

Town of Bermuda Run

Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023 – 6:00 PM

The Town Council of Bermuda Run held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Bermuda Run Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Rick Cross, Mike Brannon, Curtis Capps, Mike Ernst, Heather Coleman, and Melinda Szeliga

Council Members Absent:

Also Present: Andrew Meadwell, Town Manager; Cindy Poe, Town Clerk; and Brian Williams, Town Attorney

Call to Order – Mayor Rick Cross called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

It is the intent of the Town Council to solemnize the proceedings of this meeting and the business brought before the governing board, to offer the opportunity of a reflective moment of silence. Mayor Cross asked everyone to please remember the crisis in Israel, and the family of Dr. Ken Peacock (former Council Member).

Town of Bermuda Run Code of Ethics Statement – Town Attorney Brian Williams

It was clearly stated that there was no conflict in Council Member Mike Brannon taking action on the topic of dual signatures on checks.

Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Approval of the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Mike Brannon made a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Curtis Capps seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Citizen Comments – Trish Williams of 124 Parkview Lane shared her concerns regarding the number of exits out of Kinderton Village in case of emergency (using the recent fires in Maui as an example).

Public Hearing – Updates to the Town of Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan

The Town Council received public comment on the amendments to the 2023 Town of Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan

Planning Board Recommendation: 5-0 in favor of approval with changes to the Rural Residential description removing reference to “Homes should be situated on lots with a minimum size of 2 acres”.

The Town Council may take action after the close of the public hearing.

Mayor Cross Opened the Public Hearing

Vera Williamson of 229 Haywood Drive, Advance requested that the verbiage “lots with a minimum size of 2 acres” be added back to the Comprehensive Plan. She added that she attended the Planning Board meeting and felt that there was confusion among the members.

Mayor Cross Closed the Public Hearing

*Council Member Mike Brannon made the following motion: Recommendation of Approval with Changes: The Board finds that the amendment with proposed changes is consistent with goals and objectives of the Town of Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan and considers the action to be reasonable and in the public interest. * “This land use classification is predominantly intended to foster a low-density single-family residential use, as well as the preservation of existing agricultural land uses. The Rural Residential Land Use designation has been applied to the northern portion of the Planning Area, along Yadkin Valley Road and eastward toward the Yadkin River.” Council Member Curtis Capps seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.*

Juniper Circle Pump Station Interlocal Agreement with Davie County

The Town of Bermuda Run and Davie County wish to transfer ownership of the assets associated with the Juniper Circle Pump station as part of the funding in S.L. 2022-047. The interlocal provides that Davie County will compensate and reimburse the Town \$1,800,000.00 for the rights to the asset, while allowing the Town to lease the property for operations and maintenance of the facility.

Council Member Heather Coleman made a motion to approve the agreement presented. Council Member Melinda Szeliga seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Budget Amendment BA 2023-24-01

Budget Amendment-General Fund Acceptance from Bermuda Run Community Vision Fund

The Town Manager recommends the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget be amended to accept \$11,000 from the Davie County Community Foundation as revenue and expend \$11,000 for expenses related to the “2023 Christmas in the Town of Bermuda Run” and “Food Truck Friday”.

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendment. Council Member Mike Brannon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Use of Town Property and Facilities Policy Update

The proposed policy recognizes the importance of proper usage of the assets entrusted to it by the citizens of the Town of Bermuda Run, by setting parameters for usage of Town properties and facilities. Staff requests Policy Statement # 3 language be amended to remove Town Council and replace with Town Manager review and approval.

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

Davie County Veterans Services Officer, Meagan Tomlin, has asked the Town of Bermuda Run to join Davie County and Town of Mocksville in support of Operation Green Light for Veterans. Staff asks Town Council to support attached Resolution.

Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and read by Mayor Cross. Council Member Melinda Szeliga seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Dual Signatures on Checks

NC GS 159-25 (b) requires all checks or drafts on an official depository to be signed by the finance officer (Town Manager) and countersigned by another official of the local government. This designation is usually assigned to the mayor, as the chief executive officer of the organization. In an effort to further strengthen internal control procedures, staff is requesting an additional Council member to be assigned as a designated countersigner. Staff recommends approval of Resolution and approval of Councilman Mike Brannon to be a designated officer for countersignature.

Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Council Member Mike Ernst seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Council Member Heather Coleman made a motion to approve the designation of Council Member Brannon. Council Member Melinda Szeliga seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Town Manager Report/Comments

- *Leaf pickup discussions have begun w/ LandTek*
- *Pedestrian ways in Bermuda Run East (Riverbend Dr) – moving forward with Option 5 as discussed in September's Agenda Meeting*
- *Blue Heron Trail connectivity to the Bahnson Bridge over I-40*
- *Partnerships with local municipalities / good working relationships – maximizing resources*
- *Planning Board Meeting next week – discussing height limitations/maximum units in various districts*

Council / Mayor Comments

Melinda Szeliga – *Pearls of Empowerment Meeting on Nov. 2 at 12:30 pm at Town Hall regarding "Aging Gracefully" – Presentation by representative from Davie Dermatology. Stroll Magazine – Tanglewood Pizza Co. hosting "Ignite Your Appetite" on 10/25 to help Ignite Davie which supports local youth education. Pavers on sale for Bermuda Run Vision Committee – Flag Project. Christmas in Bermuda Run on first Sunday in December. Recognized candidates for Bermuda Run Town Council (Marty Wilson and Rae Nelson) who were present for the meeting.*

Curtis Capps - *Thanked Town Manager Andrew Meadwell for his work with other municipalities and Davie County government. Also thanked Council members Mike Brannon and Melinda Szeliga for their efforts on the pedestrian walkways project. Recognized Officer Mike Foster for his work for the town.*

Mike Ernst – *Reminded everyone that voting for the primaries for Bermuda Run is today until 7:30 pm. Bermuda Run Garden Club's Shredding Event is Saturday, Oct. 14 beginning at 9 am in the Town Hall parking lot.*

Heather Coleman – *Thanked everyone in attendance, and the speakers for sharing their concerns.*

Mike Brannon – *Shared his thoughts on the passing of former Council Member Ken Peacock. Was pleased with the turnout of the Candidate Forums hosted by Gary LeBlanc prior to the Primaries on 10/10. Very excited about the pedestrian trail project and the connectivity to communities in Bermuda Run.*

Mayor Rick Cross

- *Primary Elections going on today to narrow down 5 to 4 candidates for Town Council for the November election – to fill two seats. Pleased with the Candidate Forums. Recognized candidates Marty Wilson and Rae Nelson that were present for the meeting.*
- *Recapped Town Hall Meeting held on August 22.*
- *FAQs on Town's website – www.townofbr.com*
- *Urged residents to attend upcoming meetings - County Manager Brian Barnett and County Zoning Director Johnny Easter will be among county officials having Community Conversations with residents: • Wednesday, Oct. 11 at EMS Station 3 at 2802 US 601 S., Mocksville • Tuesday, Oct. 17 at EMS Station 4 on 2027 Cornatzer Road, Advance All of the meetings are from 6-8 p.m., and residents are invited to stop by to provide input on growth.*
- *North Carolina's budget has passed with the Town of Bermuda Run receiving \$6 million (wastewater, stormwater, pedestrian connectivity). Thankful for the assistance of Senator Steve Jarvis and Representative Julia Howard.*
- *Flag Project – brochures available.*
- *Comprehensive Plan – Future Land Use*
- *Proud of where we are as a community.*
- *Memory of Dr. Ken Peacock –*
 - *Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion that in lieu of flowers, that the Town of Bermuda Run consider making a donation in Dr. Peacock's memory to the Murray Family ACCESS Scholarship Program. (The Murray Family ACCESS Program is App State's promise to low-income North Carolina students that higher education is within reach. Students who earn a place at App State and are selected for the ACCESS scholarship and support program have the opportunity to graduate debt-free.) Council Member Melinda Szeliga seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Curtis Capps made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Heather Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Approved



Rick Cross, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted



Cindy Poe, Town Clerk