



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
January 22, 2013
Civic Building
6:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

Council Members: David Cohn, Christopher King, and David Waddell.

Absent Members: Robert Allen and Darlene Luther.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Director of Engineering and Public Works Scott Kaufhold , and Public Information Officer/Events Coordinator Rebecca Carter.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance and made an announcement that Council Member Luther out due to family issues and Council Member Allen is home with the flu, neither would be in attendance this evening.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Christopher King made a motion to approve removing items 9a and 9b from agenda
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

David Cohn made a motion to approve adding Mr. Arp for a quick introduction during meeting.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Christopher King made a motion to approve the agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. State Representative Dean Arp

This item was added as a result of a motion made by Council Member Cohn

State Representative Dean Arp from District 69 introduced himself to Council and the audience, informed them of the many committees he has been appointed to; advised that he has asked NCDOT to brief him on the status of all road projects; invited all to contact him with any issues or concerns and inquired if there were any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carlton Aldrich, 2033 Fripp Lane, Indian Trail, NC addressed the issue of districting. He has no issues on this matter, but assumes districting would be based upon comparable levels of population. What happens as population of town changes, would there be redistricting? There is districting and members at large. If considered, placing on a referendum for voters, it should only be put on referendum during a Presidential election year, as there is a significantly larger voter turnout.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval January 4 & 8, 2013 draft minutes
- b. Budget Amendments

- c. Tax refunds over \$500

David Cohn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Approve Project Manager for Sardis' Park Project

Mr. Fivas explained that we will be discussing the Project Manager for the Sardis Park only. He gave an update on the park process conducted by staff and Council. Staff is recommending to Council the firm of Woolpert, Inc. Mr. Fivas presented photos of several parks designed by Woolpert. Mr. Fivas introduced Roger Daner and Greg Harner, representatives from Woolpert, Inc. They provided a brief history of themselves and the company; Council asked them a couple of questions pertaining to specialties, tying the park into the community needs and communication with residents.

Christopher King made a motion to approve business item 8a, Woolpert Inc. as Project Manager for Sardis Park.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fivas reviewed the process advising we can plan out the whole park or do it a section at a time. If we're ok conceptually with the design are we ok to do phase I, the road, Dog Park, and playground. Mr. Fivas inquired do we want to do the overall design or in phases. By consensus Council agreed that we should do something as quickly as possible so the citizens can see their tax dollars at work, enjoy the results and doing it in phases will enable us to tweak as we go.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Review of Sardis Park Project

This matter was deleted from the agenda as a result of a motion made by Council Member King under additions and deletions.

- b. Review of the Chestnut Project

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- c. Discuss districting the Town to provide more balanced representation

of the Residents as a whole - this matter was requested by Council Member Waddell

Mr. Waddell stated this matter was brought up when they ran for office and was asking Council what they are now thinking about it and if it's something we want to look into. He believes there is some interest out there, he has researched it somewhat and believes Mr. Aldrich made some very good points during public comments this evening.

Mr. King stated he doesn't have a problem with this as there is always the opportunity for 2011 to happen again. He has some concern about what's going on in Stallings about districting. He feels it should be put up for referendum; he would support this, not for this year because we have a lot of projects in place. We have had employees leave, putting it on the referendum in November would not give it justice, it's too important not to be sure we get the citizens out to vote for it. He feels all members should be present to vote on it. He would support it but not this year.

Mr. Cohn advised he ran on districting, he was in favor of it at the time. There is concern for the perception of the town if the majority of Council comes from the same location. He agrees with Mr. King, it should not be done this year; it should be done during a Presidential election year. His idea is to split it up into 2 districts, two from each side of 74 and one at large would be perfect. It makes it difficult when everyone doesn't run at the same time.

Mayor Alvarez inquired on the process and the addition of another Council Member possible.

Mr. Merritt, for Council's benefit provided some information as it pertains to the process, advising that the charter would need amending, approval from Department of Justice, it is a complicated process requiring a boatload of information to provide them.

Council had a lengthy discussion on this matter, topics included: number of districts, when referendum should be on ballot, revising council elections to Presidential election year, should all members' terms be changed to be voted on all at once and presenting this question to the citizens on the next public survey conducted.

MANAGERS REPORT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members Cohn and King had no comments.

Mayor Alvarez - sent his thoughts to Ms. Luther who's visiting her brother in hospital, she's a trooper only missing 2 meetings during her term and sent get well thoughts to Mr. Allen. This week the US Power Olympic ice skating teams from Korea, Russia and two teams from the USA at Extreme Ice Center for their National Championship. He informed everyone it is free and encouraged all to come out and support your team and be Ambassadors to the rest of the world. Meet these extraordinary athletes, who are paralyzed, it's very inspirational. He provided the schedule for the events.

Mr. Waddell stated he was happy for a productive meeting. He advised the food pantry in Monroe looking for food donations, lost freezers and refrigerators; they need assistance, suggesting all should check out today's EJ. He encouraged everyone to support local food banks as well. Mr. Waddell acknowledged this week is Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, suggesting to go on you tube and listen to his speeches.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Christopher King made a motion to adjourn
Motion Passed 2 - 1 with David Waddell opposing.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez , Mayor

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk

