



Minutes
Town of Chadbourn, North Carolina
Chadbourn Council Regular Meeting

May 5, 2015

The Regular Council Meeting of the Chadbourn Town Council was held Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room.

Members Present: Mayor Donald Ray Bass; Mayor Pro Tem Rashad Roberts; Councilmembers: Brian Edwards, Edwin Roberts, David Worley and James Green.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Jones, Town Manager; Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk; Steven Price, Public Works Director; Scott Rockwell, Interim Chief of Police; and Harold Pope, Town Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Rashad Roberts led the assembly in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bass led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bass asked Council to make a motion on the agenda.

Councilmember Edwin Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Worley. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. April 07, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
2. April 27, 2015 Budget Meeting

Mayor Bass asked Council to make a motion on the minutes.

Councilmember Worley made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Edwards. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bass announced the following announcements from Town Manager Jones as written on the Town Council Agenda:

Mayor Bass stated that Council would like to thank the following for the Strawberry Festival.

- Strawberry Committee for the success of the 83rd Strawberry Festival.
- A special thanks to the Public Works Director Steven Price and his staff for all the hard work on the clean-up of the town.
- The Chadbourn Police Department and the support from the neighboring Police departments to protect our Town during the festival.
- *If any Department Heads have any announcements or comments, please report them to Council.*

Interim Police Chief Rockwell stated that he wanted to thank the Police Department for their efforts.

Mayor Bass closed the Announcements.

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 Bass opened the floor for Public Comments from the comment cards he received.

Raymond Jett, Chadbourn, NC

- Mr. Jett voiced his concerns with the removal of the K9.

Donald Flowers, Chadbourn, NC

- Mr. Flowers had concerns about Ms. Geraldine Collins' zoning permit on Joyner Street, which was turned down by the Town due to the size of the lot.

Mayor Bass closed the Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Correction to the Chadbourn Meat Market Business Equipment Tax Billing for the Year 2014.

After much discussion by Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Edwards to approve the Consent Agenda item listed above. Councilmember Worley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approval of the Surplus and Releasing Retiring Chief Munblow's Badge Worn and his Service Sidearm.
Presented by: Robert Jones, Town Manager

After much discussion by Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Edwards stating that in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2 to approve the surplus of the badge worn and Retiring Chief Mumblow's service sidearm at the cost of one dollar (\$1). Councilmember Worley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

1. Discussion and Approval by the Town Council to Accept the LKC Engineering Services Agreement for the USDA Grant.

Presented by: Adam Kiker with LKC Engineering, PLLC

Adam Kiker stated that he is requesting approval of the LKC Engineering Services Agreement with the Town of Chadbourn. Mr. Kiker stated that in order to start the process with the USDA grant, the agreement has to be approved.

Mr. Pope stated that he had reviewed the contract and it has his approval.

After much discussion by Council, Councilmember Worley made a motion to approve the contract with LKC Engineering for the Sewer and Water Rehabilitation Project. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

2. Discussion by the Town Council and Approval of the Interim Police Chief's Salary.

Presented by: Robert Jones, Town Manager

Mr. Jones stated that he is requesting to move Interim Police Chief Scott Rockwell's salary to \$35,000.

After much discussion by Council, Councilmember Worley made a motion to approve Interim Police Chief Scott Rockwell's salary to \$35,000. Councilmember Edwin Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

3. Discussion by the Town Council and Approval to Sell the K9 and Equipment.

Presented by: Interim Chief Scott Rockwell

Interim Chief Rockwell stated that in his experience with the K9, it had not preformed to expectations in the past. He, also, stated that he is recommending that the K9 be sold.

After much discussion by Council, Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to table the sell of the K9 until August when more information is received or the K9 performance improves. Councilmember Worley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bass requested a motion from Council to go into Closed Session.

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to go into Closed Session for Personnel Issues Pursuant General Statute 143-318.11 (6) and General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3), to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk, was excused from the Closed Session, due to Personnel Issues. Attorney Harold Pope will take the minutes.

Mayor Bass stated that Council would go into Closed Session at 8.20 p.m.

Councilmember Worley requested to be recused from the Closed Meeting due to family conflict of interest. Attorney Pope stated that it was a valid request and Councilmember Worley was excused from the Closed Meeting.

Council returned from Closed Session. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to return to open session at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Bass requested Council to make a motion to approve the Closed Minutes from April 7, 2015 and April 27, 2015.

Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to approve the Closed Minutes from April 7, 2015 and April 27, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Edwards. The motion carried with a vote of 4 – 0. Councilmember Worley was not present.

Mayor Bass requested Council to make a motion to uphold the Town Manager's decision on the dismissal of Michael Foss.

Councilmember Edwin Roberts made a motion to uphold the Town Manager's decision on the dismissal of Michael Foss. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rashad Roberts. The motion carried with a vote of 4 – 0. Councilmember Worley was recused from the decision.

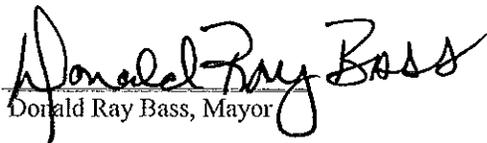
Mayor Bass requested Council to make a motion to uphold the Town Manager's decision on the dismissal of John King.

Councilmember Edwin Roberts made a motion to uphold the Town Manager's decision on the dismissal of John King. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Edwards. The motion was a tie vote of 2 – 2. Mayor Bass broke the tie vote with a yes vote to uphold the Town Manager's decision on the dismissal of John King. Councilmember Worley was recused from the decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Edwards. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Mayor Bass adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.


Donald Ray Bass, Mayor

Attest:


Patricia Garrell, Town Clerk