



**Minutes  
Town of Chadbourn, North Carolina  
Chadbourn Council Regular Meeting**

**January 3, 2012**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Chadbourn Town Council was held Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** Mayor, Kenneth Waddell; Mayor Pro Tem, Fax Rector; Councilmembers: Rashad Roberts, Brian Edwards, Phillip Honeycutt and Edwin Roberts

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Stevie Cox, Town Manager; Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk; Steven Shaw, Police Chief; Michael Foss, Public Works Director; Harold Pope, Town Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk took roll call.

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Edwin Roberts led the assembly in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Waddell led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Rector made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rashad Roberts to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 - 0.

**Approval of Minutes of Town Council Meetings**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2011
2. Emergency Called Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2011

Councilmember Rector made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rashad Roberts. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 - 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one introduction/motion/second/roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

## No Consent Agenda Items for January

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CITIZEN REQUEST

*Anyone seeking to speak under Public Comments must complete a comment card and submit it to the Town Clerk prior to the start of the Town Council Meeting. When you come up to speak, you will need to state your name, address, what organization that you represent and your topic of concern.*

Mayor Waddell opened the floor to Public Comments and asked to limit the time to three minutes per person.

Alex Singletary stated that the citizens were concerned with the change of the Public Comments from the end of the Council meeting to the beginning. Mr. Singletary requested that the Public Comments be moved back to the end of the meeting.

Russell Gause stated that he and Brian Hall were the land line for the concern citizens and a survey was done on November 7, 2011. Mr. Gause stated there was a list of concerns from the CCCBG, which are listed below, as Mr. Gause presented to Town Council and others.

All of the items below are the response on all questionnaires. Water issues and crime being the highest concerns.

- Community development activities
- Crime
- Sewage issues
- School
- Water issues

The below items are the additional concerns and comments from the community.

- Jobs
- Streets
- Vacant lots and houses
- Speeding in the residential areas
- Money paid into reserve funds
- Police department hours and Town Hall operating hours
- Concern that the Town is in need of work and the Town does not take care of the Town
- Policeman's not doing their job
- Too many town employees
- Water pressure is very low, contribute as to running water meter up
- Fluctuation in water bills
- No afternoon activities for children/teens (high school)
- Feels that there should be a curfew in Chadbourn for teens on the street, too late at night
- Would like to see the Alumni building being used 1 or 2 nights for gratuity movie night
- High school students who may need help in school (may need help to prevent failing) need a place to go to get help, possibly concern parent's
- The transport of live animals via town streets, offensive smells, pigs, etc.
- The use of toxic chemical weed killers
- Conflict of interest re: Planning Board and Council members as it regards to kinship
- A Councilman in particular boast about raising taxes to fill the needs re: reserves for sewer and water; "like trying to tax sheds and building on one's property"
- Streets are being torn apart and never returned to its original state
- Chadbourn physical appearance is appalling. I have literally begun to hate the sight of our Town. Streets are ripped apart for repairs, but never repaired to a presentable appearance. Water bill is outrageous.
- Concern about charging water and sending out water bill to empty house
- Youths under 12-14 out over the Town and standing in groups at intersections after 10-11 p.m.
- Vacant lots overgrown; housing that need to be torn down

- Is the Town looking for a way to bring some type of jobs to the community
- Comment; Changed toilet to quick flush, water bill has not been the same since toilet change-did receive credit for over payment
- Comment; I live on E. Institute St., the last house within city limits, the speeding traffic is terrible. I have spoken to the city police about it, it's still the same, and the cars are also passing on the double lines.
- Need new water lines
- Increasing money in reserves to pay for expenses; office hours reduced from 8 to 6 hours

Russell Gause also stated that the Proposed Peddlers Ordinance was a conflict of interest for Councilmember Honeycutt and he should not be allowed to vote.

Eugene George read a letter from the Concerned Citizens of Chadbourn concerning moving the Public Comments to the end of the meeting.

Mayor Waddell requested that Council receive a copy of the letter, which will be attached to the minutes. Mayor Waddell also stated that putting the Public Comments at the beginning gave the citizens an opportunity to voice their concerns about what Council would be voting for. Putting it first would allow Council to hear what the citizens' comments were before voting instead of after voting.

Councilmember Rashad Roberts stated that he did not say that Ms. Bettye Wilson asked for the Public Comments to be moved. What she said was it sounded like a good ideal because it would give her or any other citizen an opportunity to make a comment before any voting took place. Councilmember Rashad Roberts stated that he would like to apologize to Ms. Wilson if it was taken wrong.

Mayor Waddell stated that the Council would take into consideration where the Public Comments would be placed on the Agenda by the next meeting.

Russell Gause requested that the Water and Sewer Rates be on the February 2012 agenda to make changes on the rates.

Russell Gause stated that the Public should have more opportunity for Public Comments and more outlets to provide public notice of Public Hearings.

Mayor Waddell closed the Public Comments session.

(Clerk's Note: Copy of the CCCBG (List of the community concerns and comments pertaining to the Town of Chadbourn and Concerned Citizens of Chadbourn letter to Mayor Kenneth Waddell and Members of the Chadbourn Town Council are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes)

## **ACTION AGENDA**

- 1. Cost Saving Program Update.**  
Presented by: Robert Segal of Robert Segal and Associates

Mr. Robert Segal gave an update on the cost saving changes that have been made and suggestions of other cost saving changes that were in progress.

No action was taken by Council.

- 2. Case No.: TO-07-11 – Proposed Peddlers, Itinerant Merchants, Yard Sales and Solicitors Ordinance.**  
Presented by: Councilmember Honeycutt

After discussion by Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Honeycutt to adopt TO-07-11 - Proposed Peddlers, Itinerant Merchants, Yard Sales and Solicitors Ordinance. Councilmember Rector seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote. Councilmember Rashad Roberts and Councilmember Edwin Roberts opposed.

**3. Award of the Contract for the Dogwood Street and Joyner Street Water Line Improvement Project.**

Presented by: Town Manager Stevie Cox

Town Manager Cox requested that the Town Council award the contract for the Dogwood Street and Joyner Street Water Line Improvement project to Alex McPherson Construction which was the lowest and most qualified bidder for this project.

After discussion by Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Rector to approve the Award of the Contract for the Dogwood Street and Joyner Street Water Line Improvement Project to Alex McPherson Construction in the amount of \$38,497. Councilmember Honeycutt seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0

**4. Change of Utility Customer Status for Budget Inn**

Presented by: Nishith Patel, owner of Budget Inn

Nishith Patel is requesting that the Town Council approve the change of Utility Customer Status for Budget Inn from a Residential Customer to a Commercial Customer Status and combine his two meters' billing as one.

After discussion by Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Edward to approve the change of Budget Inn's water billing rate status from Residential Customer to Commercial Customer rate and combine his two meters' billing into one. Councilmember Edwin Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5 - 0.

**5. Rates for Commercial Utility Accounts.**

Presented by: Mayor Kenneth Waddell

Mayor Waddell requested that Council review the rate schedule for water and sewer customers in the next month and that this item be put on the February 7, 2012 Council meeting for discussion.

(Clerk's Note: Copies of the Action Agenda items are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes)

**OTHER ITEMS**

Mayor Waddell asked if anyone had any announcements.

Town Manager Cox stated that newly elected Councilmembers had to go to Ethics training, which the date has not been set.

Councilmember Edwards suggested that community meetings should be scheduled to receive Public Comments on a quarterly basis so we can talk without making any decisions.

Councilmember Rashad Roberts stated that the Martin Luther King Fellowship Alliance Walk and Service will be on January 16, 2012 at 9 a.m.

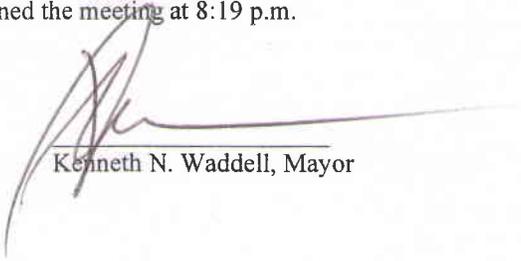
**CLOSED SESSION**

**1. Discussion of Possible Litigation – General Statutes 143-318-11(a) (3)**

Mayor Waddell stated that there was not any new business for Discussion of Possible Litigation and there was not any need to go into Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

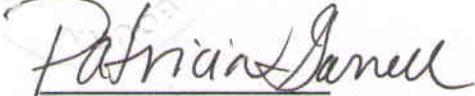
With no further business, Mayor Waddell adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.



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Kenneth N. Waddell, Mayor

Attest:



Handwritten signature of Patricia Garrell in dark ink, written in a cursive style.

Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk