

TOWN OF ROLESVILLE  
REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE  
TOWN BOARD

APRIL 22, 2014  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Frank Eagles, Mayor  
Gil Hartis, Commissioner  
Frank Hodge, Mayor Pro Tem  
Bryan Hicks, Town Manager  
David York, Town Attorney  
JG Ferguson, Parks & Rec Director  
Sherwood Bobbitt  
Charles Buchanan  
Janet Betts  
Marcel Beadreau  
Ronnie Currin, Commissioner  
Betty Whitaker, Commissioner  
Shannon Whitley, Commissioner  
Thomas Lloyd, Planning Director  
Clellie Allen, The Wake Weekly  
Bobby Langston, Police Captain  
Kathi Furston  
Frances Cheek  
Jacobi Affinnih

**Call to Order**

Mayor Frank Eagles called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Eagles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Frank Hodge gave the invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Ronnie Currin made the motion to table agenda item #5: discussion of facility options for the Town of Rolesville Police Department.

Mayor Eagles noted that the applicant for agenda item #4: SUP 14-01, has asked that the matter be delayed until the May 22 meeting.

With those changes noted, Commissioner Betty Whitaker made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Resident Marcel Beaudreau shared his concerns with garbage along US 401, south of town. He asked if the police could take action against the perpetrators. Chief Matt Anderson said that police can pursue action with witnesses' help.

Town Manager Bryan Hicks added that town staff also contacts DOT about litter along US 401 that is outside the town limits.

Mayor Eagles submitted a resolution commemorating Earth Day in the town of Rolesville. Commissioner Shannon Whitley made the motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Currin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Consideration of Board Action on case TA14-05: a UDO Text Amendment to define Bars/Nightclubs/Taverns as an Allowable Special-Use in Commercial Districts**

Planning Director Thomas Lloyd said there were no suggested changes to the proposed amendment since it was last presented to the board in March.

Commissioner Whitley made the motion to approve the text change. Commissioner Gil Hartis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Update from staff regarding the Implementation of the New Sign Ordinance**

Mr. Hicks reported that staff has met with all businesses along Main Street and Rogers Road to talk to them about the impending changes and how each business would be impacted.

Commissioner Hodge asked how political signs would be regulated moving forward. Town Attorney David York said that political campaign signs are regulated under state law.

Mayor Eagles asked if the town could act on an excessive number of campaign signs. Mr. York said that, even if the signs are in the public right-of-way, the nearest property owner has the right to remove the signs if they see fit. This applies to properties owned by businesses, residents or religious institutions.

Commissioner Hartis asked if the signs, then, were in front of the Town Hall vicinity, it would be up to property owner, Lloyd Mattingly, to remove the signs. Mr. York confirmed that to be correct.

Commissioner Currin asked if staff is still in support of the recently revised sign ordinance. Mr. Hicks said staff has received both positive and negative feedback from residents and business owners. Ultimately, he said, staff will implement whatever changes the board directs.

Mr. York added that revisions to the new ordinance will be likely. But, he suggested that any needed revisions will be more apparent once the new ordinance is actively enforced.

Janet Betts, owner of Rosalini's Pizza said she is concerned about the negative impact the new ordinance will have on her business. She said she has been talking with town staff to work on bringing some suggested amendments to the board.

Jacobi Affinnih, owner of the Rolesville Grill, said temporary signs have been instrumental to building interest in her new business. She also said the new sign ordinance could hurt her business.

Commissioner Hodge made the motion to delay enforcement of the new sign ordinance until January, 2015. Commissioner Hartis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Currin asked for a clarification on the timeline of the new ordinance as it stands now.

Mr. Lloyd said that the current ordinance effective date is May 1; a 30 day amortization schedule is then in effect. Any business in violation after 30 days is given a notice with 15 days to comply. After that time, the business would face a \$50 a day fine.

Mr. York suggested that the new ordinance could stay in place, but that the board could continue its direction not to enforce the ordinance for an extended period of time while the town continues to work with businesses.

Mayor Eagles asked if a three month extension would be enough time to consider any amendments. Mr. Lloyd agreed with this time period. Mr. York agreed with a shorter extension.

Under Commissioner Hodge's motion, Mr. York clarified, the amortization schedule would run as previously set with the May 1 start date; however, there would be no active enforcement of the ordinance in place.

Mayor Eagles called for a vote on Commissioner Hodge's motion to delay enforcement of the new sign ordinance until January, 2015. The motion passed 3-2, with Commissioners Hodge, Hartis and Currin voting in the affirmative. Commissioners Whitley and Whitaker dissented.

### **Update on the Proposed Rolesville Farmers Market**

Mr. Hicks reviewed the discussed logistics of the proposed farmers market. Mayor Eagles said he has met with organizers and members of the NC Cooperative Extension to discuss organizational options, which would potentially be in an advisory form with members appointed by the Town Board.

Organizer Frances Cheek suggested the market be open to sellers of all sizes for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday markets.

Commissioner Hodge asked about the renovation costs of the town-owned building. Mr. Hicks said he doesn't have the exact figures yet.

Ms. Cheek said her organization, Back to Basics, would cover the cost of renovating the interior of the building. They are asking the town to handle the exterior, including roofing, plumbing and A/C repairs. Back to Basics would also offer a car port shelter for vendors and an additional storage shed.

In addition to the investment of renovations, Ms. Cheek suggested the town would get revenue from the gate fees paid by commercial sellers. She stressed that details need to be set so that the market can be operational this summer.

Mayor Eagles asked if the group could start operating at the location on a temporary basis with tents on-site so that the town could work out the logistics and costs of renovating the building.

### **Approval of the draft agenda for the May 5, 2014 regular business meeting**

After some discussion, the board asked that another update on the farmers market be added to the agenda.

An update on the Police Department's facilities was also added to the agenda.

Mr. Hicks asked the board for direction on the Fourth of July festivities. He said the options are to either no have the event or to just have fireworks.

Commissioner Hartis suggested not holding the event rather than rushing to do it poorly.

Ms. Cheek noted that the fireworks are \$7,000. Mayor Eagles said the town doesn't have those funds and it would be difficult to fundraise in a short period of time.

The board agreed and opted not to have the event this year.

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Hodge made the motion to go into closed session to discuss matters protected under attorney-client privilege pursuant NC GS § 143-318.11-A(3) and NC GS § 143-318.11-A(5) to discuss real estate acquisition. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Whitley made the motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. No action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business, Commissioner Whitley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Leslie Rudd, Town Clerk

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C. Frank Eagles, Mayor