

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 16th, 2016
Location: The Old Courthouse, 10 South Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three
Bob Holston, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick, Jr, Town Manager
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add Item #7A – GREAT Fund Request

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26TH, 2016 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the October 26th Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. 2016-05 REZONE APPLICATION

Town Manager Dvornick informed Council that since the last meeting, there has been additional correspondence from Clarmar Realty, Baird Mandalas, and Sergovic & Carmean. Of these, there were two oppositions and one in agreement with the application.

Questions or Comments:

- Town Manager Dvornick commented that because of the concerns that were raised at the Public Hearing on October 26th about the possibility of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary, I confirmed from a legitimate source that the Town of Georgetown was not one of the optimal locations for this.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve Rezone Application 2016-05 to rezone parcels 135-19.00-12.02 & 12.03 from Urban Business 1 to Highway Commercial.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

6. PROCLAMATION

A. DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor West presented the Diabetes Awareness Month Proclamation to Lyllian & Nicole Armour.

7. PARKING TICKET APPEAL

Town Manager Dvornick informed Council that the applicant requested to reschedule her appeal from the October 26th meeting to November 16th. She received written correspondence letting her now she would be on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

When asked to come forward, nor she or anyone on her behalf showed up. The ticket remains.

8. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2016-10 PEACE & GOOD ORDER – VEHICLE REPOSSESSION

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to adopt Ordinance #2016-10 Peace and Good Order – Vehicle Repossession. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

B. ORDINANCE #2016-11 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INCENTIVES

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adopt Ordinance #2016-11 Downtown Development District Incentives. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

CTF Project Update

- **Burger King Road**

The Conservation District has completed the pipe replacement and the Town has executed the DelDot Agreement for the road work. Once we receive the agreement back from DelDot, this will serve as our notice to proceed.

- **Bramhall Street**

Due to the recent DOJ opinion regarding Prevailing Wage requirements on MSA and CTF projects, Bramhall Street Road improvements has been put on hold until after the General Assembly clarifies the requirements.

Comprehensive Plan – Downtown Development District Updates

Our consultant, KCI Technologies, is presenting the results of the outreach event and online survey this evening at the Planning Commission Meeting. This same presentation will be given to the Mayor and Council on December 14th.

We are planning an outreach event on January 10, 2017 to provide Downtown Development District Information to property owners and potential investors. With the passage of Ordinance 2016-11 – I have handouts which can be handed out to interested parties.

Miscellaneous

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, December 1, 5:30 PM – Dover
 - Georgetown Christmas Parade: Thursday, December 1, 7:00 PM – East Market Street
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 PM – Hosted by Rehoboth Beach
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, December 9, 9:00 AM – Arena's at the Airport

- **Reminder:**
 - Town Offices will be closed on:
 - Thursday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday, November 25, in observance of the Day after Thanksgiving

B. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – BILL BRADLEY

Return Day

We had another Return Day that I feel was one of the best. Everything went very smooth with no major issues. Every two years we try to give the Town a “face lift” meaning major clean up and painting curbs. The entire staff did a great job making this town look extra good. We have had nothing but compliments and praise of how the Town looked, and everything was great this year.

Christmas Setup

The fountain is drained, turned off, and winterized – ready to set up the new tree. The tree should be delivered on Thursday and we have begun installing all of the decorations. The goal is to have everything lit after Thanksgiving with the exception of the Tree – That will be lit during the Christmas parade on December 1st.

New Year's Eve Setup

We have all of the fire wood in place, dry and ready to go for the fire pits. We had to modify the stage for Return Day, due to rain, and we will use that cover and side for New Years. That should help with the heat for the band.

King Street Water Plant

At this time, the aerators have been set in place and loaded. Demolition is almost complete. I am very pleased with Lane Christensen's work, they are very good to work with.

Questions

Chris Lecates asked how the SAAS cleanup went

Bill Bradley responded, it went very well. The whole event was very organized. The only issue I noticed was that we sent out so many trash bags that not every bag was filled up enough and went to waste. Next time we will have to not give out as many bags.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Holston, 2 Teaberry, I just wanted to say thank you to Town Council, Town Manager, and Director of Public Works for everything that you do.

Town Manager Dvornick, Correspondence letter from Judy Lawson in regards to the World War I Monument.

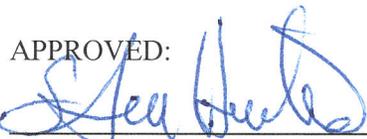
Councilwoman Lecates, We are having so many issues in my Ward with loose animals. There is a State law that I think we can utilize to fix up our Animal Ordinance for the next meeting.

Town Manager Dvornick stated he would look into Section 922 of Title 16 then contact the Police Department to make sure they are aware of the rules and regulations when it comes to animals.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 7:22pm.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED: 

Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:


Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager