

**Town of Mocksville
Regular Board Meeting
July 16, 2019**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall.

Present:	Mayor, Will Marklin	Absent:
Commissioners Present:	Eric Southern	
	Brent S.Ward	
	Rob Taylor	
	Brian Williams	
	Amy Vaughan-Jones	

Others Present:

Matt Settlemyer, Town Manager
Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk
Al Benschhoff, Town Attorney
Pat Reagan, Police Chief
Brian Moore, Public Services Director
Rustin Harpe, Parks and Grounds Director
Tami Langdon, Community Development
CJ Dwiggin, Fire Fighter

Mayor Marklin called the meeting to order welcoming everyone in attendance.

The Town of Mocksville Board paused for a moment of silence.

Mayor Marklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

Citizen Comments

No one spoke.

Recognition of K-9 Officer, Brian Hill and K-9 Wrago

On June 4, 2019 an inmate escaped from the Davie County Detention Center. Officers across the County responded to the area and offered assistance to locate and apprehend the escaped inmate. Although no official request for assistance was made to our department, MPD officers remained in the Town and attempted to locate the individual while also providing security and protection to the citizens of Mocksville. The search for the inmate was called off at approximately 6:30 PM, however the inmate was still at large. Lt. Hefner, Officer Neouv, Capt. Finney, Capt. Reynolds, Capt. Robbins, and Major Matthews cleared the scene and briefed the oncoming shift about the incident. The night shift officers were asked to continue patrolling the area and attempt to locate the inmate at-large. At approximately 2:00 AM on June 5, 2019, K-9 Officer Hill responded to the area of Ingersoll-Rand in reference to a suspicious person employees had seen. K-9 Officer Hill, along with Sr. Officer Davidson, and Officer Sloan observed a man matching the description of the escaped inmate in a wooded area near Sanford Avenue. K-9 Officer Hill gave commands for the individual to present himself to law enforcement. The individual proceeded to flee on foot. K-9 Officer Hill then deployed K-9 Wrago in an attempt to locate and subdue the individual. K-9 Wrago was successful in locating and controlling the individual until MPD and DCSO officers could reach him and place him in custody. Only a minor injury to Officer Sloan was reported and the inmate was returned to the custody of the Davie County Detention Center.

Mocksville Comprehensive Plan Presentation; Paul Kron, Foothills Planning and Design

Mr. Kron expressed his gratitude for the hard work that the Town of Mocksville exerted for this project. There are four key parts to this plan. There was a huge survey done on the Town so that the project could reflect what the people felt the Town needed. The plan started in May and ended in July. In terms of

population, as of 1980, Mocksville has doubled in population. About 13% of the County's population is made up in the Town of Mocksville. There is a high renter's rate and most of the housing goes to single families. There are relatively small amounts of family housing units. About 27% of the children living in Mocksville live under the poverty level. The median income of Mocksville is lower than the rest of Davie County. Mr. Kron explains that even though Mocksville is a little lower than State and County averages in some categories, that it is not uncommon or anything to be ashamed about because it is good to know where the Town is and what is happening within it. 2400 people make up the workforce and out of those 2400 people a small percentage works outside the Town limits. The people who work in the factories more than likely do not live in the County. So, we have both sides of the coin as Mr. Kron puts it and that is perfectly fine. Paul wanted to look at where the Town would be because of this in 20 years. Mr. Kron says that it is uncommon for a Town of our size to still have a volunteer fire department. He also states that there has been a great decrease in the number of volunteers the department has, and the number of calls has certainly increased. Mr. Kron then went on to discuss about the Downtown area. He begins by talking about how everyone loves the area and loves the activities and functions that go on down there, but they found in the survey that the people would like more beautification to be done to the area. People also expressed wanting more opportunities to live in the Downtown area. Mr. Kron then brings up transportation and the major roads in Mocksville. Park and recreation was also looked at. He says that people were delighted to see the green loop going around Mocksville. Water wise, the Town uses about half of what it can treat so that is good. Mr. Kron discusses the vacancy of land in Mocksville. There are some places where there is one building on 100 acres. He suggests maybe subdividing land so that the Town can develop and grow. Mr. Kron says that about 50% of the land in the Town is vacant. The survey that was done in November was to establish what the people of Mocksville want, don't want, like, and dislike, came out to be very helpful and many great ideas were taken from it. Mr. Kron wants to develop a plan to keep people wanting to come to Mocksville to raise a family, work, retire, and visit. He would also like for people to move to Mocksville, raise their families and have their children remain in Mocksville. Mr. Kron says that a critical part of getting these plans started would be to get the resources together, and an advisory board for the task at hand.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Items approved were: (A) June 4, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for Property Located at 1294 US Hwy 64 W

We have received a request for annexation for a parcel of property at 1294 US Hwy 64 W. This parcel is the Town Manager's property. The first step in the annexation is to approve a Resolution so the Clerk can ensure that the petition and legal description are valid for an annexation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to have the Clerk investigate the parcel for 1294 US Hwy 64 W for sufficiency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Resolution for Changes in the State Highway Secondary Road System within the Existing Corporate Limits of the Town of Mocksville

At the May Board meeting the Board approved a resolution of support for a new industry called G2 Structures-SES that included an agreement to turn over Angell Knoll Ave to the DOT on a temporary basis so they could make a series of street improvements with DOT money. A formal resolution is needed for the NCDOT abandoning Angel Knoll Ave on a temporary basis to accommodate the state grant for road improvements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the resolution to abandon Angel Knoll Avenue on a temporary basis to accommodate the NCDOT and state grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Community Data Platform Membership Program for the Mocksville Police Department

Report writing and records management is critical to successful law enforcement operation. The current software handles the police department's needs, but does not allow for growth or technological

advancements. The department requires new software that can be integrated with other agencies across the County. The transition to Central Square will accomplish this by providing officers and civil staff new reporting and record keeping software with current technology and full integration with EMS, Davie County Sheriff's Office, E911, and other first responders. This software will be on the same platform as the County's to provide a higher level of compatibility and efficiency. This software was discussed extensively during the FY 2018-2019 budget process but it took over a year to find a suitable vendor and to get the logistics of the program worked out. The annual cost for the program is already included in the FY 2019-2020 Police Department Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve the Community Data Platform Membership Program for the Mocksville Police Department with Davie County but with the Town Attorney's recommendations for the contract to be changed/added/deleted before the Town Manager signs the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Utility Policy and Utility Forms

The Utility Policy and Utility Forms are to provide a consistent process by which the utilities are billed and revenues collected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Southern to approve the utility policy and utility forms for the administration department but using the Town Attorney's recommendation to make it a utility ordinance instead of a policy for the Town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Changing Meeting Date for August 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan-Jones to approve changing the Tuesday, August 6, 2019 regular Board meeting to Tuesday, August 20, 2019 6pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Communication from Town Staff

Manager

The Cooleemee sewer plant is available to use. Brakebush expansion is moving along. Terry Bralley was able to acquire an EDA Grant for \$2.6 million which will divert the sewer to the Cooleemee plant. This will get more sewer utilization opportunities open for Mocksville. The match will be \$500,000. Town Manager has to write a letter to the EDA grant saying the Town will be responsible for the match. CDPG grant was met for Brakebush wages.

Town Attorney

Last week the Governor signed a bill into law that does two things. The second part of it is a rewrite of all of the planning and development statutes for the County and Town. This bill will go into effect in January of 2021. The first part claims to be a restatement, but the Town Attorney disagrees and says that there is a big difference. There will be future changes to the statute as well because the two parts contradict each other in some places.

Communication from Mayor and Town Board

Commissioner Williams

He congratulates the Chief of Police for the capture of the inmate. He also thanks Tami for all she does, as well as Brian Moore and his work with public services. He expresses his gratitude to Paul Kron and his hard work and efforts on the Comprehensive Plan for the Town.

Commissioner Taylor

He first expresses his appreciation for the Comprehensive Plan. He then talks about the inmate and the presence of the police officers and thanks them for their hard work and for keeping everyone safe. He talks about the Davie Legion team and their 3 out of 5 game series and that their games will be held in Mocksville on Thursday.

Commissioner Southern

He begins by thanking all of the department heads and thanking Lynn for planning the picnic. He says the food was great and everyone had a good time. He also speaks highly of the Comprehensive Plan. He then asks everyone to keep the Barber family in their prayers. On a lighter note, he talks about the perseverance of the Davie Legion team.

Commissioner Ward

He begins by thanking the department heads and thanks the Police chief directly for the capture of the inmate. He then goes on to thank Tami, Matt, and the Board for all that everyone does.

Commissioner Vaughan-Jones

She begins by talking about how thankful she was that the inmate was captured and that she felt safe because of all the police presence that was around the Town. She also talks about the Barber family and thanks everyone that was involved in helping with the accident. She tells Rustin that the park and baseball field looked amazing and says that he does amazing work. She also tells Tami that the artistic flags look amazing and that everyone loves them. She then tells Jenny, Brian, and Brent thanks for being an active participant for the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Marklin

Thanks Commissioner Jenny for being at the meeting. He talked about the 4900 people that came out to the July 4th celebration at Rich Park. He then commended the police and fire department for helping out with that. The concert went well, he wants people to talk about the movies and concerts coming up and to get people excited about that. He then thanks Tami for what she does for the Town.

Motion to enter closed session per NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (5), to discuss acquisition of real property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to leave closed session and return to regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the July 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

William J. Marklin, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk, NCCMC