

Bermuda Run Town Council
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
9:00 a. m. – Town Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Kenneth Rethmeier, Rick Cross, Mike Ernst, Chris Fowler, John Guglielmi, and Jerry West

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk; Brian Williams, Town Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ken Rethmeier called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Ken Rethmeier asked to add a "Closed Session" personnel matter after item 5.A.

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to amend the adjusted agenda and Council Member Rick Cross seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Member Chris Fowler made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jerry West seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed.

3. Approval of the November 27, 2018 Agenda Meeting Minutes

Council Member John Guglielmi made a motion to approve the November, 2018 Council Agenda Meeting Minutes. Council Member Chris Fowler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed.

4. Citizens Comments - NONE

5. Items for Consideration

A. Request to Go into Closed Session for a Real Estate Matter Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11; Request to Go into Closed Session for a Personnel Matter

(a) (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

DFI project managers Sara Odio and Rory Dowling provided an update to the Town Council.

Council Member Rick Cross made a motion to go into Closed Session. Council Member Mike Ernst seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed.

B. Request to Come out of Closed Session

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Council Member Jerry West seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed.

Council Member Rick Cross made a motion for all staff (H. Lee Rollins, Cindy Griffith, and Dina Bowman) to receive a 2.9% Cost of Living increase effective 1/23/19. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jerry West. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed.

C. Town Council Annual Planning Session

Mayor Kenneth Rethmeier led the Council in conversation about the Town of Bermuda Run – where we are now. The Council listed items under headings of “areas that can be leveraged”, and “what we need to overcome”. As Bermuda Run celebrates 20 years of incorporation this year, ideas were discussed on how we can celebrate. The empty buildings were a concern in the business community of the Town. The Mayor has a “Mayor’s Breakfast with Business Owners” scheduled for February 7 and plans to get their feedback at the time on how the Town could help promote filling the empty buildings. Lack of housing options for retirees and first-time home owners was also a major concern. Future projects such as the Blue Heron Trail were also discussed as a plus for outside activities that attract new residents to the Town.

6. Council / Mayor Comments - None

7. Town Manager Comments - None

8. Adjourn

With no further business, Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member John Guglielmi. The motion was approved by a vote of *four (4) in favor and none opposed.

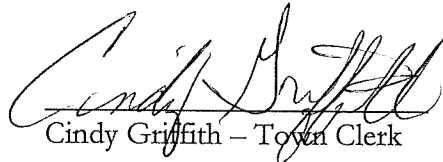
**Council Member Jerry West had to leave before the end of the meeting.*

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth Rethmeier, Dr. PH – Mayor



Cindy Griffith – Town Clerk