

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina held a Special Meeting at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 7 p.m. Present for the meeting were:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, Walter Ellis, Jr., George Koonce, Elliott Sutton and Jeff Thomas; Town Manager, John P. Craft; Town Attorney, George Jenkins, Jr.; Nelda H. Johnson, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk.

Absent: Phyllis T. Harrison, CMC, Town Clerk

Guest: 3

### **ITEMS 1,2,3: CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, WELCOME**

Mayor Gurley called the meeting to order and Council Member Ellis gave the invocation. Mayor Gurley welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Manager Craft.

### **ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **a. ADOPTION OF FY 2006-2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Ellis to open the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 in favor of motion.

Guest were given the opportunity to speak concerning the adoption of the budget.

Eugene Shaw, 207 North Hadden Street, spoke to the Council on behalf of a Boys and Girls Club for the youth in La Grange and requested that money be put in the budget for this organization.

Council Member Gladney responded stating that he was definitely for our youth mentioning the basketball court that the Town made possible a couple of years ago. He further stated that programs needed to be in place and that he was still fighting for our youth.

Judith Shaw, 606 A Firetower Road, spoke on behalf of a Boys and Girls Club for La Grange asking if there was money earmarked in the budget, a dollar amount, for a Boys and Girls Club.

Manager Craft stated that in the Recreation Department of the budget that he had allotted some funding, \$5,500 in Contingency that can be allocated for a Boys and Girls Club at the direction of the Council.

Manager Craft also commented that there was probably more money in this year's budget for recreation than when the Town had a recreation director. Monies have been allocated for the local Boy Scout program, funding for recreational activities at the Frink baseball field and for lighting and, at the direction of the Council, for a local Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Wooten commented that a Boys and Girls Club was not a new idea stating that a location was a problem and there were safety issues. Mayor Pro Tem Wooten also stated that he does support a Boys and Girls Club in La Grange but he did want to see a plan in place before the Town made a donation.

Council Member Gladney spoke applauding Ms. Shaw for her efforts in establishing a Boys and Girls Club in La Grange and invited her to make a presentation to the Council concerning who was on the Board of Directors, plans and funding. With no further comments motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Thomas to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 in favor of motion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Thomas to adopt the proposed FY 2006-2007 Municipal Budget as presented by Manager Craft. Motion carried 5-1 in favor of motion. Council Member Gladney opposed.

## **ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION - EAST CAROLINA FARM CREDIT**

Manager Craft reported to the Council that East Carolina Farm Credit is planning to build a new branch off Highway 70 near Little Baltimore. The location is two lots west of Pittard Perry and Crone. Mr. David Herring, on behalf of the bank, has requested voluntary annexation of the property.

Manager Craft stated that he had investigated the utilities available for that property. The Town has electricity and water available on the property. Gravity sewer is available with an extension of the line out of a manhole behind Pittard Perry and Crone. The Town can extend the sewer lines with our forces with minimal expense.

Manager Craft's recommendation is to pursue the request and instruct the clerk to investigate the petition for annexation for sufficiency, which is the first step required to complete the annexation.

Motion was made by Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Sutton to begin the procedure for the annexation of the East Carolina Farm Credit property. Motion carried 6-0 in favor of motion.

**b. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF LENOIR COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN**

Manager Craft informed the Council that as per State requirements, every three years the Town has to update and adopt a solid waste plan. In the past, the Town has approved and adopted Lenoir County's plan rather than creating and updating its own.

Manager Craft's recommendation to the Council was to continue this practice as Lenoir County pays for the plan which saves the Town funding.

Motion was made by Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve and adopt the Lenoir County Solid Waste Plan. Copy of Resolution NO. 2006-06-179-1 filed in Resolution Book III and also hereto attached.

**ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten to adjourn.

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Nelda H. Johnson, CMC, Deputy Clerk

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Woodard H. Gurley, Mayor