

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 25, 2023

THE WAYNESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm. in the Town Hall Board Room located at 9 South Main Street Waynesville, NC.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Mayor Gary Caldwell
Mayor Pro Tempore Julia Freeman
Councilmember Chuck Dickson
Councilmember Jon Feichter
Councilmember Anthony Sutton

The following staff members were present:

Rob Hites, Town Manager
Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Martha Bradley, Town Attorney
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk
Police Chief, David Adams
Assistant Police Chief Brandon Gilmore
Misty Hagood, Finance Director
Byron Hickox, Land Use Administrator
Beth Gilmore, Director of Downtown Waynesville Commission (DWC)
Jeff Stines, Public Services Director
Darrell Calhoun, Fire Marshall

Members of the media:

Payton Renegar, The Mountaineer
Cory Vaillancourt, Smoky Mountain News
Becky Johnson, The Mountaineer
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1. Welcome/Calendar/Announcements

Mayor Gary Caldwell welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that Friday, August 4th is the Mountain Street Dance 6-8:30pm in front of the courthouse, and the next Town Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 8th at 6pm. He also mentioned that the Mountain Lion statue that was donated has been installed outside of Town Hall. He thanked the staff for doing an excellent job of installing the artwork. He also congratulated Councilmember Sutton for getting the \$4.8 million grant for the sewer plant.

B. PRESENTATIONS

2. Remembering K9 Arco
 - Officer Gasperson

Officer Gasperson presented Assistant Police Chief Brandon Gilmore with a shadowbox dedicated to Arco, as well as an award thanking AC Gilmore for his 20 years of work and dedication with police K9s. Officer Gasperson said that K9 Arco passed in May 2023 and Assistant Chief Brandon Gilmore will no longer be working with K9s. He referenced the packed room and said that the officers in the room all worked and trained with AC Gilmore. He said that the Waynesville K9 unit is a direct result from AC Gilmore's introduction of the program and continued work with the dogs and staff. Officer Gasperson said that Arco was by far the most successful dog, winning trial awards, case of the quarter, assisting with seizing drugs, chasing down violent criminals, and most importantly watching after AC Gilmore. He added that while Arco was excellent at his job, he was also great with kids, and the entire community will miss Arco.

Before Public Comment began, Councilmember Anthony Sutton read a statement:

"As a member of the LGBTQ+ Community and Council Member for the Town of Waynesville, I am deeply troubled by the continued vilification of our transgender citizens. It's disheartening to see this level of hostility being leveled at such a historically marginalized group of people; and there is no place in Waynesville for these kinds of cold-hearted, calloused, and libelous attacks. I commend our wonderful Police Department in taking this investigation seriously and without prejudice. I want all of Waynesville's citizens to know that I will always fight for them; regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. I know first hand the difficulties faced when others try to disparage the love I have for my husband. But our community is made from all walks of life and together our light cannot be diminished; and that is what makes me proud to call Waynesville home."

Councilmember Jon Feichter said he believes that Waynesville is the best small town in the world. He said what makes it great are the people that live here. He said recently he is disappointed in the responses regarding the "incident" that was alleged to take place at the rec center. He said that he had seen this violence elsewhere but didn't expect it here and that violence has no place here. Councilmember Feichter said the investigation showed that the incident never happened the way that it was alleged, if at all. He said that elevates it to nothing other than a tragedy. He said that deep down, he doesn't believe this is who we are and called on the community to be better.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hilary Elizabeth Underwood-44 Plow Point, Waynesville: Underwood said thank you to the police department and the people who did the investigative report on the incident at the rec center. Underwood said that transgendered people just want to live their lives and are respectful when changing. They said that transgendered people have always been around but now are being used as a political token and asked that transgendered people be left to live in peace.

Chelsea White-36 Wilkinson Pass Lane, Waynesville: White said that she has lived in these mountains her whole life and thanked the Town for doing their research regarding the rec center incident. She said that 90% of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows. She said that no community members deserve to feel unsafe for merely existing.

Tera McIntosh-119 Winter Lane, Clyde: Dr. McIntosh thanked Town leadership and the police department for investigating the rec center incident and for not releasing Jane Doe's name. She added that transgendered people have the same rights as any other American. She also requested that Town Council not require people to give their names and addresses before speaking at public comment.

Brandon Milan-1041 Kims Cove Road, Canton: Milan said that he works in child welfare and has a degree in religion. He said that the transgendered person who visited the rec center has unfairly received threats of violence for merely existing. He said that transgendered people don't want to make children uncomfortable because they know what it feels like to be a child who is made to feel unsafe.

Helen Ryde-109 Tri Vista Drive, Lake Junaluska: Ryde said that Christianity and faith are important to many in the community. Ryde said that most people just want to live in peace and that trans people are our neighbors, and we should love our neighbors as the bible tells us to do.

Jeremy Stephens-31 Svyeta Park Drive, Waynesville: Stephens said he came to the meeting as an ally for the LGBTQ+ community. Stephens said that Joey Reece referred to transgendered people as "it" on social media.

Blake Yoder-60 Love Lane, Waynesville: Yoder said he was raised in the south and is speaking tonight as an ally of the LGBTQIA+ community. He said that the Facebook post regarding an alleged incident at the rec center has been found to be false. He said that as humans, we like to project our fears on others. He asked for people not to vilify a group of people based on unfounded accusations.

Garrett Lagan-319 Carpenter Road, Bryson City: Lagan said he has worked in social work for the last 20 years. He said that the violent threats made will cause ripples and will cross county lines. He asked for leadership to prosecute people who make violent threats and hold liars accountable, or they will continue.

Janna Bianculli-14 Briar Lane, Clyde: Bianculli thanked everyone for their public service. She said we should be coming together in love and unity and not violence and added that it's common decency to treat neighbors with respect, regardless of faith. She said citizens of this democracy should be able to live lives safely and free of discrimination.

Veronica Ethereal-1534 South Main Street, Waynesville: Ethereal thanked the Councilmembers, Town Attorney, and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. Ethereal said the support for the trans community is obvious. She added that she is a social worker and people welcome her into their homes. She asked people who were at the meeting that are not supportive of the community to ask themselves what they're so afraid of, because there's nothing to be afraid of.

Jesse Ross- 201 South Main Street, Waynesville: Ross said he just wanted to support the community. Ross said elections are coming up and there are people that do not need to serve on the Town Council.

Councilmember Sutton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, to continue public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Brierley- 540 North Main Street, Canton: Brierly said he came to counter hateful voices, but there are none. He thanked Councilmembers Sutton and Feichter for their speeches before public comment.

Beck Martens-22 Westfall Drive, Waynesville: Martens said they are the Youth Program Director of Youth OUTright. They said that trans people are not here to hurt people, but simply to live. Martens said that transgendered people have always lived in the south and will continue to.

Max Ringenbach-62 Woodsedge Drive, Asheville: Ringenbach said when HB2 came out, they had to beg and grovel to members of the state to say they have the right to use the bathroom where they want to. Ringenbach said they love the area and the people, but people who spur hate and violence need to be held accountable.

David Lovett- 28 Kelly Street, Waynesville: Lovett said that there were a bunch of people confused about the bible, and that Leviticus said all of this is wrong, that Noah and the Ark happened and killed everyone on the earth except those on the ark because of this kind of behavior. Lovett said that people who are calling themselves Christians need to go back and read the bible, because this behavior is not okay, disgusting. He said he served his country and will protect himself, others, and has grandchildren. He said if a male walks into a locker-room with them, he will defend them to his death. He said there's no such thing as trans-anything and it's a mental disorder.

Elias Hatcher- 130 Narrow Gauge Trail, Canton: Hatcher said he does not want to worry about a biological male entering the restroom or changing rooms with his daughters. He said that he realizes that are transgendered people who don't have bad intentions, but there are males that would enter a changing room that may have bad intentions. He asked for the rec center staff to enforce that people use the restroom of their biological sex, or unisex bathrooms are implemented.

Kasey Valentines Stephens-1377 Allens Creek Road, Waynesville: Stephens said she grew up here and loves Appalachian people. She said that she understands that people are afraid, but in 20 years of working in the community, she has never known of a trans person that molested someone. She said that we don't ban people in Waynesville. She said that Jesus did not discriminate, so neither will the community.

Town Attorney Martha Bradley said that this has been one of the most difficult two weeks of her life. She said that she has coached five-year-olds on how to testify against a grandfather who has molested them, as well as other victims who are testifying against someone who sexually assaulted them. She said that never did those assaults happened in a women's restroom. She said she wants everyone to feel safe in this Town.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, for Town Council to approve, support, and endorse Councilmember Sutton's statement that was made prior to public comment. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, to look at all of the Town's policies of employment and use of facilities, to ensure there is no discrimination based on sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Rob Hites said that fourth circuit court of appeals opinion is the law for the state of NC. He added that HB142 limits in some manner the way local governments can regulate the certain issues that have been recently discussed.

Town Attorney Martha Bradley added that in 2017 the General Assembly repealed HB2. She said that the bill removed legal authority from counties and municipalities from adopting policies related to the use of gendered restrooms or locker rooms. She said that municipalities only have the authority that the General Assembly gives them. Ms. Bradley said that the Town cannot enact policies related to those issues but can ensure that the Town has responsive staff.

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to remove item five (ABC Board Annual Report) from the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

All items below are routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Board member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered with other items listed in the Regular Agenda.

3.
 - a. June 27th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes
 - b. Downtown Waynesville Commission Labor Day Special Event Permit
 - c. Appalachian Adventure 2023 Special Event Permit
 - d. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Carryforwards

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

A recess was called at 7:33pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:44pm.

F. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

4. Call for a public hearing for August 8, 2023, to consider a revised Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for \$1,400,000 in utility infrastructure improvements in South Waynesville.
 - Elizabeth Teague, Director of Development

Development Director Elizabeth Teague reported that McGill and Associates received word from the Community Block Grant Program that the Town's application to extend and repair water and sewer

infrastructure in parts of Hazelwood can be partially funded this fiscal year, with the remainder being funded in next fiscal year. As a result, Ms. Teague said the Town must submit a revised application that would break up the project into two phases. She added that as before, Town Council must hold a public hearing to get community input and Karen Kiehna of McGill and Associates will present information on the project, a proposed CIP budget, and answer questions from the Council and public. Ms. Teague said Council will then have to approve the application at the August 22nd, 2023 meeting, and approve the minutes from that hearing to accompany the revised application.

A motion was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to call for the Public Hearing for August 8th, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

G. OLD BUSINESS

5. Reappointment of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment Members

- Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager Jesse Fowler reported that reported that Councilmember Jon Feichter and Councilmember Anthony Sutton had interviewed members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment who had not previously been interviewed by Council, and whose terms we up for reappointment. Those applicants interviewed were:

- Tommy Thomas (Planning Board)
- Stuart Bass (Planning Board)
- Bob Herrmann (Zoning Board of Adjustment)

These three applicants currently serve on their respective Advisory Boards

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Feichter, to reappoint Tommy Thomas and Stuart Bass to the Planning Board. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, to reappoint Bob Herrmann to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Appointment to the Waynesville Housing Authority

- Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager Jesse Fowler reported that Councilmember Chuck Dickson and Councilmember Anthony Sutton interviewed Sandra Arnold for an appointment to the Waynesville Housing Authority. There are currently 4 vacancies on the Waynesville housing Authority.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, to appoint Sandra Arnold to the Waynesville Housing Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

H. NEW BUSINESS

7. Establish an “Environmental Sustainability Board”

- Councilmember Chuck Dickson

Councilmember Chuck Dickson reported that during the Council’s retreat, Council approved the concept of a establishing a working board whose task is to study trends in energy conservation, the transition from fossil fuel to electric propelled devices, policies that would help stem increases in the ambient temperature of neighborhoods and commercial areas and efforts to aide citizens and businesses with energy conservation by conducting energy audits of their homes and businesses. Councilmember Dickson has worked with a group of citizens to develop a framework for such a board. At this time, he recommended that the Council establish an “Environmental Sustainability Board”. He said he will bring recommendations of the composition of the Board and its “Charge” in the coming months. Councilmember Dickson read, verbatim for the record, the mission and scope of sustainability board:

“The purpose of the Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) is to provide citizen-led, expert advice and leadership to guide the Town of Waynesville in achieving its goal of carbon neutrality and net zero emissions by 2050. The Waynesville Town Council cares deeply about our mountain environment, and the creation of the ESB reflects the importance of participatory democracy, serves as an extender of municipal leadership, and sets an example for our community and other communities.

The ESB will assist the Town Council with better understanding current and future threats to the natural environment and will communicate to citizens and business owners the town’s commitment to solving current and evolving environmental and climate challenges. The ESB may coordinate with its peer groups across the state and will leverage state and federal partnership and funding opportunities to promote scientifically sound and fiscally responsible climate solutions.

The ESB will be responsible for crafting working reference documents that will lay out timelines for achieving climate mitigation and adaptation benchmarks. Documents such as an Environmental Sustainability Strategy, a Carbon Management Plan, and a Climate Adaptation Plan will recommend climate mitigation and resiliency strategies and tools.

Recommended strategies to achieve carbon neutrality and net zero emissions may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Renewable energy systems
- 2) Building energy efficiency improvements
- 3) Conservation standards
- 4) Green Infrastructure (rain gardens, tree canopy monitoring, pervious parking surfaces, agricultural practices)
- 5) Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)
- 6) Electric vehicle fleet procurement and ownership cost analysis
- 7) Improving Town utility grid resiliency
- 8) Partnering with local nonprofits in the housing sector to support rollout of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding to low- and moderate-income households for energy efficiency and decarbonization efforts

Deployment of these strategies for town buildings and properties, businesses and residents will confer significant utility cost savings over time. While especially beneficial to low-income residents of Waynesville, every resident of the Town will benefit from the activities of the ESB and implementation of their recommendations. In addition to cost savings, benefits of the ESB will include:

- 1) Improved health outcomes due to lower transportation sector emissions and reduced emissions from household heating and cooking.
- 2) Eco-tourism and promotion of electric vehicle charging may lead to more tax receipts from sales and occupancy in Waynesville.
- 3) Increased community partnerships, as alignment with energy savings brings different mission-oriented groups together.
- 4) When the Town or a major local entity adopts energy efficiency or a renewable energy system, other towns, groups, and businesses will be encouraged to adopt these technologies, creating a bandwagon effect.
- 5) Promotion of a sustainable community improves the prosperity of our citizens and enables them to live and work in a safe and healthy environment.
- 6) Creation of green jobs”

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, to approve establishing an Environmental Sustainability Board, adopt the Mission and Scope of the ESB, and instruct the Town Clerk to advertise membership for the ESB. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Request by Councilmember Feichter for the Town to begin maintaining the medians in the State rights of way.
 - Councilmember Jon Feichter

Councilmember Feichter reported that citizens had told him that the medians at Hyatt Creek looked overgrown and the Town’s Public Services staff took care of it. He said that now people are complaining about the median in front of Publix. He asked if the Town could continue to maintain the medians since the DOT has not been taking care of it. Councilmember Sutton mentioned that NCDOT significantly cut funding for maintenance. Town Manager Rob Hites said if the Town is going to take over the maintenance of those areas, landscaping would require putting together a plan, getting approval for said plan, and obtaining an encroachment agreement. Councilmember Sutton suggested just mowing right now because Russ Avenue is getting ready to change. Mr. Hites said that’s also easier for staff to just mow and not maintain landscaping.

A motion was made by Councilmember Feichter, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, to direct the Town staff to begin maintaining the DOT medians within the Town limits. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Request to cease enforcement of “Temporary Sign’ enforcement within construction areas.
 - Councilmember Jon Feichter

Councilmember Feichter said the Main Street construction has affected a local business, so he requested that the Town permit inflatable signs while construction activity inhibits the flow of traffic to the business.

A motion was made by Councilmember Feichter, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, to request that the Town staff not enforce the prohibition of temporary signs in areas where traffic flow is limited by construction activity on the roadways. The motion passed unanimously.

10. A staff request to allow sign and building permits to be waived for businesses whose signs must be relocated or replaced due to NCDOT Project U-5839.
 - Byron Hickox, Land Use Administrator

Land Use Administrator Byron Hickox reported that with the Russ Avenue project, about 35 businesses are having to relocate and update their signs. He said it would be a nice gesture not to charge the business owners permit fees for the new signs.

Mr. Hites asked if non-compliant signs will be required to be compliant once they are moved. Mr. Hickox replied yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to allow the Development Services Department to waive sign and electrical permit fees related to the relocation or replacement of signs that are impacted by NCDOT Project U-5839. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approve the purchase of a replacement street sweeper.
 - Rob Hites, Town Manager

Town Manager Rob Hites reported that the Public Services Department has been keeping a 2004 Johnson Street Sweeper operating for many years. He said the electrical wiring harness has failed to the point that it cannot be repaired. He said when the staff took the vehicle to the factory repair facility, and they reported that not only was a new wiring harness not available, but they don't have a record of how the harness is configured, so now the Town is without a street sweeper. Mr. Hites said that street sweepers are on "State Contract" and are in stock. He said the Town will need to substitute the purchase of a "VAC-All truck for a new sweeper and use ARP funds to purchase the truck. He reminded the Council that they moved to purchase electric vehicles and equipment whenever possible, so staff priced both a diesel and an electric hybrid for review. He said the sweeper representative has priced a "State Contract" diesel sweeper priced at \$272,345.36. They provided an estimated price of \$700,000 for an electric hybrid sweeper. While the Town has the funds to pay cash for a diesel sweeper, Mr. Hites said the Town would need to borrow funds to purchase a hybrid model. He said that staff have found, through the recent effort to finance the fire truck, that many lending institutions are steering away from funding small municipal debt. He added that the current interest rate for such small municipal debt is 4%.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, to approve the purchase of a street sweeper for \$280,000 (the turn-key price includes, tags, title and town installed equipment such as radio and warning lights). The motion passed unanimously.

12. Amendment to ARP Project Fund-Addition of Street Sweeper
 - Misty Hagood, Finance Director

Finance Director Misty Hagood reported that the Town’s street sweeper is out of service and beyond repair. She said that to purchase a replacement, staff recommend that the Council use ARP funds. She said the budget amendment adds the street sweeper and reduces the I&I Slip Lining line item. In addition to the addition of the street sweeper, she said the budget amendment “trues up” several items that have been purchased by recognizing their “actual cost” vs the “budgeted estimate”. She said the savings derived from the move from budget to actual has been added to the I&I Slip Lining Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to approve the ARP Budget Amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Resolution Approving Financing Terms

- Misty Hagood, Finance Director

Finance Director Misty Hagood reported she sent out a Request for Proposals to 10 banks on June 5, 2023 for financing on the new fire truck and equipment. She said she heard back from five of the banks that they were not interested in bidding at this time and the only proposal she received is from Truist for a term of 15 years at an interest rate of 4.89% and it is prepayable in whole at any time without penalty. She added that the yearly payment will be \$76,501.83. Ms. Hagood recommended that Council go with this proposal and approve the Resolution Approving Financing Terms because a lot of banks are no longer financing rolling stock and she said she does not think we will get any other proposals if we release it again.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, to approve the Resolution Approving Financing Terms. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Budget Amendment for TDA Grant Awards

- Misty Hagood, Finance Director

Finance Director Misty Hagood reported that The DWC has been awarded several grants that require a budget amendment for us to record the revenue and expend the funds. The awarded grants are listed below:

TDA Grants

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| • Appalachian True Weekend | \$16,000 |
| • Christmas Decorations | \$ 3,750 |
| • Creative Campfire | \$ 5,000 |
| • String Lights | \$ 1,875 |
| • Summertime Sidewalk Music | \$ 3,750 |

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to approve the budget amendment as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Request for a double burial

- Rob Hites, Town Manager

Town Manager Rob Hites reported that Department of Defense recovered the remains of a Waynesville Vietnam veteran. He said that the Defense Department and area veterans would like to return his remains to

Green Hill Cemetery for burial. Mr. Hites said that many years ago, the veteran was declared missing in action. In memoriam, he said his uniform was buried in an empty coffin in the veteran's section of the cemetery. He said that it is the wish of his surviving widow that his remains be buried in her family's private plot in a double burial. He added that he would be laid to rest and at a future date, she would be buried above his interment. Mr. Hites said that currently, rules of the cemetery do not permit double burials. Due to the special circumstances surrounding the identification of his remains, the family requested that the Town Council permit a double burial.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to refer the request to the Cemetery Committee for their recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Appointment of Alcohol Beverage Control Board Applicant

- Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager Jesse Fowler reported that the ABC Board appointment will fulfill the last vacancy. Councilmember Freeman said that both candidates were excellent.

A motion was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Dickson, to appoint Jonathan Sears as the new member to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The motion passed unanimously.

I. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

17. Manager's Report

- Town Manager, Rob Hites

Town Manager Rob Hites commended Assistant Town Manager Jesse Fowler for his contribution and hard work on the investigation. Councilmember Freeman thanked the Police Department and Town Attorney. Mr. Fowler thanked the Rec Center staff as a whole and said they performed flawlessly in the absence of the director. Mayor Gary Caldwell said that he's proud of Mr. Fowler in his role as Assistant Town Manager and that he's grown a lot.

18. Town Attorney Report

- Town Attorney, Martha Bradley

Town Attorney Martha Bradley thanked Council for not passing the buck with the rec center incident.

J. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilmember Sutton thanked everyone for their support and levelheadedness. He also thanked Chief Adams, Detective Shell, the police department, and rec center staff.

K. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilmember Dickson, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, to adjourn at 8:32pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Gary Caldwell, Mayor

Robert W. Hites, Jr. Town Manager

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk