



**City Council
Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
Trinity City Hall Annex
Trinity, NC 27370**

Members Present: Mayor, Jesse Hill; **Council members,** Chester Ayers, Jack Carico, Jerry Daniels, Linda Gantt, Ed Lohr, and Don Payne.

Members Arriving Late: Council member Byerly arrived at 6:14 pm

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem, Debbie Frazier

Others Present: City Manager, Debbie Hinson; City Attorney, Nick Herman; Stormwater Administrator / Public Works and Utilities Director, Rich Baker; Assistant Finance Officer, Lisa Beam; Assistant City Clerk, Annette de Ruyter, Deputy, Eric Wilson; and other interested parties.

I. Welcome

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council member Payne gave the Invocation.

III. Approve and/or Amend Agenda

Council member Ayers made a motion to approve the Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Council member Carico and approved by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays. Council member Byerly had not arrived at the time action was taken on this item, and Council member Frazier was absent.

IV. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approve minutes of the April 09, 2015 City Council Special Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)
- 2. Approve minutes of the April 13, 2015 City Council Pre-Agenda Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)
- 3. Approve minutes of the April 16, 2015 City Council Special Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)

4. **Approve Minutes of the April 20, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)
5. **Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2015 City Council Special Meeting**
(Annette de Ruyter, Assistant City Clerk)

Council member Gantt made a motion to add Items 1-5 to the May 18, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Daniels and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

V. **Public Hearings**

6. **Text Amendments allowing the Land Use Plan to work with the Current Zoning District and remove Open Space Requirements from the Land Use Plan (Items 1-4)**
(Marc Allred, Interim Planning Director)

1. **Amendment to Page 91, Rural Residential Land Use.**
 - **Removal of open space text.**
2. **Amendment to Page 92, Mixed Use.**
 - **Update to match current zoning.**
 - **Removal of MF-R – Multi-Family Residential and CS – Community Shopping.**
3. **Amendment to Page 93, Original Old Town.**
 - **This was replaced by a new Old Town District that was amended on September 20, 2011.**
4. **Amendment to Page 94, Regional Center and Employment Center.**
 - **Regional Center; remove MF-R – Multi-family, CS – Community Shopping, R-6 Residential, and NS – Neighborhood Shopping.**
 - **Regional Center; add R-12 Residential District.**
 - **Employment Center; remove CS – Community Shopping and NS – Neighborhood Shopping.**

Council member Payne made a motion to add Item # 6 (1-4) to the May 18, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carico and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

7. **Text amendment concerning a Map Amendment to the Land Use Plan to consider allowing a new Regional Center at the Hopewell Church Rd/I85 Interchange.**
(Marc Allred, Interim Planning Director)

Council member Payne made a motion to add Item # 7 to the May 18, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting on May 18, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council member Gantt and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

VI. **New Business**

8. Review Current Solid Waste and Recycle Contract prior to letting Bids for Same Service.
(Debbie Hinson, City Manager)

Manager Hinson briefly addressed the current Solid Waste and Recycle Contract included in the Pre-Agenda packet. She asked that Council review the contract to determine if there were changes that they would like to make to the existing contract. If it is Council's desire to pursue a bid process for this service, these items will need to be addressed and changes made prior to request for bids for this service.

There have been no increase in the current contract by our contractor. The contract reads it can be extended in increments of two years should Council wish to do so.

Several members were in agreement to keep the current contractor. Council member Payne asked that Manager Hinson to meet with the current contractor and investigate his interest in renewing the current contract as is with no changes for a five year period. Manager Hinson advised Council she would arrange a meeting with the current contractor and would report her findings at the May 18, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council member Payne made a motion to add Item # 8 to the May 18, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carico and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

9. Discussion of Streetlight Moratorium.
(Debbie Hinson, City Manager)

Motion by Council member Payne to refer this to the Infrastructure Board before coming to Council.

Prior to a second the following discussion took place regarding this item.

There was conversation between Council member Gantt and Manager Hinson why Fairview Church Road was not on the completed list even though streetlights are installed.

Manager Hinson verified that Fairview Church was complete and would be included on the completed list.

Council member Payne questioned how Fairview Church Road got streetlights.

Mr. Baker explained Fairview Church was on the list. The list was revised, to include Trinity West and Finch Farm Road.

Council member Gantt asked about Trinity Road, Merle / Collins, Lakewood Subdivision, and Ronniedale Road. The prioritization of this list was approved by Council on January 18, 2011 and approved prior to moratorium. City Manager Hinson informed Council that Infrastructure would make a recommendation on these and Council could prioritize in any order. These streets do not have streetlights.

Council member Gantt discussed the Utility Franchise Revenue the City receives from the state. It was her understanding that at the time the moratorium was placed on Streetlights, there was a question whether the State would continue to provide these revenues using the current distribution format.

Council member Payne discussed his feelings concerning how the streetlight installation had been handled by previous Council's. It was his opinion all areas of the City should be represented equally.

Restate motion from above:

Motion by Council member Payne to refer this to the Infrastructure Board before coming to Council. The motion was seconded by Council member Gantt and approved with a vote of 6 ayes with Council member Ayers opposed and Council member Frazier absent.

VII. Code Enforcement Report and Permits Report

10. Review Code Enforcement and Permits Reports (Marc Allred, Interim Planning Director)

Council member Payne made a motion to add the Code Enforcement Report and Permit Report to the May 18, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carico and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

VIII. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) 5.

Council member Ayers made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:29 pm. The motion was seconded by Council member Daniels and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

Council member Payne made a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 6:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Council member Daniels and approved with a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.

No action was taken during Closed Session.

IX. Business from City Manager and Staff

None

X. Business from Mayor and Council

Council member Ayers discussed the possibility of any grants that might be available to help with updating the Ordinances and the cost involved with holding extra meetings.

Manager Hinson shared with Council the City did not participate with anything that dealt with Federal Housing Programs.

Council member Gantt discussed the City of Trinity signs at the entrance locations to the City from Sealy Drive and County Line Road. She felt the signs needed to come down because they were crooked. Council has discussed this issue before and the possibility of placing a brick sign at the entrance to the City. It could just say "Welcome" without a slogan.

Manager Hinson asked what size Council would like for the signs to be.

Council discussed the likelihood of the high school brick mason class to complete the work as a school project. The City would need to get clearance from DOT and property owners prior to erecting the sign. Council member Gantt stated that she would check with the school and community colleges concerning the possibility of using them as a resource to erect these signs.

Mayor Hill shared with Council and residents the success of City “Haul”. The residents really do appreciate this service offered by the City. Mayor Hill thanked all the volunteers and staff that assisted for everything that was done to make this a successful event.

XI. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, *Council member Payne made a motion to adjourn the May 11, 2015 Pre-Agenda meeting at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Council member Gantt and approved unanimously with a vote of 7 ayes 0 nays with Council member Frazier absent.*