

Lewisville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall - 6510 Shallowford Road - Room 110

1. Call to Order

- a. Mayor Mike Horn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were Jeanne Marie Foster, Fred Franklin, Melissa Hunt, Ken Sadler, David Smitherman, and Jane Welch. Also present were Town Manager Hank Perkins, Finance Officer Pam Orrell, Attorney Bo Houff, and Town Clerk Joyce Walker.
- b. Invocation was provided by Attorney Bo Houff and the Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member Fred Franklin.
- c. Mayor Horn recognized Dillon McCallister, who was present from Reagan High School to observe for a civics class.
- d. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. Council Member Franklin moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Melissa Hunt and approved unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Consent Agenda for approval
 - i. [Resolution 2020002](#) - Acceptance and Approval of Monthly [Financials for November, 2019](#)
 - ii. Approval of Closed Session **Minutes - November 7, 2019**
 - iii. Approval of Council Briefing and Action [Minutes - December 5, 2019](#)
 - iv. Approval of Retiring Council Meeting [Minutes - December 12, 2019](#)
 - v. Approval of Organizational Meeting [Minutes of New Council - December 12, 2019](#)
 - vi. Approval of Council Special Meeting [Minutes - December 16, 2019](#)
- b. Council Member Welch moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously. Resolution 2020002 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.

3. Introductions, Presentations, Recognitions and/or Proclamations

- a. **Introductions, Recognitions, Presentations and/or Proclamations**
 - i. None.

4. Public Forum

- a. The Public Forum was opened at 7:35 p.m.
 - i. Gus Preschle, 1023 Feldspar Lane, Lewisville, read the following:

Good evening Mayor Horn and members of the Town Council. My name is Gus Preschle and I am here tonight as an individual resident and not as a member of the Clean Energy Resolutions Committee. I come with an idea for the Community Center, but first an introduction.

* Retired Engineer who spent a good bit of my professional career managing technology and energy conservation projects.

- Served a community similar to this one as Chair of The Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- Severed on the Clemmons Comprehensive Plan Committee before downsizing to Lewisville.
- Served on a committee to have solar panels installed on the roof of my church in Winston-Salem.
- Lead a task group to design and build a prototype highly efficient home for Habitat for Humanity.

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Observation

Last week I attended the Council's Briefing Meeting and observed the Consultant's presentation and the council's discussion about the planned Community Center. Since then I have been thinking a lot about what I heard there and what I read in this week edition of the Lewisville Citizen Newsletter. I think the planned Community center presents a wonderful opportunity to save the tax payers money and educate them about the benefits of renewable energy. We can do that by installing solar panels either during the initial construction or in the near future. Three things have happened recently to make this a timely issue. First, Duke Energy has just issued a request for a 7 % rate hike. Second, the price of solar energy systems continues to plummet. And third, Lewisville is interested in becoming a more sustainable community.

Recommendation

Before it is too late in the design phase of the Community Center, ask the Architect for a comprehensive analysis of the costs and benefits of solar panels. The possibility exists that the net present value of future savings will exceed the cost of the system thus saving tax payer dollars. If we are not there quite yet, we are sure to be at a positive cash flow very soon. You might also want to get a cost estimate directly from a capable system installer.

Second, and building on a great idea from one of the Council Members at last week's meeting, ask the Architect for an analysis of the cost and benefits of a solar energy system with battery storage. This alternative would be instead of the backup electric generator being studied. Imagine having a facility to serve as an emergency command center and a refuge for citizens during extended power outages or other disasters. The cost of battery backup systems is reportedly plummeting as fast as or even faster than solar panels themselves. If the time is not right just now, let's take steps to put in the necessary infrastructure so that the building is ready. The time is right.

Thank you for interest. I'll leave a copy of my notes with the Town Clerk with my contact information if anyone would like to discuss these opportunities further. Meanwhile, are there any questions?

b. Having no other speakers, the Public Forum was closed at 7:40 p.m.

5. **Appointments**

a. None.

6. **Public Hearings**

a. Public hearing on **Dexter Road closing**

i. **Staff Presentation**

(1) The school system has advised that a portion of Dexter Road will need to be closed as part of the school site; however, the schools system has not been able to validate the needed information for the required advertisement. Council was asked to continue the public hearing to a later date.

ii. Public Hearing

(1) The Public Hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m.

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- (a) Council Member Franklin moved to continue the public hearing to the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously.
- (2) The Public Hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

7. Evidentiary Hearings

- a. None.

8. Annexation Requests

- a. None.

9. Preliminary Site Plan Approvals

- a. None.
- b. Update on Recycling Committee charter change
 - i. Mayor Horn advised that he and manager met with the committee, and as previously discussed with the Council, outlined three steps for them to begin their work:
 - (1) Consider redrafting their charter to include sustainability.
 - (2) Consider and evaluate the resolution presented to council and consider its incorporation into the resolution.
 - (3) Look at long term education of residents and how they can incorporate sustainability into their households and personal use.
 - ii. Council was advised that the Recycling Committee has set two dates to meet and the last meeting will fall after Council meets. It will be March when the information will be sent forward.

10. New Business

- a. Approval of [amended Town meeting schedule](#) to include the Council planning workshop on February 1, 2020 and the [budget meeting schedule](#)
 - i. Council Member Hunt moved to approve the amended meeting schedule and the budget meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smitherman and approved unanimously.
 - ii. These items will now be placed on the web site.
- b. [Resolution 2020001](#) - Approving the Lewisville Town Council Code of Ethics
 - i. As a supplement to the State Ethics that must be taken when elected, the Town also has an Ethics Policy that must be approved.
 - ii. Council Member Franklin moved to approve Resolution 2020001. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunt and approved unanimously. Resolution 2020001 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.
- c. [Ordinance 2020002](#) - Amending Chapter 16 Article 2-14 of the Lewisville Town Code removing two associations that no longer qualify for exemption
 - i. Lodge 2840 is no longer affiliated with the Sons of Italy and the Town has not heard from the Stained Glass Playhouse in over four years and staff has no contact information.
 - ii. Council Member Welch moved to approve Ordinance 2020002. The motion was seconded by Council Member Franklin and approved unanimously. Ordinance

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2020 is herein incorporated by reference into the minutes.

11. Administrative Reports

- a. Upcoming [Events at Shallowford Square](#) and Town Holidays were reviewed.
- b. Manager's Report
 - i. Reminder - Council Planning Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
 - (1) Suggestions are to be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- c. Clerk's Report
 - i. None.
- d. **Approvals at the Briefing and Action Meeting on January 2, 2020**
 - i. [Ordinance 2020003](#) - amending Budget Ordinance 2019001 in the amount of \$1,168.⁰⁰ to budget for providing decals to the 148 18-gal recycling bins being purchased
 - ii. [Ordinance 2020004](#) - amending Budget Ordinance 2019001 in the amount of \$2,636.⁰⁰ to pay 2019 property taxes owed on donated Warren property
 - iii. [Resolution 2020004](#) - authorizing the Town Manager to execute the contract with Stewart, Inc. of Raleigh, NC for planning audit services in an amount not to exceed \$18,400.⁰⁰

12. For the Good of the Order:

- a. Public Comments
 - i. Public Comments were opened at 7:51 p.m.
 - ii. Having no speakers, Public Comments were closed at 7:52 p.m.
- b. Council Comments
 - i. Council Member Welch asked Council to consider a "thank you" volunteer appreciation event so that council members can meet the members of the boards and committees.
 - ii. Council members agreed to discuss at the meeting on February 1st.
 - (1) Council was advised applications to join the boards and committees are due by the end of the month.
 - (a) Staff is to re-advertise and more information can be found in the newsletter.
- c. Adjournment
 - i. Having no other business to discuss, Council Member Franklin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smitherman and approved unanimously.

Mike Horn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce C. McWilliams Walker, Town Clerk