

**VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 5, 2018 - 7 p.m.**

Mayor Mark Baker called the meeting to order and Council Member Lee Ault gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following elected officials and staff were present: Mayor Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Myron Marion, Council Members Lee Ault and Lori Shore-Smith, Administrator Dan Corder and Clerk Robin Key. Absent: Council Member Boyce Shore and Attorney Amy Lanning. Total attendance: 8

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to approve the March 1, 2018 Minutes and the March 15, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Marion seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

PARC UPDATE

Administrator Corder advised the Council that the Park and Recreation Committee is busy preparing for upcoming events in the park. (Minutes attached)

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Administrator Corder reviewed the February financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Marion conducted an internal audit of the records and found no discrepancies. (Attachments)

DAY OF PRAYER

Mayor Baker proclaimed Thursday, May 3, 2018 as a *National Day of Prayer* in the Village of Tobaccoville. There will be an observance at 12 noon at the gazebo. (Attachment)

ACCOUNTING CONTRACT

Mayor Pro Tem Marion made a motion to contract with Gibson and Company to conduct an Audit for Fiscal 2017-2018 for the Village of Tobaccoville in the amount of \$13,410. Council Member Ault seconded. The vote was unanimous. (Attachment)

BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE

There was a consensus of the Council to schedule a budget workshop at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in the conference room at Village Hall prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting.

FORMATION OF VILLAGE PARK STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Following the discussion of forming a strategic planning committee to establish a short-range and long-range plan for the Village Park, including changes, additions, and funding sources, Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion as such. Council Member Ault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Corder was directed to contact potential members from names provided by Council members and report back at the May Council meeting.

RECESS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to recess the regular session in order to hold a special meeting to conduct a public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Marion seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING - PARTF LAND GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Baker called the special meeting to order and opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the acquisition of 9.5 acres of land adjacent to the Village Park and to obtain public comments regarding the types of recreation and expansions desired and an application for a PARTF grant to assist with 50% of the cost of obtaining this land for park and recreational use. Total attendance: 12

The following citizens spoke:

1. Stacy Tolbert – 1755 Old Griffin Road, Rural Hall, NC. Mrs. Tolbert spoke in favor of expanding the park to possibly include a bike trail. She said she is the mother of a 2 and 5 year-old and said they regularly enjoy using the park for parties, Tball practice, etc.
2. Pamela Shehan – 3596 Reid Road, Tobaccoville, NC. Mrs. Shehan spoke in favor of expanding the facilities at the park to possibly include a splash pad, a dog park, a bike trail and an amphitheater.
3. Mike & Dorothy Walker – 3110 Bethania-Ridge Road, Pfafftown, NC. Mr. Walker said he and his wife are very excited about expansion at the park and they would like to see a dog park, an amphitheater and more walking trails added.

Mayor Baker advised the audience that once the Strategic Planning Committee is established, their comments tonight and the comments submitted on the survey distributed to Village residents will be considered in order to put together a short-range and a long-range development plan for the Village Park. He thanked the citizens for their input and support.

Mayor Pro Tem Marion made a motion to close the public hearing and to adjourn the special meeting. Council Member Shore-Smith seconded. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to reconvene the April Council meeting. Council Member Ault seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to approve the application to the Park and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for the land acquisition grant. Mayor Pro Tem Marion seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. (Attachments)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Marion made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ault seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Robin S. Key, Village Clerk

Mark Baker, Mayor