

**Garner Town Council  
November 17, 2009  
Meeting Summary**

The Garner Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in the Town Council Meeting Room

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy, Council Members Behringer, Johns, Marshburn and Singleton

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hardin Watkins, Town Manager; Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager; Bill Anderson, Town Attorney; Lin Jones, Finance Director; Frank Powell, Town Engineer; Tony Beasley, Economic Development Director; Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager and Michelle Howell, Public Information Officer

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council Member Johns

**INVOCATION** - Commander Mendoza, Garner VFW; Commander Chatfield, Garner American Legion

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Veterans Memorial Design Contest**

Presenter: Harold Annis

The Veterans Memorial Committee presented prizes to the top three winners of the Veterans Memorial Design Contest. First prize, \$1500 presented to Clearscapes; Second Prize, \$1000 presented to Skinner Lamm & Highsmith; Third Prize, \$800, ms consultants. The third prize money was donated to the Veterans Memorial Committee.

**Proclamation Encouraging Citizens to Shop in Garner**

Presenter: Mayor Ronnie Williams

This initiative encouraging citizens to shop Garner was sponsored by the Mayor and Town Council, the Garner Chamber of Commerce and the Garner Citizen News and Times

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

Eva Maletz, 621 Springview Trail, appealed to the Council Members for police awareness in her townhome community and a park facility that includes a pool.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - as presented

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: Unanimous

**CONSENT**

**Minutes from October 27, 2009**

Action: Minutes Approved

**Wake County Tax Report, September, 2009**

The Wake County Board of Commissioners has approved non-cash rebates in the amount of \$10,890.57 for taxes from 2004 to 2008. These actions occurred in the period from September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 and are presented for approval.

Action: Tax Releases Approved

**Ordinance Amending Operating Budget for 2009-2010**

This Ordinance recognizes proceeds from the Governor's Highway Safety Program grant for Traffic Safety Officer Program, provides funding for four police vehicles, provides additional funding in Human Resources Division to fund assessment center expenses for evaluating police chief candidates, purchase additional Sprint AirCards for Police Operations, landscaping to screen retention ponds, removal of double wide trailer at 4877 Auburn Church Road, recognizes grant received from Target to purchase books for White Deer Park, provides payment of excess fire tax collections in fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and transfers funds to Garner Volunteer Fire-Rescue, Inc. This amendment is also needed to transfer additional grant funds received after completion of Centennial Park to the Park Development Capital Reserve.

Action: Adoption of Ordinance No. (2009) 3567

Motion: Kennedy  
Second: Singleton  
Vote: Unanimous

**END OF CONSENT**

**Public Hearing on Resolution Directing Project to Extend Sewer Services to NC 50 and New Rand Road to be Undertaken**

Presenter: Frank Powell

This Resolution directs a project that extends sewer services to residents on NC 50 and New Rand Road. The project consists of the installation of approximately 970 linear feet of wastewater collection pipe and associated appurtenances. Staff proposes 100% of the cost of this project be assessed to property owners for approximately \$6,300 per lot.

Action: Adoption of Resolution No. (2009) 2033

Motion: Marshburn  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: Unanimous

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Singleton reported that the Law and Finance Committee has a number of items to review, so it is likely two meetings will need to be held in December. At the meeting scheduled for December 3, the Committee plans to review requests regarding hens in the town limits, bow hunting for deer inside the town limits and restricting parking on Bonica Drive. At another meeting the Committee will review parking too close to stop signs and dead trees on private property presenting a threat to other property.

## MANAGER REPORT

1. Star Tracker
2. Personnel Report October
3. Building Activity Report October
4. Invested Funds Report

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Singleton:

- He asked where the overflow parking will go at White Deer Park. He visited the park on Sunday afternoon and the Phase 2 parking area was full and only 6-7 spaces were available in the other lot. He said we need to seriously consider how to handle this issue.
- The meeting with North Garner residents regarding sidewalk installation received good discussion from neighbors; he and Council Member Behringer visited the area with Mr. Watkins today and looked at a number of sites; they will continue the follow up on the status.
- Parking is occurring up to the stop sign on Poole Drive at its intersection with Aversboro Road when church is in session, presenting a dangerous situation. Mr. Watkins said staff is looking into this problem.
- He suggested the swearing in ceremony at the December 7 meeting be dedicated to Mayor Rohrbaugh. The Council agreed.

Council Member Johns

- He reported a light malfunction at Vandora Springs Road and Garner Road and at US 70 and NC 50 near the United Methodist Church parsonage.

Council Member Behringer

- There is a tree leaning on the property located on the corner of Center Street and Garner Road; the house faces Garner Road. The tree is located on the adjoining property.
- The tree lighting will be held on December 4 and the Parsonage on December 5.

Council Member Marshburn

- He congratulated Council Members Behringer and Singleton for being re-elected on November 3.
- He asked if the Town has ever considered flashing lights in school zones. It would be less confusing since different schools have different operating hours.
- He asked the status of the turn signal lights at Aversboro Road and Timber Drive. A lead turn will certainly be helpful during certain times of the day.

Mayor Williams

- He reported attending the open house at East Garner and reported a Science Fair at North Garner Middle School on Thursday.

**CLOSED SESSION**, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss Economic Development

Motion: Singleton  
Second: Kennedy  
Vote: Unanimous

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

The Council convened the November 17 meeting with a work session to discuss the following:

**Neighborhood Improvement Projects Update**

Presenter: Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager

Action: Council Update; No Action Required

**Health Insurance Coverage for Future Retirees**

Presenter: Sheila Cain, Human Resources Director

Action: Present Amended Options at a December Meeting

**Economic Downturn Update**

Presenter: Lin Jones, Finance Director

Action: Council Update; No Action Required

**Capital Improvement Plan**

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager

Action: Presentation of Highlights; Set work session on December 9, 2009 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

**Greetings from John Tedesco, Incoming School Board Member, District 2**

Action: Contact Mr. Tedesco to set up meeting to share thoughts and goals regarding education

Adjournment: 11:00

Motion: Johns  
Second: Behringer  
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Bass, Town Clerk