

**Trinity NC City Council Meeting  
Minutes  
11/16/10**

**Members Present:** Mayor Carlton Boyles, Tommy Johnson, Robbie Sikes, Karen Bridges, Kristen Varner, Kelly Grooms

**Members Absent:** Linda Gantt, Tyler Earnst and Barry Lambeth

**Others Present:** City Manager Ann Bailie, City Attorney Bob Wilhoit, City Planning and Zoning Administrator Adam Stumb, Public Works Director Rich Baker, City Clerk/Finance Director Debbie Hinson, Assistant City Clerk Lori Hunt, members of the media and other interested parties.

**Call to Order** (*Mayor Carlton Boyles*)

▪ **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Boyles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

▪ **Invocation**

Council member Grooms gave the invocation.

▪ **Welcome Guests and Visitors**

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

▪ **Review & Approve Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Grooms, approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

**Public Comments**

None

**Reports/Funding Requests**

**1. Infrastructure projects update**

A. Phase 3 Close-out (*Rich Baker, Utilities & Public Works Director*)  
Mr. Baker stated that Phase 3 contract 2 is closed out, residences are being hooked up and line is in full operation. He said that Phase 3 contract 1 system is ready to go with some clean up work and minor issues to take care of. Terry's Plumbing has left the job site and Page and Associates has been contracted to complete some of the punch list items. Mr. Baker advised that he hopes to have that contract completed the first week of December, 2010.

B. Phase 4-A Contract 1 Sewer Construction (*Baker*)

Mr. Baker stated that Phase 4 contract 1 the system is in service with a little more line flushing to complete. He stated that there are a few small items on the punch list to complete. A final walk through is scheduled for December 1, 2010.

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study (*Baker*)

Mr. Baker advised that the wastewater feasibility study is still ongoing.

D. Trinity Furniture Sewer Line (*Baker*)

Mr. Baker stated that the Trinity Furniture Sewer Line Project is expected to be bid out in February, 2011.

E. Phase 4-A Contracts 2 & 3 (*Baker*)

Mr. Baker advised that those projects have been delayed somewhat and are still trying to move forward as quickly as possible. He said that the City is still working to try to extend contract 1 with some of the Stimulus money left over through a change order.

F. Phase 4-B Old Town (*Baker*)

(No further update at this time)

G. Phase 4-B Extensions Contracts 1 & 2) (*Baker*)

(No further update at this time)

Mr. Baker stated that he had received calls about some of the streetlights on Fairview Church Rd. not working at this time. He said that Adam Stumb had talked to Lynn Patterson with Duke Energy and she stated that all of the work had not been completed on that project.

Mr. Baker advised that the streetlight plan for Gra Lan has been submitted. He stated that with the City's maps going to Duke Energy and then being forwarded to the state, it seems as if everything is going better now.

Mr. Baker stated that the garbage cart to utilize has had been selected. It was actually number 2 on the polls by residents the Plan Our Park Day, but the cart selected was much more cost effective. Mr. Handy, the garbage service provider, is pleased with the selection of the cart.

2. **Request by Northwestern Randolph County Arts Council for funding in the amount of \$500 to support musical concerts presented to the community at no cost.** (*Samantha Bond, president/Lois Bohnsack, past president*)

Ms. Bohnsack thanked the City for their support of the musical concerts last year. She stated that a banner would be displayed at the musical concerts that would recognize the City of Trinity for their support. Ms. Bohnsack advised that the concerts were well attended last year and that many citizens of Trinity attended the concerts. She stated that the Arts Council would have the concerts again in 2011 and are requesting \$500 funding for the support of the musical concerts.

*Motion to approve the funding request for the Arts Council Concerts in the amount of \$500 by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Johnson, approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

### Consent Agenda

3. **Approve Minutes of the Oct. 12, 2010 City Council Pre-agenda Meeting** (*Lori Hunt, Assistant City Clerk*)
4. **Approve Minutes of the Oct. 19, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting** (*Hunt*)
5. **Approve 2011 Meetings Schedule** (*Ann Bailie, City Manager*)
6. **Approve 2011 Holiday Schedule** (*Bailie*)
7. **Approve Resolution recognizing boundaries of Fair Grove Fire Response District within Trinity corporate limits and authorizing Fair Grove Fire Department to continue providing Fire Protection, First Responder and Rescue Services within said boundaries** (*Bailie*)

*Motion to approve the consent agenda by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

#### **8. Consider Code of Ethics** (*Bailie*)

Manager Bailie advised that in 2009 the General Assembly passed legislation that requires local governing boards to adopt codes of ethics and requires board members to receive ethics training. She stated that the deadline for both activities is January 1, 2011. Ms. Bailie stated that the School of Government provided a model code which was modified for the City of Trinity. The code is almost identical to the model code and is presented for the Council's consideration.

*Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics as presented by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Bridges, approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

#### **9. No Litter Signs** (*Mayor Boyles*)

Mayor Boyles read the attached Exhibit A Mayoral Report. He went over the attached maps of proposed placement of the signs.

Speaking on the No Littering signs issue were:

**Chester Ayers – 3498 Circle Court**

Mr. Ayers stated that he agreed that littering is a big problem. He said that he thought it was a good idea to form a littering task force. Mr. Ayers stated that he thought the Adopt A Road people should be contacted and advised that some of their sponsors have fallen by the wayside. He said that more Adopt a road volunteers should be encouraged to participate in the program. Mr. Ayers stated that he thought it was a good idea to educate the school children and instill a sense of Trinity Pride in them. He also stated that fast food chains should be encouraged to make food containers bio-degradable. Mr. Ayers advised that it was also a good idea to encourage the sheriff's department to apprehend more people who litter. He stated that all residents should be passionate about the issue of littering. Mr. Ayers said that it is unsightly and is dangerous to birds and animals.

Mayor Boyles stated that he thought the Adopt A Road program was a good idea but that he would not recommend the names of family members be removed from the signs if the road was not cleaned up.

**Martha Stunda – 5661 Meadowbrook Dr.**

Ms. Stunda advised that she is also passionate about the issue of littering. She stated that the garbage on the roadside on Meadowbrook Drive is picked up repeatedly and is again littered. Ms. Stunda stated that when her yard is mowed there is much garbage to be picked up. She is thankful for any efforts to keep Trinity clean. Ms. Stunda advised that the Adopt A Highway Program is a good idea but that people must be educated first and made aware of the problem. She thinks that the signs may be a good way to start.

**Sonny Butler – 6824 Stone Gables**

Mr. Butler stated that he and his wife moved back to Trinity after living in South Carolina for a time. He said that the first thing that he and his wife noticed was the littering beside the highways. Mr. Butler advised that a stranger coming into Trinity might think it a big eyesore. He stated that something needs to be done about the problem and that to do nothing would be wrong.

Council member Bridges stated that she was in favor of anything to help keep the City of Trinity clean. She advised that she knew that littering was a big problem but is not sure that just putting up signs would address the problem. Council member Bridges stated that she agrees that there should be education on the issue of littering. She stated that she thought there were things to do to increase people's awareness other than just putting up signs.

Mayor Boyles advised that he visited Hopewell Elementary School and talked to the fourth and fifth grade classes about City government and the issue of litter. He asked the question of the children; "If you saw litter on the ground at Hopewell Elementary, would

you walk past it or would you pick it up?" A little girl answered that all of them knew they should pick up the litter. Mayor Boyles stated that as a result of the visit to the school, the fourth grade class decided that they would pick up their school grounds.

Mayor Boyles stated that he believes that littering is just a habit. He stated that the no littering signs will be a visual reminder for people not to litter and change that bad habit.

Mayor Boyles stated that if the bottles and cans that are thrown out are recycled, that will reduce the tipping fees for the garbage.

Council member Grooms stated that he thought the number of signs were too many. He said that the trash pick-up and recycling will help reduce the amount of litter. Council member Grooms stated that he believed that the Adopt A Highway signs help control litter. He stated that the education of the young people is a good idea so that they can take pride in their community. Council member Grooms advised that he would sponsor an Adopt A Highway sign in memory of the young Trinity High School graduate, Jacob Carroll, who lost his life serving our country. He stated that he believed that young people would respond to the Adopt A Highway signs. Council member Grooms stated that he thought it was a good idea to have prisoners pick up the litter on the roadsides. He said he believes that there are other ways to bring pride to Trinity than by putting up a lot of signs.

Council member Bridges advised that the Keep America Beautiful website has a lot of good ideas to keeping the cities clean.

Council member Johnson stated that he supported Council member Grooms idea of Adopting A Highway in memory of Jacob Carroll, the fallen soldier from the Archdale-Trinity area. He stated that he believed that there should be a three-prong approach. He said we need No Littering signs, Adopt A Highway signs and education.

Council member Varner advised that she agreed with Council member Johnson. She suggested that a sign be put at Sealy Dr. near the Trinity City limits.

Council member Bridges stated that the Keep America Beautiful website has information about convenience stores and businesses placing garbage cans in areas where they would be most likely to be used.

Mayor Boyles advised that he is not only in favor of putting up the No Littering signs, but he is also in favor of enforcement of the no-littering law.

Resident Ms. Brenda Campbell asked about enforcement. Council member Sikes stated that people could be caught by monitoring the signs as that seems to be where people throw their trash. He stated that he admired the Mayor's efforts to clean up Trinity. Council member Sikes said that he thinks 33 signs is overkill. He stated that he does not like the littering either and he thinks that the education of the children is a good idea.

*Motion to accept the number of No Littering signs that the DOT will allow and consider in the future the Adopt A Highway Program by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Johnson, approved by a majority vote with Council members Bridges and Grooms being opposed and Council members Gantt, Lambeth and Earnst being absent.*

Council member Sikes mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea to have convicts pick up litter.

### **Business from City Manager**

Mr. Adam Stumb stated that he will give a full report in December when all the numbers are in, but stated that 264 cars came to City Haul and that number did not take into consideration those who came repeatedly. He stated that the bins were full and the electronics recycling was full.

Manager Bailie thanked the Friends of Trinity for all their hard work at City Haul. She advised that the garbage carts will be delivered mid-December and they will be distributed by January 1, 2011 so that garbage service can be started by that date. Ms. Bailie stated that she hoped that the City would be able to begin the recycling by January 1, 2011 but for sure the trash pick-up would. She said the carts are being manufactured in Atlanta, GA and will be made with the City of Trinity's logo on each side.

Manager Bailie advised that December 21, 2010 is the next Council meeting and there will be an Open House on that date so that residents can meet and greet City officials. There will be refreshments from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. She stated that at that meeting the City will recognize Trinity's fallen soldier, Jacob Carroll, who gave his life in Afghanistan fighting for the freedoms that we all enjoy here in America. Also at that meeting community residents will be honored for their commitment to the community.

Manager Bailie spoke to Ginger Booker with the Council of Governments and she stated that she had two Saturdays that would work for her for Trinity's Retreat. She said those dates are January 29, 2011 and February 26, 2011 and if Council has a date that would work better for them, please let her know.

### **Business from Mayor and Council**

Council member Grooms stated that since the No Litter signs passed, he would like to propose to take out two signs on a section of highway 62 and adopt that stretch of highway in memory of Jacob Carroll, the local fallen soldier.

Mayor Boyles agreed that he thought that was a good idea.

*Motion for the City Council to adopt a section of Highway 62 in memory of Jacob Carroll by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

**Closing Comments from Mayor and Council**

None

**Adjournment**

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

**These minutes were approved at the December 21, 2010 regular Council meeting with a motion by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Johnson, approved unanimously by all Council members present.**

Exhibit A

**Mayoral Report – City of Trinity – November 16, 2010**

**To: Members of Council, City Manager and Citizens**

**Removal of Litter along Thoroughfares and Installation of No Litter Signs**

This report is not about the mayor, his efforts to remove litter or any attempt to divide our council, manager or citizens on the core issue of cleanliness within our city.

My intent is to unify our concerns and focus our combined vision and/or efforts to create a slogan of Trinity Pride that we can all adopt and proclaim. This can be the beginning of obtainable growth for our city and its citizens.

I have kept our manager, council members and staff informed of my progress, noted problems encountered and determination to fulfill my promise to clean-up our thoroughfares. My vision includes inviting entrepreneurs to invest in our city and its citizens. We will reap benefits of employment opportunities and services. This is a win-win situation as our ad valorem tax base grows.

There are always those who may oppose change. I have been close to the real problem of litter for the past six months. Tonight, I will share a clear vision of minimizing the litter, debunk the idea of too many signs or it will create visual clutter and share three major roadways drawn to scale with No Litter Signs strategically placed. These scaled drawing of Meadowbrook Drive, Welborn Road and NC Highway 62 should negate the fear of change. The spreadsheet I created list the 33 suggested signs needed for each major roadway; plus, 2 signs for two entrance ramps off Finch Farm Road. The truck drivers are abusing these ramps with excessive litter and serious health issues.

Mr. Adam Stumb has received a commitment from NC DOT personnel that they would provide materials and install the signs at our designated locations. If a location causes a conflict with a rigid regulation, we will move it to eliminate the problem. If we do nothing, the level of littering will return to what it was six months ago. I have seen a big improvement on many of our roadways. We will see even more improvement with the No Litter Signs in place. I will develop placement of the signs for the 12 major roadways while Rich and Adam prepare for our solid waste collection beginning on January 1, 2011. Finch Farm Road has two mounted No Litter Signs in place now. The city manager and staff will review and approve this map prior to submittal to NC DOT.

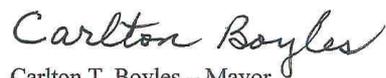
We could have a contest within each local school to create a “No Litter Sign and Slogan” for their school to post locally and mount at the entrance to our city parking lot. A \$25 Savings Bond for the winner might spike their interest.

Hope is a very powerful force. Hope caused me to make a promise, fulfill it and move on to seek a higher level of success. Doing nothing is a negative approach. I prefer to take action and claim victory over litter and adhering to a slogan of **Trinity Pride**.

Aristotle once said, "To avoid criticism say nothing, do nothing and be nothing." Let us move forward harmoniously. We deserve the rewards of success. Some believe that simple ideas are not profound. This is a false and arrogant notion. Let us agree to change the mind-set of those that litter (bad habit) to become more responsible. The recyclables that I have put in bags would in fact reduce our tipping fee. What if every citizen committed to recycle every item allowed? We could all benefit by keeping our tipping fees as low as possible while earning returns for our recyclables that lowers our bottom-line expenses, too.

I trust we will move forward together as we seek to develop a high level of Trinity Pride. You do not have to be a football player to maximize our efforts to excel in reaching our objectives.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Carlton T. Boyles – Mayor  
City of Trinity

# of Signs

Main Thoroughfares

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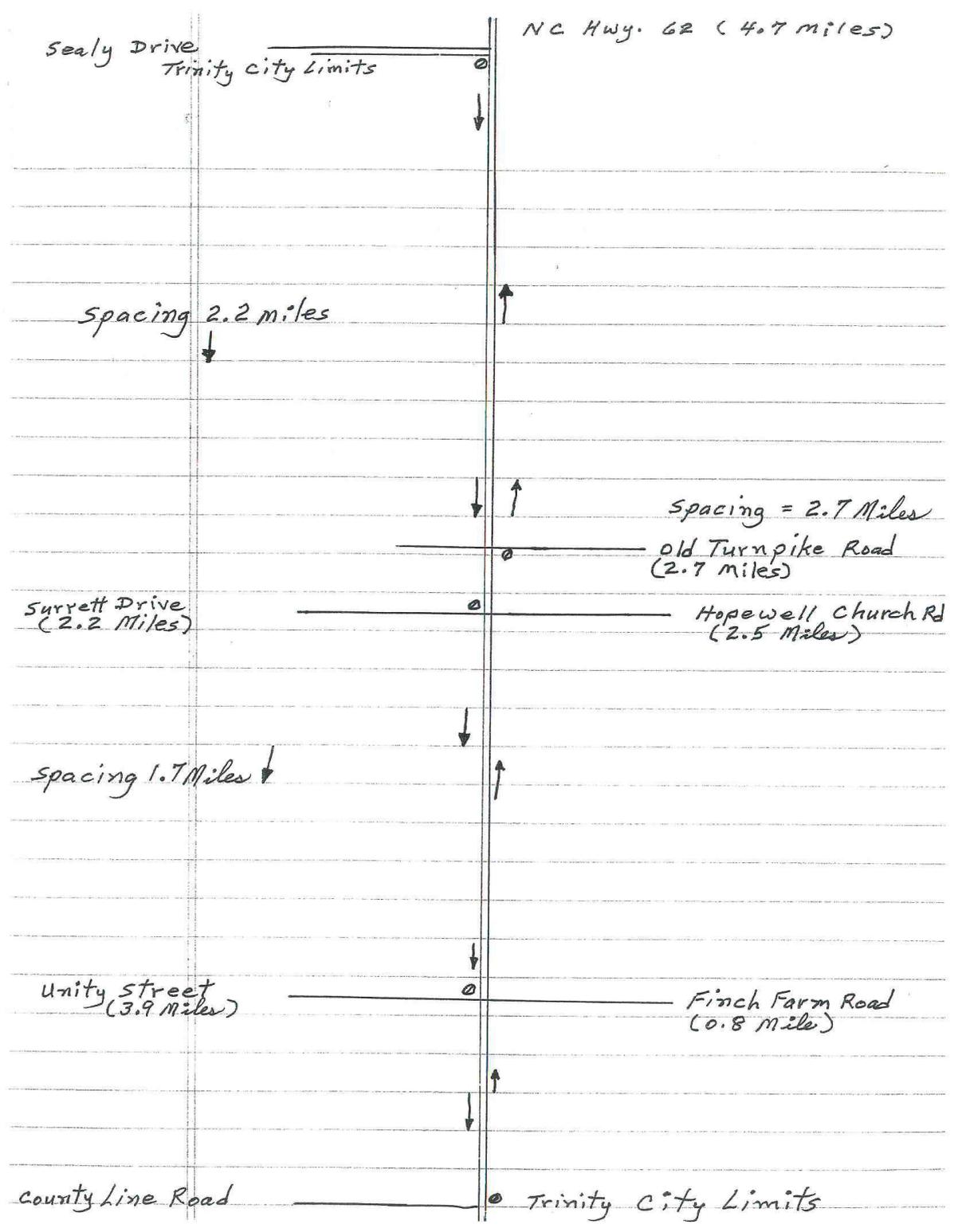
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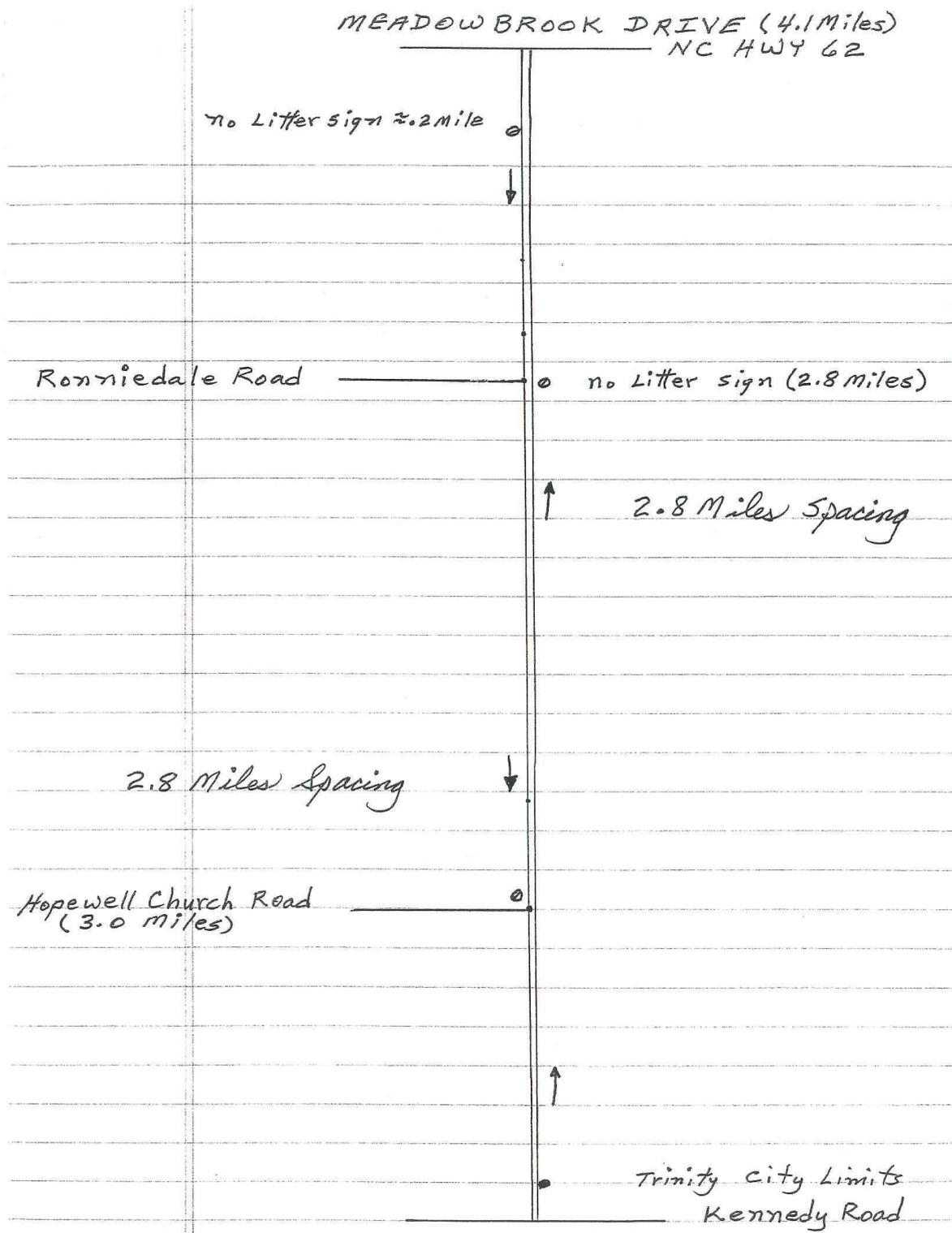
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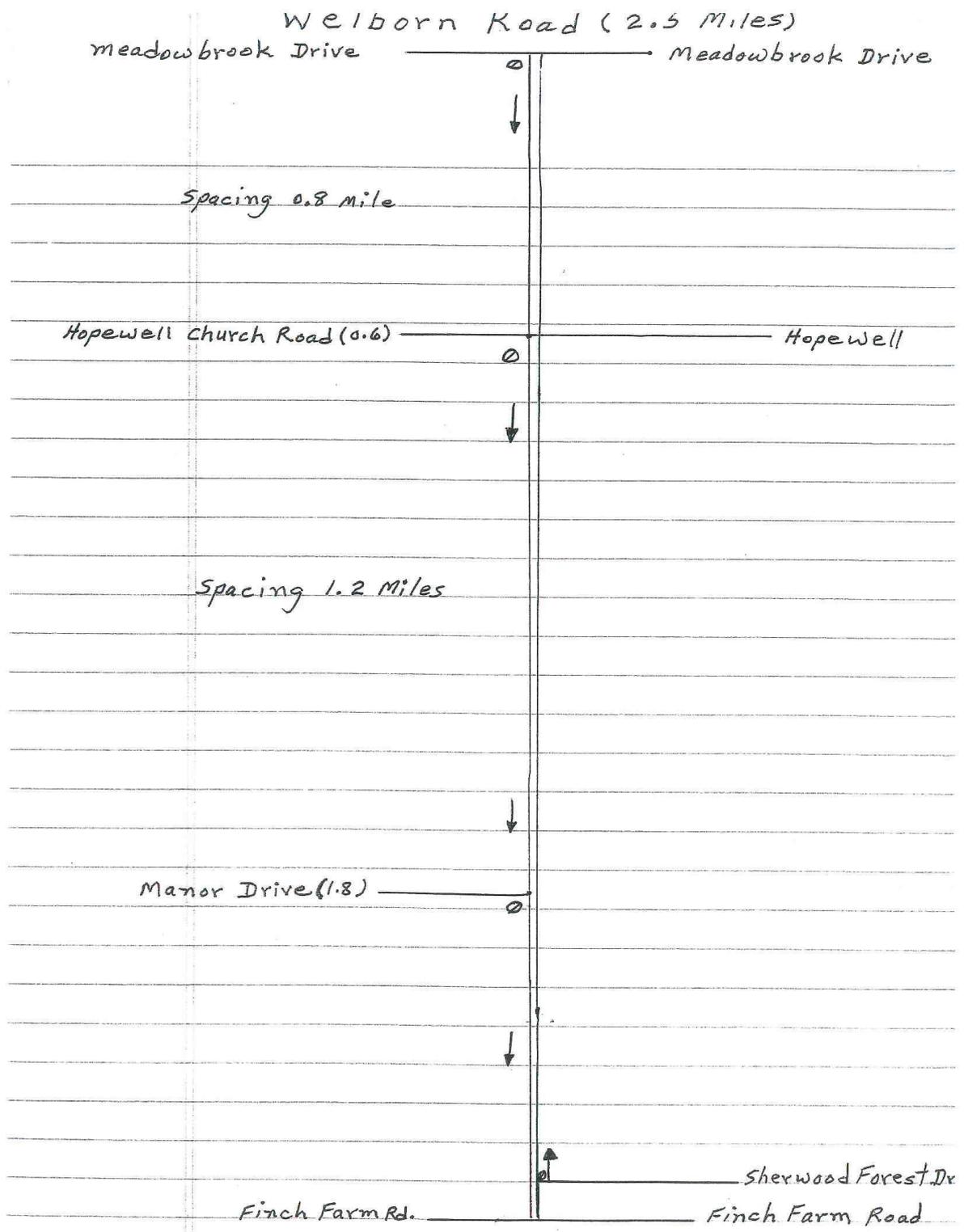
Meadowbrook Drive

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Welborn Road







Names of Streets - Length Miles	Hwy 62 & County Line Road	Hwy 62 & Finch Farm Road	Hwy 62 & Hopewell Church	Hwy 62 & Braxton Craven Rd	Hwy 62 & Trinity Road	Meadowbrook Dr & Hwy 62	Meadowbrook & Ronniedale	Meadowbrook & Hopewell	Meadowbrook & Kennedy Rd	Hopewell Church & Morris	Hopewell Ch & Welborn Rd	Hopewell & 185 Exit Ramp	Surrett Dr & Turnpike Rd	Surrett Dr & High School Rd	Surrett Drive & Joan Drive	Unity Street & Hwy 62	Unity Street & Wildwood	Turnpike Rd & Surrett Dr	Turnpike Road & WilsonView	Mendenhall & Surrett Drive	Mendenhall & Prospect St	Trinity Rd & Braxton Craven	Trinity Rd & Fairview Ch	Welborn Rd & Meadowbrook	Welborn Road & Hopewell	Welborn Rd & Dawwood	Welborn Rd & Finch Farm	Fairview Ch Rd & Trinity Rd	Fairview Ch Rd & Landale	Ronniedale & Fairview	Ronniedale&Meadowbrook	Prospect St & Turnpike Rd	Prospect St & City Limit			
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