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**WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FOR  
JANUARY 8, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

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The Wentworth Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 8, 2013**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

**Council members present:** Mayor Dennis Paschal, Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Councilman Robert Aswell, Councilwoman Iris Powell, and Councilman Dennis Paschal III.

A quorum was present.

**Staff Present:** Yvonne Russell, Finance Officer & Deputy Clerk/ Patrick Kane, Town Attorney/ Deputy Bob Terry

**ARTICLE I. Call to Order:** Mayor Dennis Paschal called the meeting to order.

**ARTICLE II. Invocation:** Mayor Paschal gave the invocation

**ARTICLE III. Approval of January 8, 2013, Town Council Agenda**

**A. Requests & Petitions of Citizens**

Mayor Paschal made a motion *that the following item be added to the agenda under New Business, D:*

- *Consideration of Quote from Dan River Water, Inc. for Installation of Four (4) Fire Hydrants at a Total Cost of \$17,000 - \$20,000.*

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**ARTICLE IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Town Council Meeting on December 4, 2012**

Robert Aswell made a motion, *“They stand as written.”*

Iris Powell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**ARTICLE V. New Business**

**A. Adoption of 2013 Meeting Schedules for the Town Council and the Wentworth Planning Board**

Dennis Paschal, III made a motion, *“That we approve the Town Council meeting schedule and the Planning Board meeting schedule as written”.*

Robert Aswell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V.           B. Approval for Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the 2013 Annual City and County Clerks' Academy & Institute: January 30 – February 1, 2013 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center, Research Triangle Park  
Registration: \$250.00 each**

**Mayor Paschal** made a motion, "*We approve that*".

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**C. Rockingham County Community Transformation Catalyst Initiative – Joseph Peele, Coordinator**

**Mr. Peele** introduced himself. He explained that his position is a grant funded position through KB Reynolds Foundation in partnership with the NC Public Health Foundation. He said that they have funded four positions in counties throughout the State that were considered Tier 1 counties (Beaufort, Halifax, Rockingham, and Cleveland counties). These positions are to help with existing initiatives regarding access to healthy eating and active living. He further explained that his goal is to work with other organizations and individuals in the county to increase access to healthy foods and opportunities for active living to areas of the county that do not currently have convenient access to either. Mr. Peele suggested that part of this could be accomplished by providing produce at local mom & pop stores or gas stations, which could alleviate the travel time for members of the community that do not have convenient access to a grocery store. He said that he has created a survey to find out where citizens currently go to purchase healthy foods, where they go to play and exercise, and what opportunities would they like to see available in the near future. (Note: Copies of the survey are available at the Town Hall.)

**Mayor Paschal** said that he has noticed that the Wentworth area does not have as many local convenience stores as it once did, but he felt there were still some opportunities for people to purchase produce from local sellers. He also expressed his opinion that the Healthy Food and Active Living Initiative Mr. Peele described is a worthwhile project.

**Councilwoman Iris Powell** asked Mr. Peele if he is working with the Cooperative Extension office. **Mr. Peele** said he is working closely with Brenda Sutton and Debra Crumpton on a community garden project. He mentioned that they are having a meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> and that they are hoping to create at least five (5) new community gardens in the county. He said they are also looking for places to distribute the excess produce from local community gardens.

**Councilman Paschal, III** asked where some of the existing community gardens are located. **Mr. Peele** said that there was a very successful community garden in Mayodan and one at First Presbyterian Church in Reidsville as well.

**Councilman Paschal, III** asked Mr. Peele if he had spoken to any of the schools in the county about community gardens. Mr. Peele said that he has not, but that Ms. Crumpton has and that school representatives will be attending their meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the community garden project.

There were no more questions or comments and **Mayor Paschal** thanked Mr. Peele for his presentation.

**Article V. D. Consideration of Quote from Dan River Water, Inc. for Installation of Four (4) Fire Hydrants at a Total Cost of \$17,000 - \$20,000.**

**Mayor Paschal** noted that the FY 2012-2013 Budget currently includes \$14,000.00 for four fire hydrants.

**Councilman Aswell** made a motion, "*We approve the money for installing four fire hydrants*".

**Councilman Pashcal, III** asked, "Are you going with the high end of the quote?"

**Mayor Paschal** said, "We're just going to approve the \$17,000 - \$20,000. I think that would be the thing to do, because we don't know where it is going to come in at."

**Councilman Aswell** added, "Then, when we need to, we can transfer the funds..."

**Mayor Paschal** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Patrick Kane, Town Attorney** addressed the Mayor and explained that the memo from the Town Administrator suggested that a Budget Amendment would be required if the total cost of the four hydrants is going to be \$17,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Kane advised that it would be prudent to propose a budget amendment now that could be approved by the Council at their next regular meeting.

**Councilman Aswell** said, “We probably won’t know by the next meeting whether the cost will be \$17,000 or \$20,000”.

**Mayor Paschal** asked Mr. Kane if the Council is required to propose the budget amendment now or could the Finance Officer just have it ready for the next meeting.

**Mr. Kane** answered, “As long as it is published and it is in the agenda for that meeting 48 hours prior to the meeting so that anyone that wants to come can speak about it. That is the only reason I brought it up.”

**Mayor Paschal** said that the budget amendment would be included in the agenda before the next meeting.

**Article VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed the speaker register.

**Article VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- The Wentworth Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers
- The next regular meeting of the Wentworth Town Council will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- There are event notices, as well as Council and Planning Board meeting schedules, on the tables located at the back of the Council Chambers.
- We will have a Post Office Update at our February meeting.

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**ARTICLE VIII. A D J O U R N**

**Mayor Paschal** made a motion, "*That we adjourn.*"

**Councilman Aswell** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yvonne Russell, Deputy Clerk**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dennis Paschal, Jr.**  
**Mayor**