

**MINUTES
YANCEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 8th, 2019**

The meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 7:00 PM.

Council Members present: Alvin Foster- Mayor, Odessa Gwynn- Mayor Pro Tem, Brian Massey, Margie Badgett-Lampkin, and Keith Tatum

Staff: Brian Collie- Town Manager/Clerk, Kamara Graves-Assistant Town Clerk, Lee Farmer- Town Attorney, and Assistant Billing Clerk -Kathy Hinton

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Alvin Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Meeting opened with a silent prayer. He asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Foster also stated that the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures reflect the revisions of the North Carolina Open Meeting Law of the North Carolina General Statutes, a copy of the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures are available upon request.

Item 2: Review and Adoption of Agenda – Mayor & Council

Mayor Foster added Item 7b: Closed Session- Contractual and Attorney/ Client Consultation. After a short review, Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 7b: Closed Session- Contractual and Attorney Client Consultation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Massey and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 3: Consent Agenda- December 4th, 2018 Minutes

Mayor Foster asked Town Council to review the minutes from the December 4th, 2018 Town Council Meeting. After a short review, Councilman Massey made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 4th, 2018 Town Council Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn and passed a unanimous vote.

Item 4: Public Comment

None

Item 5: Appoint Council of Government Delegate and RPO- Rural Planning Organization Delegate

Mayor Foster asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn made a motion for Mayor Alvin Foster to continue appointment as the Council of Government Delegate as well as the RPO- Rural Planning Organization Delegate representing the Town of Yanceyville. The motion was seconded by Councilman Massey and passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Foster thanked Town Council for the appointment, and their confidence in him to represent the Town of Yanceyville as the COG and RPO Delegate.

Item 6: Broadband Internet Letter of Support Discussion- Caswell Connect 2020

Town Manager Collie explained to Town Council that Caswell County has started an initiative to bring broadband internet to Caswell County. He explained that the lack of broadband internet service is a major concern of residents and future of Caswell County. Town Manager Collie introduced Matthew Hoagland, Caswell County Planning Director who is heading the Connect Caswell 2020 initiative. Town Manager Collie noted that the County is seeking a letter of support from the Town of Yanceyville as the project will benefit the Town of Yanceyville too. Town Manager Collie explained that Mr. Hoagland will give a brief overview of what the initiative is, and what it seeks to accomplish.

Mr. Hoagland thanked Town Council for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Hoagland explained that the Planning Department of Caswell has launched an initiative of Connect Caswell 2020. Mr. Hoagland noted that the long-term goal of Connect Caswell 2020 is to supply broadband internet service, and cell coverage to every person in Caswell County who would like it. The immediate goal is to have the infrastructure for connectivity by 2020. Mr. Hoagland stated that they are doing a few things differently, but focused on broadband internet, and cell tower deployment throughout the County. He clarified that the number one thing that we are doing in the near term is positioning ourselves to receive grant funding from the State of North Carolina. He explained that in the 2018 Budget the State of North Carolina created a program known as the GREAT (Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology) program. Mr. Hoagland explained that an Internet Service Provider would have to complete an application on behalf of Caswell. The ISP would indicate how they would distribute broadband internet in Caswell County, and how much it might cost. He explained that one of the most important things we can do as residents of Caswell County is convey to Internet Service Providers, and by extension get the information to the State. Also, show what kind of demand is on the ground locally for connectivity and community support. Mr. Hoagland asked for the Town of Yanceyville to write a letter of support personal to the experiences faced due to lack of or poor internet service connections.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn made a motion authorizing Town Manager Collie to write a letter of support for the Connect Caswell 2020 initiative on behalf of the Town of Yanceyville. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Badgett Lampkin and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 7: Town Manager Report

Town Manager Collie introduced Vernon Massengill, Chief Yanceyville Fire Department. Chief Massengill updated Town Council on the ISO fire insurance rating inspections. Chief Massengill noted that the Deputy Commissioner of North Carolina Insurance presented all 10 Volunteer Fire Departments in Caswell County their latest ISO

inspections on January 7th, 2019. Chief Massengill noted that the Town of Yanceyville went from a class five rating to a class four rating. He explained that the insurance rates for residential property owners will not decrease because the class five that the Town held previously is the lowest rating that you can receive for residential properties. However, commercial businesses will receive a lower insurance rate, because the Town received a class four rating. Chief Massengill thanked Town Council for their continued support of the Yanceyville Fire Department. Mayor Foster thanked Chief Massengill, and the Yanceyville Fire Department for their dedication, effort and achievements.

Town Manager Collie announced:

Caswell County Chapter of Health Collaborative invites Town Council to join them for breakfast prepared by Lucindy Willis and an exciting morning of discovery and celebration as we take a closer look at what's in store for Caswell County in 2019 the State of the County Event on Tuesday, January 15th at 8am at Caswell Pines.

Piedmont Triad Regional Council will host a Caswell County 50th Anniversary Appreciation lunch on Tuesday, January 15th at 12 noon, immediately following the State of the County Event at Caswell Pines

Town of Yanceyville Public Forum/ Hearing for Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Maps Amendments Wednesday, January 16th 7pm at the Municipal Building held in the Maud Gatewood Museum meeting room.

Joint Council Meeting Thursday, February 7th 6pm hosted in The Town of Milton

Item 7 b: Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11 Contractual and Attorney/Client Consultation

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to go into Closed Session General Statues 143-318.11 Contractual and Attorney /Client Consultation. Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn made a motion to go into Closed Session General Statues 143-318.11 Contractual and Attorney /Client Consultation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Massey and passed with a unanimous vote.

After Town Council re-entered the chambers from Closed Session, Mayor Foster asked for a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn made a motion to come out of Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Mayor Pro Tem Gwynn made a motion to go back to into Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Foster noted that there was nothing discussed during Closed Session that needed to be reported at this time.

Item 8: Informal Discussion/ Public Comment – Discussion & Comments must directly relate to agenda items

None

Item 9: Adjournment

Mayor Foster asked Town Council for a motion to adjourn the Town Council Meeting. After no further discussion, Councilman Tatum made a motion to adjourn the Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Badgett-Lampkin seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

Brian Collie- Town Manager/Clerk and Kamara Graves- Assistant Town Clerk prepared the above minutes. They represent a brief description of those matters that were addressed at this meeting. A detailed account of this meeting is available for review on tape at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building.

Respectively Submitted:

Alvin Foster, Mayor

Brian Collie, Town Manager / Clerk

Kamara Graves, Assistant Town Clerk