

Town of Atkinson
Regular Monthly Meeting

August 1, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Honorable Mayor Jason Spivey; Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Bryan Stewart; Commissioner Denise Lewis; Commissioner Gary Alsup; Commissioner Penny Stith

Town Clerk, Becky Lanier

Town Attorney Robert Kenan

Attendance:

Mayor Jason Spivey

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryan Stewart

Commissioner Denise Lewis

Commissioner Penny Stith

Commissioner Gary Alsup – Absent

Town Clerk/Finance Officer Becky Lanier

Town Attorney Robert Kenan

- 1. Mayor J. Spivey called the 8/1/2024 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm**
- 2. Mayor Jason Spivey led the prayer.**
- 3. Commissioner Denise Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **6/27/2024 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the June 27, 2023, minutes was made by Commissioner Stith and seconded by Commissioner Stewart Motion Carried 3-0**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda:**
 - **Motion to accept the agenda was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Stith Motion Carried 3-0**

6. Public Comment:

- Ray Ramos asked about the permit denial for storage container to be placed on his property on Railroad St. Mr. Ramos also shared his concerns about the town looking trashy. Mr. Ramos has been taking care of the ditches behind his home, the ditches are located on 4th Avenue, he says they need to be cleaned out as soon as possible.

7. Public Hearing: To review a proposed amendment to the town ordinances. The proposed amendment would reduce the distance for sale of malt beverages and/or wine from 300 feet to 200 feet from an existing church.

- Rob Hosack with Decisions Consulting for Family Dollar spoke to the commissioning board asking for a reduction in footage from 300 to 200 from a church.
- Gilbert Combs zoning and planning prepared a packet to be presented to the board, due to his absence Inspector Louis Hesse presented it to the board.
- There was no comment from the public on this matter.
- Mayor Spivey closed the public hearing.
- *Commissioner Stith made a motion to table a proposed amendment to the town ordinances. The proposed amendment would reduce the distance for sale of malt beverages and/or wine from 300 feet to 200 feet from an existing church to the September 5, 2024, meeting Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion Carried 3-0*

8. Public Hearing: Adoption of the Town of Atkinson CAMA Land Use Plan

- Ryan Cox, owner of Insight Planning addressed the board on the miscommunication concerning the public hearings. Mr. Cox would like for us to adopt the CAMA Land Use Plan in a timely manner. Due to the Planning Board not taking notes at their last meeting and no motion made for recommendation of adoption of the CAMA Land Use Plan, Mr. Cox cancelled the 8/1/2024 public hearing. Insight Planning has to be at the Planning Board meeting as well as the Public Hearing.

9. Financial/Clerk Report: (Becky Lanier, Town Clerk)

- **Auditors Contract:**
 - *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to accept the proposal from Wade Greene of W. Greene CPA to be our new auditor Commissioner Stewart seconded Motion Carried 3-0*
- **Budget Amendments:**
 - *Commissioner Stith made a motion to table the amendments to the September 5, 2024, meeting Commissioner Stewart seconded the Motion Carried 3-0*

10. Old Business:

- **Cafeteria:**
 - Commissioner Stith informed the board that the roof is on the cafeteria but, it must be tweaked before we give final payment,
- **NC State Budget:**
 - Mayor Spivey has been in contact with the NCLM.
- **Christmas Parade:**
 - Waiting for the DOT paper.
- **Audit Discrepancies:**
 - Need to write a letter explaining each discrepancy. Commissioner Lewis and Attorney Robert Kenan will work on this together.
- **EnviroLink:**
 - Find contract and send it to the board.

11. New Business:

- None currently.

12. Inspections Department: (Inspector Louis Hesse)

- **Building:**
 - The town has several open projects currently.
- **Fire Inspections:**

13. Planning Director: (Gilbert Combs) - Absent

- No update currently.
- Mr. Combs is still reviewing the UDO.

14. Fire Department: (Fire Chief Jason Turner)

- See attachment.

15. Parks and Recreation: (Denise Lewis)

- No update currently.

16. Library Report: (Commissioner Gary Alsup and Commissioner Penny Stith)

- Atkinson Library Monthly Report
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17. Maintenance Report: (Commissioner Bryan Stewart)

- Maintenance needs a load of rock for the gravel roads.
- Mayor Spivey is still looking into the side mowers.

Motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Stith and seconded by Commissioner Stewart Motion Carried 3-0 time started was 8:30pm

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Stewart Motion carried 3-0 timed ended was 10:25pm

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Lewis seconded by Commissioner Stewart Motion Carried 3-0 Meeting ended at 10:25pm