



**Trinity NC
City Council Meeting
Minutes
1/19/10**

Members Present: Mayor Carlton Boyles, Council Members Tyler Earnst, Karen Bridges, Kristen Varner, Kelly Grooms, Barry Lambeth, Robbie Sikes, Linda Gantt and Tommy Johnson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Manager Ann Bailie, City Attorney Bob Wilhoit, Planning Administrator Adam Stumb, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Rainey, City Clerk/Finance Officer Debbie Hinson, Assistant City Clerk Lori Hunt, members of the media and other interested parties.

Call to Order

▪ **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Boyles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

▪ **Invocation**

Council Member Lambeth gave the invocation.

▪ **Welcome Guests and Visitors**

Mayor Boyles welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

▪ **Review & Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of an advisory board application from ward 4 in item # 11 by Council member Bridges, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Mayor Boyles requested that when audience members speak they should direct their comments to Council and not each other.

Public Comments

Beverly Burge – 5554 Morgan St.

Ms. Burge stated that her husband is a truck driver. She said that her husband did not cause any problems and she did not understand why people are against truckers parking their truck in their own yard. Ms. Burge advised that her neighbors are not against trucks being parked on the owners' property.

Ricky Ivey – 5610 Meadowbrook Dr.

Mr. Ivey stated that he is strongly opposed to mandatory trash pick up. He advised that his parents as well as others are elderly and not able to afford monthly trash bills. Mr. Ivey also stated he is opposed to the truck ordinance. He advised that the economy is not good at this time. Mr. Ivey said that the trucks do not bother him and that he understands that the truckers are just trying to make a living.

Ed Lohr – 5366 Meadowbrook Dr.

Mr. Lohr stated that he had circulated a petition against the truck parking ordinance and had obtained 763 signatures. He advised that the reason he got involved with the truck ordinance was because he felt that only one side was represented. Mr. Lohr said that he was speaking for several truck drivers that could not be at the meeting and did not want any restrictions placed on truck parking. He stated that he has good neighbors and that none of them are against him parking his truck in his yard.

Michael Hardin - 4946 Brookdale

Mr. Hardin stated that he was at the meeting to support truck drivers.

Art Gilbert - 4010 Sherwood Forest Dr.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he thought that the truck ordinance came about because of a few truckers and their neighbors disrespecting each other. He believed that the citizens were disrespected in August 2009 when the first truck ordinance was passed. He was upset that the truck ordinance was not on the agenda for January 19, 2010.

Ray Doss -5977 Welborn Rd.

Mr. Doss stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of his trucker friends. He said that he runs a truck and bus garage and it was his livelihood. Mr. Doss asked why anyone would bite the hand that feeds us. He stated that truckers pay taxes and risk their lives trying to make a living by driving trucks. He said that we should respect truckers.

Tony Caddell - 4889 Hoover Hill Rd.

Mr. Caddell stated that he has been driving a truck for 24 years. He does not bring his truck home but he said the clothes people wear, eyeglasses, false teeth and many other things are brought by a truck. He would like to see the truckers respected. He has lived in Trinity for 26 years and makes his living driving a truck.

Lucy Rush – 5372 Gray Oaks Rd.

Ms. Rush advised that she has lived in Trinity since she was 3 years old and she is 62 years old at the present. Her husband has been driving a truck for 35 years. She stated that her husband went to the neighbors and asked them to let him know if his truck was bothering them and the neighbors said that his truck does not bother them.

Tommy Wilmoth - 6752 Cedar Square Rd.

Mr. Wilmoth advised that he has been trucking for many years. He pointed out that until 1982 North Carolina's number one paid industry was the trucking industry. He stated that North Carolina was the trucking capital of the world. Mr. Wilmoth advised that he is trying to earn a decent living so he would be able to retire.

Angela Wilmoth – 3974 Woodcrest

Ms. Wilmoth stated that her husband is a truck driver and is gone more than he is home. She is requesting that Council reconsider the truck parking ordinance and let him park his truck at home. He works on his truck at their home.

James Creech – 6826 Country Meadows Lane

Mr. Creech said that many of the truck drivers that Council has talked to have been against parking on the street. He stated that he believes that when someone dictates to a home owner what he/she can do on their own property then it becomes a property rights issue. Mr. Creech advised that his truck does not smoke and he thanked the mayor for coming out to see that and to hear it run. He stated that the truck parking ordinance should have been taken care of with the restrictive covenants in his neighborhood. He advised that the restrictive covenants in his neighborhood were renewed in 2005. Mr. Creech stated that of the 13 properties covered by the restrictive covenants, 11 of the property owners do not have anything against him parking his truck on his property.

Denise Lohr – 5366 Meadowbrook Dr.

Ms. Lohr advised that she is an owner/operator and is opposed to any ordinance that would restrict her from parking her truck on her own property. She pointed out that she is a property owner and it is her belief that she should be allowed to park her truck on her own property. She stated that she has no other place to park her truck. She said that moving is not an option for her and she likes her community and has lived there for 32 years. Ms. Lohr advised that she feels like the City is trying to take her livelihood. She stated that trucks are expensive and insurance deductibles are high. Ms. Lohr requested that Council rescind the truck parking ordinance.

Ralph Moyer

Mr. Moyer stated that he is opposed to the truck parking ordinance.

Thomas Idol - 5239 Rosedale Dr.

Mr. Idol stated that trucks bring food, furniture and other supplies to everyone. He is opposed to an ordinance that would dictate what he could do on his property. He said that if truck drivers quit then who will bring the food and other supplies. Mr. Idol stated that the truck parking ordinance needs to be settled and soon.

Mayor Boyles assured those present that Council has been diligently working on the truck parking issue.

Karen Allred - 3511 Wood Village Dr.

Ms. Allred advised that her husband is a truck driver. She distributed an article regarding a truck driver who was killed when he parked his truck in a dirt lot. The community where the trucker was murdered had an ordinance similar to Trinity's and the trucker was not allowed to park at his home. Ms. Allred said she believed the issue was originally between a trucker and his neighbor. She stated that it is not the job of Council to solve those types of disputes and that the restrictive covenants should take care of those problems.

Reports & Funding Requests

- 1. Funding Request from Piedmont Triad Wind Ensemble (formerly Archdale-Trinity Community Band)** *(Karen Allred, Ensemble Board of Directors; Debbie Hinson, Finance Officer)*

Ms. Allred advised that the band is requesting \$1,000 . The band changed its name because they have acquired members from the triad area. The purpose of the band is to provide music and to encourage arts for the community. She stated that the band participates in the spring program organized by the Randolph Arts Council as well as other community events. Some of the events the band has participated in are Christmas in Trinity, Fourth of July celebration and various concerts at local churches. The band is a non profit organization and relies solely on donations. Ms. Allred stated that the band would try to be available for any events the City would have.

Motion to approve the funding request for the Piedmont Triad Wind Ensemble in the amount of \$1,000 by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Grooms, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

2. Randolph County Economic Development Corporation Annual Report
(Bonnie Renfro, President and Harry Lane, Existing Industries Coordinator)

Ms. Renfro advised that each year in January the EDC shares a brief overview of the past year. She stated that 2009 was the most stressful economy that she has worked in since she began working for Randolph County in 1995. Some local companies are having a hard time surviving and a few are thriving. For the year, the EDC reported \$15,800,000 + in new and expanded industrial investment across Randolph County. There were 402 new jobs created in 2009. That is a significant increase in job numbers that were reported last year. The year began with a high unemployment rate and ended with a high unemployment rate.

Ms. Renfro stated that the EDC's role is to work with businesses that are looking to locate or expand to Randolph County and to show them any buildings or properties in the County that meet their specifications that they have outlined in their projects. It is also a role of the EDC to work with existing industry through the call program and helping with problem solving, assessment and working on specific needs they may have that might include an expansion.

Mr. Lane reiterated that 2009 was a tough year with companies cutting costs as much as possible, reducing inventory and reducing the number of hours of operation. He advised that this past year he had visited 204 companies across Randolph County which represented over 15,000 employees. Mr. Lane stated that he had 79 requests for additional information or assistance. The leading topic for assistance was financial assistance. There were some companies looking for grant inquiries as well as marketing assistance. Some companies were looking for government procurement or opportunities as well as work force training.

Trinity has made some positive moves to ensure the future growth of their companies. The businesses and Trinity are trying to provide road improvements and public water to the City's only industrial park. Also the City's financial assistance given to Trinity Furniture was a positive move.

There was discussion about the credit funding issue. Ms. Renfro stated that late last week the state rolled out a new initiative to help small businesses with their capital.

3. Infrastructure projects update (*Randy McNeill, Davis-Martin-Powell & Assoc.*)

Mr. McNeill gave the following updates:

- Phase 3 construction is close to completion
- Phase 4 stimulus project; state has approved contracts
- Phase 4 other areas are anticipated to begin soon
- Turnpike Industrial Park street project is complete, staff will be working out the assessments
- Construction has begun on the Pike Street Project

Consent Agenda

- 4. Approve minutes: Dec. 7, 2009 City Council Pre-agenda Meeting** (*Lori Hunt, Assistant City Clerk*)
- 5. Approve minutes: Dec. 15, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting** (*Hunt*)
- 6. Approve budget detail for Trinity Furniture Sewer Project** (*Hinson*)
- 7. Approve Resolution to proceed with Eminent Domain to obtain property for Sewer Phase 3 Contract 2.** (City attorney recommended some language changes and this resolution needs to be re-approved)

Motion to approve Consent agenda by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

New Business

- 8. Consider Engineering Services agreement with Davis-Martin-Powell & Assoc. Inc. for Trinity Furniture Sewer Project** (*Ann Bailie, City Manager*)

Manager Bailie recommends approval after review by City Attorney.

Motion to approve agreement with Davis, Martin, Powell and associates for engineering services for Trinity Furniture Sewer Project subject to review by City Attorney by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

- 9. Consider Grant Administration agreement with Stephen F. Austin for Trinity Furniture Sewer Project** (*Bailie*)

Manager Bailie recommended approval upon review by City Attorney.

Motion to approve Grant Administration agreement with Stephen F. Austin for Trinity Furniture Sewer Project subject to review by City Attorney by Council member Lambeth, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

- 10. Consider Ward 2 appointment to Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation Board (term expires Dec. 31, 2011)** (*Barry Lambeth and Robbie Sikes, Ward 2 council members*)

Motion to appoint Donna Lawing to the Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation Board by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Lambeth, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

- 11. Consider Ward 4 appointments to Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation Board (terms expires Dec. 31, 2012 and Dec. 31, 2011) Linda Gantt and Tommy Johnson, Ward 4 council members)**

Mayor Boyles reminded Council that ward 4 had two appointments to make for the Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion to appoint Charles T. Barber to Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation Board for the term ending Dec. 31, 2012 by Council member Johnson, seconded by Council member Gantt, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Motion to appoint James (Sonny) Butler to Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation Board for the term ending Dec. 31, 2011 by Council member Gantt, seconded by Council member Johnson, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Business from City Manager

Planner Stumb reported that in December 2009 only one case was closed, but next month there may be as many as 10 – 15 cases closed.

Mr. Stumb stated that there will be a rezoning request before the Planning & Zoning Board next week for property along Highway 62.

Planner Stumb advised that some cars had been removed from the lot on Mendenhall Rd. and that more were expected to be moved by this Friday.

Mr. Stumb stated that Council discussed the truck ordinance at the retreat and explained that changes proposed to the ordinance would allow property owners to petition the City to allow truck parking under certain circumstances.

Manager Bailie advised those present that the 8th annual Jack Frost Soccer Tournament would be held February 13 & 14 at the local soccer field in Trinity. It is expected to draw approximately 2,000 people.

Business and Closing Comments from Mayor and Council

- 12. Task Force Appointments (Mayor Boyles)**

A. Center City Code

Mayor Boyles appointed Council members Bridges, Varner and Gantt to the Center City task force. He also appointed Gwyn Riddick and Jeff Taylor from the Planning & Zoning Board.

B. Trash & Recycling Service

Mayor Boyles appointed Council members Johnson, Grooms and Sikes to the Trash & Recycling task force.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

These Minutes were approved at the February 16, 2010 meeting with a motion by Council member Earnst, seconded by Council member Lambeth, approved unanimously by all Council members present.