dates for the towns council meetings, planning board meetings and the agenda meetings. The event schedule shows a list of annual events that the town normally holds and the scheduled dates. She and the council would need to view their calendars and verify that each scheduled date works well. If any changes need to be made, she can do that and prepare the two schedules so they're ready for an official vote at the Nov. 6 Town Council meeting. After reviewing the draft dates, it was noted that the NCLM Annual Conference will be held on Sept. 19-22, 2018 and the NCBEMO Summer Conference is usually held in July or August. The date for the NCBEMO event isn't scheduled yet, so the council will need to wait it out and hope that there isn't a conflict.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

*Steven Brown, 707 Weddingbrook Drive, mentioned that everyone should be reminded to check their smoke detectors each year. His was making a sound a few days ago, and it took him a little while to realize what it was. He became aware that it was just time to replace the batteries. It's also a good idea to check the monitor for carbon monoxide as well for folks that have gas fire places and gas ranges. Lastly, Mr. Brown added that there is a pine tree that fell in the road some time ago and the fire dept. came out and moved it out of the street. The only problem is they left the tree at the edge of the road, so now it's been laying in the right of way. There is also a tree on the corner of Weddingbrook Drive and Riverview Drive that is leaning toward the road and it appears that it's going to fall. He would hate to see if that tree falls at the wrong time and someone gets hurt. He asked if the council could look into having something done about this.

*The Town Clerk mentioned that she would check the Board of Elections website, but she didn't think there were other candidates who filed to run for office in Sedalia, outside of the current board, but candidate speeches will most likely take place at the November 6th Town Council meeting.

Mayor Morgan thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned

Submitted By:

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk

Howard Morgan, Mayor

Date

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