



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

March 3, 2015

The Regular Council Meeting of the Chadbourn Town Council was held Tuesday, March 3, 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: Patricia Garrell, Interim Town Manager; Linda Gaddy, Deputy Town Clerk; Steven Price, Interim Public Works Manager; Robert Mumblow, 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. Linda Gaddy, Deputy Town Clerk, took roll call.

INVOCATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2015

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

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bass announced the following announcement from Interim Manager Garrell as written on the Town Council Agenda:

- *If any Department Heads have any announcements of comments, please report them to Council.*
- Steven Price, Interim Public Works Manager, stated that the Public Works Department is addressing flooding issues and problematic sewer issues throughout Town.
- Robert Mumblow, Chief of Police, stated that Det/Lt. Matthew Parker tendered his resignation from the Chadbourn Police Department effective March 13, 2015. Chief Mumblow further stated the Det/Lt. Parker would be employed with the Columbus County Sherriff's Department, which would result in an increase in pay for Det/Lt. Parker.

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.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Bass closed the Public Comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Final Public Hearing for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funding Application.

Mayor Bass opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Floyd Adams with the The Adams Company discussed the following items:

The Town has previously participated in successfully completing CDBG projects:

- NCDENR is offering a funding cycle for CDBG Infrastructure projects on March 31, 2015
- Total available funds for this fiscal year will be \$26,000,000 and will be split into 2 rounds of \$13,000,000 each
- Project may include water or sewer activities along with economic development
- Maximum grant awards are limited to \$3,000,000 over a period of 3 years
- Benefit for the projects must be at least 51% LMI
- A plan for housing displacement and relocation will be applicable, however, no housing displacement or relocation will be proposed in Chadbourn's infrastructure project
- Anyone interested in providing written comments, complaints or grievances may do so by contacting the Town at 602 N Brown Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431. The phone number for the Town is 910-654-4148.
- Written responses will be provided to comments within 15 days after receipt of the comment.

The proposed project will include:

- Upgrades to the Town's 7 pump stations

- Emergency generators
 - Installation of Telemetry
 - Repair/Replace pump controls
 - Replace worn pumps
 - Remove and replace 12,080 linear feet of deteriorated sewer lines
 - Remove and replace 47 deteriorated manholes
 - Will provide area wide benefit to the entire town which is 61.86% LMI
 - The project's critical need is to eliminate Notices of Violations at the WWTP and the sewer collection system.
- Project will address problems associated with the wastewater treatment plant by drastically reducing the inflow and infiltration problems with old deteriorated sewer lines
 - In addition, the project will provide numerous repairs to the existing pump stations in order to get them functioning as originally design
 - The project location will include the service area of the sewer system located throughout the Town limits of Chadbourn
 - The total CDBG cost of the project is \$3,000,000 which represents 97% of the total costs
 - Town contribution for the project is \$100,000
 - Total cost of the project is \$3,100,000
 - Based on the above critical needs, the current grant opportunities, and the fact that the town has been successful in previous CDBG projects, it is deemed beneficial to apply for the current CDBG cycle

End of Comments from Floyd Adams, with The Adams Company.

Mayor Bass opened the floor for Public Comments from the citizens.

- There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Bass closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the 2015 Beautification and Clean-Up Week Proclamation.
2. Approval of the 2015 North Carolina Strawberry Festival Proclamation.
3. Approval to Release Tax Bill for 2014, for Billy Wayne Jones for a home, which burned in 2013.
4. Approval of the West Columbus ABC Board's Use of the Town's Travel Policy.

After much discussion by Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Edwards to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 thru 4 listed above as one. Councilmember Worley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5 – 0.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Discussion and Approval of the Town's contribution amount, if any, and final approval for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funding Application (CDBG).

After much discussion by Council, Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to approve the submission of the CDBG grant funding application and give Mayor Bass the authorization to sign all appropriated documents for the grant and approve a local commitment of \$101,000.00 from Operating Cash and the Town's Water and Sewer Reserve funds. Councilmember Edwards 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 Rashad Roberts 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 Edwards. The motion carried with a 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 7.17 p.m.

Council returned from Closed Session. Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to return to open session at 9:07 p.m. Councilmember Worley seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5 – 0.

Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to accept Mr. Robert Jones as the Town's new Town Manager, effective March 19, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Worley. The motion carried with a vote of 5 – 0.

Mayor Bass made an announcement that, "all other personnel matters had been resolved".

ADJOURNMENT

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

With no further business, Mayor Bass adjourned the meeting.


Donald Ray Bass, Mayor

Attest:


Linda Gaddy, Deputy Town Clerk

The March 3, 2015 Town Council minutes were distributed by e-mail to Town Council for APPROVAL:
The motion was as follows:

Councilmember Rashad Roberts made a motion to approve the March 3, 2015 Town Council Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 – 0.