

**Town of Tyrone
Council Meeting
Minutes
November 6, 2014**

Present:

Mayor Eric Dial
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Furr
Council Member Ken Matthews
Council Member Linda Howard
Town Manager Kyle Hood
Town Clerk Dee Baker
Town Attorney Patrick Stough

Council Member Ryan Housley was not in attendance.

Mayor Dial called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Mayor Dial, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Chrischele Madison who lives at 180 Bennington Pass informed Council of a community garden that she is spear-heading in Tyrone. She stated that there are many dedicated citizens in Tyrone that will assist in developing and running the garden. She added that Beth Vaughn, Tyrone's Environmental Technician, Dennis Chase our local environmental guru and Tricia Mahoney from the Peachtree City Farmer's Market have also offered their services. "Our mission is to develop and maintain a productive and organic raised bed garden to encourage community engagement, education and recreation to help mold a healthy community lifestyle". She stated that the most desirable location is at the lower playground area of the former Tyrone Elementary School. It is completely gated and parking spaces are available. Ms. Madison explained that those who are interested will rent a raised bed space, maintain and harvest their own produce. A portion of the harvest will be donated and local restaurants are encouraged to rent a space as well. She added that they will also donate a space to the local schools for educational purposes. Funding will be provided from workshops, donations, fundraisers and possible grants. She added that this will not only beautify our neighborhood but reduce the food budgets for families and encourage healthy community relationships. She ended by offering that if anyone is interested to please contact her and hopefully when approved, the Tyrone community will continue to receive an education from the grounds of Tyrone Elementary through sustainable gardening.

Council Member Howard asked how large is the area in question? Ms. Madison stated that they were currently in the process of measuring. The different sized plots would include 8 x 10 and 8 x 20 areas. Mayor Dial stated that Fayette County Board of Education Superintendent,

Dr. Barrow and Director of Facility Services, Mike Satterfield are both on board, however the decision is that of the School Board.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the agenda.
Council Member Furr seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

Approval of Minutes, October 16, 2014

Town of Tyrone Holiday Office Closures- 2015

Council Member Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Council Member Furr seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:

Proclamation: Honoring Dr. Darrell Evans, Sandy Creek High School Principal. *Eric Dial, Mayor*

Mayor Dial read the proclamation. Many were in attendance to acknowledge Dr. Darrell Evans. Dr. Evans thanked Mayor Dial and Council for their support with Sandy Creek High School in making it the number one school in the state of Georgia. He thanked the parents, the school, the students, his facility, his staff, the PTSO and their President Ms. Howell, and his wife. He also thanked Fayette County Board of Education's Deputy Superintendent, Sam Sweat. He ended by stating that he is truly blessed to be the Principal of Sandy Creek High School and he cannot think of any other place he would rather be.

Discussion regarding Employee Insurance Options and Open Enrollment. *Sandy Beach, Finance Director, Karen Larkin, C.E.O Midsouth Benefits*

Ms. Beach introduced Ms. Karen Larkin. Ms. Larkin stated that the three plans before Mayor and Council are the three richest and highest benefit plans in the industry and that this is good news for Town employees. Last year there was no increase and Blue Cross Blue Shield extended the offer through the end of the year. However, there has been a minimal increase this year. She explained that the Town pays 100 % for the employee for the richest plan and 50% for their dependents. This is very generous of the Town to pay such a large portion of the employee's premium. She added that due to the increase, and in order to stay within budget, they are taking that same contribution strategy and are using the \$500 deductible 90% plan as the base plan and the employee's and their families can buy up to the next plan if they wish.

Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only carrier that still offers a \$500 deductible 100% plan. The typical deductible is \$2,000 excluding co-payments. The new plans under the Affordable Care Act, an individual will pay up to \$6,250 out of pocket excluding co-payments.

Mayor Dial stated that he hopes the employees understand that although this is not great news, it is good news and the situation is out of our control.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Ms. Rebecca Marosy has applied for a variance for property tax ID#0738065 is zoned Residential-18 (R-18). This Public Hearing is to consider a variance to have a reduction in the side yard setbacks from 15 feet to 2 feet.

Kyle Hood, Town Manager

Mr. Hood stated that this variance hearing application is for Ms. Rebecca Marosy who lives at 110 Allison Way. Her request is to decrease her side yard setback from fifteen feet to two feet to accommodate an addition.

Mayor Dial opened the public hearing for anyone that wished to speak in favor or in opposition of the request to come forward. No one came forward.

Mr. Hood stated that there was discussion at the Planning Commission public hearing regarding the neighbor most directly affected by the variance request. The neighbor was not able to attend the meeting, they were out of Town. Mr. Hood added that the Town did receive a certified letter from the neighbor stating that they were not in favor of this variance request. He ended by stating that the Planning Commission also submitted their staff report recommending denial, as there was no adverse effect to upholding the zoning ordinance as it is currently.

Council Member Matthews made a motion to deny the variance for Ms. Rebecca Marosy located at 110 Allison Way, Tyrone.

Council Member Furr seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consideration to amend the Town Ordinance regarding Litter.

Beth Vaughn, Environmental Technician

Ms. Vaughn stated that both of her items will tie in together. She stated that the Enforcement Response Plan is a new requirement for the Stormwater Management Plan which is required by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and due with the February 2015 report. This outlines step by step the procedures that staff will follow to identify, document and take enforcement for violations of local ordinances. Staff will collect data and document violations to ensure evidence will be admissible in the event of a legal proceeding. She stated that through preparation for this report, review of certain ordinances were necessary. She added that a discrepancy regarding maximum fines paid, was found within the litter ordinance and needed to be amended. She ended by stating that once Council has approved the Enforcement Response Plan she will attach the approval for the EPD's annual report.

Council Member Matthews made a motion to adopt the revised litter ordinance as presented. Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

3. Consideration for approval of the Environmental Enforcement Response Plan.

Beth Vaughn, Environmental Technician

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the Environmental Response Plan as submitted.

Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

Public Comments

Staff Comments

Council Comments

Mayor Dial acknowledged Boy Scouts in the audience and asked them to stand and give their names. Nate Tramell, Evan Wilson and Mr. Mark Wilson were in attendance.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Furr made a motion to adjourn. Motion was approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

By: _____
Eric Dial, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dee Baker, Town Clerk