

A Butner Town Council Meeting was convened in the meeting room at South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA) located at 209 West C Street, Butner, NC 27509 on Thursday, **May 7, 2009**, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Present and Presiding:

Mayor:

Council Members:

Thomas Lane
Vicky Cates
Christene Emory
Linda Jordon
Elbert Oakley, Jr.
Edgar Smoak
John Wimbush
Thomas S. Marrow
James C. Wrenn, Jr.
Dianne E. White

Town Manager
Town Attorney
Town Clerk

****** REMINDER: PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE AT TOWN HALL TAKING MAYOR/COUNCIL PHOTOS ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, BETWEEN 5:45 AND 6:45 PM ******

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER ... by Mayor Lane
2. ROLL CALL ... by Clerk
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Ms. Jordon and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Oakley.

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 15, 2009 MEETING MINUTES (See Attached)

Above Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Wimbush, seconded by Mr. Oakley (and was unanimously approved).

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF MAY 7, 2009 MEETING AGENDA ... No Adjustments
6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ... None

7. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Rezoning Request – REZ -09-001
Wynngate Subdivision Expansion (East Lyon Station Road) (**See Attached**) ... Bob Anderson of Barton Development Group is requesting a rezoning from the existing Suburban Residential zoning to a Conditional District for Planned Unit Development (CD-PUD) to expand the Wynngate Subdivision. The proposed additional phases total 46.47 acres and the submitted concept plan shows 89 new lots. The proposed rezoning would be along the east and west sides of East Lyon Station Road from the existing phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Wynngate subdivision to the intersection at Gate #2 Road. More specifically, the properties are identified as Tax Map #08752891722 and 087502786804. The Planning Board has recommended approval.

Planner Melissa Hodges gave a briefing on the above item approved by Butner Planning Board at its April 9th Meeting with a condition related to street connectivity and/or inter-connectivity ratio (number of entrances coming in and out of the subdivision related to number of roads). Hodges said Phases 4A and 4B have only one entrance for coming in/going out. The developer was asked to address this and he did so in a letter (**SEE ATTACHMENT “A”**). There was also an issue regarding cul-de-sac length that was resolved by adding a stub street to the adjacent undeveloped property.

Mayor Lane held the public hearing. Speakers: Chad Abbott with Summit Consulting indicated he would be glad to answer any questions. Joanne Fitch of 1191 Shining Water Lane, Creedmoor (resident in Wynngate Subdivision) asked the group to deny this request stating there aren't sidewalks for school kids to walk to and from the bus stop at E. Lyon and Green, entrance is not wide enough; therefore, buses are not coming into the development. Fitch said her children have to walk on the streets to the bus stop with cars traveling at excessive speeds on relatively narrow streets. She indicated Granville County Schools System outsources busing and she noted conversations with 'the bus company'. There is only one sidewalk (it leads to the pool Fitch said). Mayor and Council were concerned about these public safety items, wanted more info and clarification. Tracey Parrott with Summit Consulting said Phase 3 is under construction to include a second intersection for the development (Shining Water Lane will extend through Phase 3 and back out to Lyon Station Road) to allow a "looping" effect on both sides of Lyon Station. Parrott said this matter can be revisited with the Schools System. Mr. Smoak said there needs to be

attention placed on street pavement width, how much of right-of-way is used for shoulder area and with regard to cul-de-sacs ... the necessity to accommodate school buses and emergency vehicles. Hodges read from the Land Development Ordinance adopted the latter part of 2008 and according to ordinance; Phases 3 and 4 will have to have sidewalks on at least one side of the street at a minimum. Next speaker was Michael McFadden, 606 19th Street, Butner who said he feels the cul-de-sac issue is paramount and this matter should only be approved contingent upon completion of the loop to allow buses through. Otherwise, there could potentially be liability issues he said. The Planner requested this item be tabled to allow research on road widths, etc. along with getting 'required' sidewalks entered on site plans. She said Council has final authority to approve major subdivision plans. Hodges also said Council can place conditions (within reason) with developer concurring. Mr. Parrott said he was looking for rezoning approval at tonight's meeting and assured their intentions are to comply with Butner's ordinance and address items discussed. Hodges said we, at this point in time, only require developers to meet DOT standards for roads; however, looking ahead, there may be a need to add requirements in Butner's LDO beyond what DOT requires.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:39 PM. Tonight, developer is at concept stage – detailed drawings, etc. to come later. The Attorney agreed with the Planner – more time is needed to evaluate conditions and work with developer on the detailed plans.

This matter was tabled (for further research, study, etc.) until the Council's next meeting – May 20th, same time and location on a motion by Mr. Smoak, seconded by Ms. Jordon – all voted in favor.

8. RE-APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER WIMBUSH TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY GREENWAYS TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GTCC)

Councilmember Wimbush currently serves on this committee representing Butner and the county's interests. His term expires on June 1, 2009. He has indicated he is willing to continue representing Butner on the committee. The new term will extend to June 1, 2011. Butner is also represented on this committee by the Town Planner, Melissa Hodges.

Mr. Wimbush was reappointed on a motion by Mr. Oakley, seconded by Ms. Emory – all in favor.

9. PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF) GRANT UPDATE

Hodges said a committee was originally scheduled to meet in May and notify Butner whether it will receive PARTF grant monies for B Street Ballfields Project ... this meeting will be held in July and notification should come in August.

10. SELECT NAME FOR GAZEBO PARK

Playground equipment comes with a complimentary Park sign

Hodges reported Butner will be given a Park sign with a total of 26 characters. ***There was a motion by Mr. Smoak, seconded by Ms. Jordon to have "Butner Gazebo Park" inscribed on the sign – all in favor.***

11. REPORTS

➤ Town Manager

- Sports Arena – Eleven (11) General Contractors attended mandatory pre-bid meeting. Bid opening is Tuesday, May 19th, 10 AM at Sports Arena.
- Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) Grant – Final report submitted by the Attorney w/assistance from Amy Edge (Tar River Land Conservancy). This, hopefully, will release the \$25,000 check to Butner.
- Gazebo Park Landscaping – Eight (8) landscaping firms were contacted – Clero from Oxford was the low bidder. Sidewalks are in – things are looking great.
- Lake Holt Canteen – Minor improvements ongoing. Mr. Thompson is pleased (so far) with turnover/business during good weather. Manager spoke with him about gearing up for 7/3/09 Fireworks Show. Thompson will have sole concessions for this event.
- Butner Town Limits Survey – is going well.
- New Town Hall – Architect will be scheduling meeting(s) with Mayor/Council for design ideas. The Attorney and Manager are working on prices while Manager and Mize will soon meet with architect on preliminary design. Marrow said the Council will need to adopt architect's fee schedule on 5/20. Mr. Oakley inquired – tentative date for Town Hall construction ... Marrow said Fall, 2009.
- First Draft of 2009-10 Budget – Marrow and Howard are continuing to work on the budget ... a copy to Council soon.

- Gazebo Park Playground Equipment – Total cost came to \$24,163.82. Vendor requires 50% deposit to order equipment ---- additional 50% to be paid when it has been completely installed. Manager hopes to have the playground equipment in by June 6.
- BPS Director Hobgood
 - Hobgood spoke of Senate proposal to eliminate Butner Public Safety. Hobgood continues to monitor the situation. Mr. Oakley said both Crawford and Berger have been very supportive. Mayor Lane, the Manager, Attorney and Hobgood met with Asst Secretary of CCPS outlining a plan to educate Legislators, etc. The Mayor said various Butner groups have enlightened State officials how BPS is essential to State institutions and to the community. Wrenn said it is important to provide support to Crawford (and Berger) in whatever means possible. Lane noted a delegation from Butner traveled to Raleigh for Town Hall Day on May 6.
- Attorney
- Planner
 - Greenway Grant – Hodges said project has to be shovel-ready by 8/29 – she and Manager met with NCDOT (and along with Tim Stall), they will be working on easement agreements. Wrenn is working with Granville County along these lines as well.

12. OTHER MATTERS

- STATUS/UPDATE ... New Town Hall
- STATUS/UPDATE ... Community Building – a second meeting coming up soon.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor said a group met with Creedmoor reps regarding fireworks show (to be held on 7/3) – gates open around 7 at Lake Holt – things are moving along well according to the Mayor. A DJ has been lined up. Various entities/agencies are working in harmony to cover all bases to make this a safe and enjoyable event.

Authorization to repair/replace A/C in the meeting room was made by Mr. Smoak, seconded by Mr. Oakley. All voted in favor.

Mr. Smoak expressed concern regarding an earlier situation relative to agenda item 7 --- a mother not getting satisfaction going to the School Board. Smoak feels strongly about safety of school kids getting on and off buses. The Manager said he plans to do research on this matter to include meeting with school officials and 'bus company'. Subdivisions are a major concern Smoak said ... he suggested a "remedy" for transportation problems by either going through the Planning Board, a committee, etc. – whatever means it takes.

Ms. Jordon said progress is being made on the Butner website. Goal is to have the site up and running by mid June ... historical photo gallery to be included. Melissa Hodges reported there is a meeting set with website manager (K. Wolford) May 29.

Ms. Cates thanked Marrow and Hodges for planning/work at the Park, especially in light of prom/graduation gatherings/photos --- a nice transformation she said.

Ms. Emory stated her safety concern (and that of the entire group) for children (agenda item 7) – item heard earlier.

Mr. Wimbush said the Greenway group is doing a great job. He said it's the desire to get folks walking. On a side note ... Wimbush noted John Penn Road (his church location). Wimbush worked hard to get this road paved (with success); therefore, church members will "adopt a road" in his name. Wimbush said this came as a surprise; he feels honored.

*** REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION BY MR. OAKLEY ***

At approximately 8:16 PM, Mr. Oakley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jordon to go in closed session in accordance with NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3). All voted in favor. No announcement followed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Oakley, seconded by Mr. Smoak (unanimously approved) at approximately 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne E. White, CMC
Town Clerk

Thomas Lane, Mayor
Town of Butner