

Town of Walnut Cove

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2019

Mayor Charles Mitchell

Commissioners Present:

Danny Hairston - Absent

Thomas Mitchell

Elwood Mabe

Charles Byron - Absent

Staff present:

Town Manager Greenwood

Town Clerk Amanda Bryant

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM at the Walnut Cove Senior Center by Mayor Mitchell. Wesley Durrell gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- i. The Cove Group. December 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Oma's Coffee Shop
- ii. Walnut Cove Volunteer Fire Dept; Regular Meeting. 7:00 PM. Thursday, December 5, 2019, Walnut Cove Vol. Fire Dept.
- iii. Walnut Cove Board of Commissioners; Regular Meeting. Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Walnut Cove Senior Center.
- iv. Town Recycling; Nov. 15, 2019 and Nov. 29, 2019.
- v. Town of Walnut Cove Annual Tree Lighting. Friday, December 6, 2019.

- vi. Walnut Cove Christmas Parade. Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 2:00 PM.
- vii. Office Closing (Town and LPA) November 28,29, 2019. Thanksgiving Holiday.
- viii. Blood Mobile at the Walnut Cove Fire Department. Nov. 30, 2019 from 2PM- 4:30PM
- ix. Planning/Zoning Board Meeting. November 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Walnut Cove Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 0

No public comments

ADJUSTMENTS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA-

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Mabe to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the minutes from October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mabe. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Fall Clean Up Report.

- a. Town Clerk Amanda Bryant presented each Board member a printout with the total amount in pounds and tonnage removed from the Town along with the cost of the Clean-Up.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Report (Attachment B)

- a. Town Manager Greenwood presented the Board a copy of a letter sent to all water and sewer customers within the Town. The letter explained the Fowler Park well had tested high in levels of Diethylhexyl phthalate. The levels were slightly over the allowed requirements.
- b. Town Manager Greenwood explained the well was immediately taken offline and the medium was changed. Once the new filtration the well would be re-tested and if approved will put back online.

B. Street Closure for Christmas Parade (Attachment C)

- a. Town Manager Greenwood stated the Town Christmas parade on December 14, 2019. In order to host the Christmas parade, we must close Main street from US 311/Hwy 89 and First Street, from 1PM-5PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell to approve closing Main Street on December 14, 2019 for the Christmas Parade. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mabe. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bell Purchase (Attachment D)

- a. Don Richardson informed Town Manager Greenwood the bell from the old Walnut Cove School is for sale. The purchase price is \$400, and Town Manager Greenwood is requesting the Town to approve the purchase of the bell for future use. The bell hung in the old school on Summit street before it was torn down, and then saved by Charles Montgomery. The bell needs to be restored.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the purchase of the bell for \$400.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mabe. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager's Report

1. The LPA continues to set record months for Walnut Cove. The Net for the tag offices was \$16, 428.56 for the month of October.
2. The winter banners have been placed on the streets. Kim Ferrell directed to new lighting for the Park tree and is completed. The Christmas lights are scheduled to be put on in the coming days.
3. The O'Reilly's store and Domino's store have started their construction.
4. We had a large crowd at the Trick-or Treating even after postponing it for one night.
5. We did get some patching done and have them scheduled for another day to complete some more much needed places.
6. We have winterized our equipment and prepared for bad weather in the coming weeks.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Mitchell stated he felt it was past time we looked into building a new Town Hall. He asked Town Manager Greenwood to investigate possibilities including the lot of land beside of Town Hall. Town Manager Greenwood stated Wayne Smart from Carolina Triad Realty the original price was in the ballpark of \$65k. Commissioner Mitchell stated we do not have to spend a lot of money if we get a prefab building. Town Manager Greenwood stated he thought to do a prefab building with a nice brick or rock façade. Town Manager

Greenwood also stated the need for additional security which a new Town Hall would be able to provide.

Commissioner Mitchell also asked about the tobacco warehouse beside of Town Hall and the possibility to tear it down. Commissioner Mabe stated it looks the same as it did when the Town purchased it. Town Manager Greenwood stated the foundation needs to be reworked. Mayor Mitchell stated it is time to move forward and stated the Town Hall of Rural Hall is nice. Town Manager Greenwood commented the citizens deserve it and shows the Town is growing.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mabe. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Charles Mitchell
Mayor

Amanda Bryant
Town Clerk

Date

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