



**City Council
Special Called Meeting Minutes
Tuesday
September 24, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.
Trinity City Hall Annex**

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Don Payne; **Council members:** Jack Carico, Bob Hicks, Steve Lawing and Tommy Johnson.

Others Present: City Manager, Debbie Hinson; City Attorney, Bob Wilhoit; Planning Director, Marc Allred; City Clerk, Annette de Ruyter; Public Works Interim Superintendent, Rodney Johnson; Deputy Sgt., Kyle Cox and other interested parties.

- **Call to Order; Welcome Guests and Visitors**

Mayor Pro-Tem Payne called the Meeting to order at 5:35 pm and welcomed everyone.

- **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Pro-Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

- A. Review, Amend, and Approve Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Payne called for changes or amendments to the agenda.

Hearing none, *a motion was made by Council member Lawing to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council member Johnson and approved with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.*

- B. Public Comment Period**

Mayor Pro-Tem Payne opened the Public Comment and called on those who had signed in and wished to speak during Public Comment to please come forth.

None

- I. Public Hearing**

- Zoning Ordinance Does Not Clearly Define a Halfway House**

Mayor Pro-Tem Payne opened this Item and called on Planning and Zoning Director, Marc Allred for presentation.

Planning Director, Allred discussed the following:

- Halfway houses are not mentioned in our Ordinance

- The City of Trinity’s Zoning Ordinance does not clearly state where halfway houses are allowed in the City Limits. The City is working to clarify where halfway houses best fit in the City. A New Text Amendment concerning halfway houses will go through Planning and Zoning Board and City Council within 90 days starting September 24, 2019 and a Text Amendment for halfway houses will be added to the Zoning Ordinance within the end of the 90 days.
- A motion to put a moratorium on halfway houses tonight will give staff enough time to meet with the appropriate boards to discuss the Text Amendment needed to add halfway houses to our Ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Payne opened the Public Hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Speaking for:

Deborah Smith-7340 NC Hwy 62, Mrs. Smith thanked Council, Staff and Attorney for calling this meeting to help citizens. Criminal and drug rehab (prison reform with small businesses and daycare) are not required to register offense. Please be specific when wording the Ordinance.

Peggy Fulp- Trindale Children Center, I have operated the daycare for 42 years. There are so many children within the area, 3 schools and the daycare are within walking distance from the proposed halfway house. She felt that this could potentially put children in harm’s way. Please consider what could happen if the halfway house is allowed.

Devon Smith- 7340 NC Hwy 62, Mr. Smith I live next door to the halfway house. I am concerned about the safety of children and what are we allowing in our City. Are they allowed to be there and how long will it be there? They have already occupied the residence.

Attorney Wilhoit defined a moratorium as follows:

A moratorium is simply a balance between Planning and Zoning and Council. This will allow both Boards time (90 days) to change the verbiage in the Ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Payne closed the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm.

After discussion, *a motion was made by Council member Johnson to put a 90 day moratorium on the Zoning Ordinance to allow staff time to add halfway house to the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council member Lawing and approved with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.*

II. Business from City Manager and Staff

None

III. Business from Mayor and Council

None

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council member Lawing to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 6:06 pm. The motion was seconded by Council member Johnson and approved with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.