

**VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 1, 2021**

Due to the threat of spreading the COVID-19 virus, the April Council meeting was conducted in Village Hall and through remote conference call access facilitated by Attorney Amy Lanning. Mayor Mark Baker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Attorney Lanning who established protocol for the meeting. Attending via remote conference: Steve Jones with Salem Engineering. The following elected officials and staff members joined the meeting at Village Hall: Mayor Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem Myron Marion, Council Members Lee Ault and Lori Shore-Smith, Attorney Amy Lanning, Administrator Dan Corder and Clerk Robin Key. Council Member Boyce Shore was absent. Council Member Ault gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Total attendance: 9

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 Budget Workshop Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Ault seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Gary Bowman – 3289 Serenity Ridge Road, Tobaccoville, NC. Mr. Bowman was in attendance to discuss April Agenda Item #2 – *Moore RJR Self-Storage Sketch Plan Review*. Mr. Bowman advised the Council there is a shortage of storage facilities in the area and he would like to build a facility on the property he owns which is currently zoned residential.

**FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**SKETCH PLAN REVIEW/MOORE RJR SELF STORAGE FACILITY**

Gary Bowman, owner of the property within the Village limits at the corner of Jefferson Church Road and Moore Road, plans to apply for rezoning of the property from residential to business and construct a 566-unit storage facility. If a rezoning request is filed with the City County Planning Board, the Council of the Village of Tobaccoville will be asked for input. The current documents and guidelines for future growth in the aforementioned area is low density residential. If such a facility is allowed, tax revenue for the Village of Tobaccoville would be \$550 per year based on the current estimated value at the current five cent tax rate. Mr. Bowman and Mr. Jones answered multiple questions from the Council, and each Council member voiced their opinion. There was discussion about the amount of traffic coming to the facility, security, lighting, and if owners of property adjacent and across from the land had been contacted. Council Member Ault was in favor of the zoning change. Mayor Baker said he had no strong feelings either way. Mayor Pro Tem Marion said he is not opposed to the zoning change at this time, but continues to have reservations about the project. Council Member Shore-Smith said she would like to hear the opinions of the property owners whose land surrounds the project. The Forsyth County Commissioners may approve or disapprove zoning changes for this property, and it was the consensus of the Council to provide input if and when Mr. Bowman proceeds with a zoning change request. (Attachments)

**BULK ITEM PICK-UP DISCUSSION**

The City of King and the Village of Tobaccoville have agreed to the terms of an Interlocal Agreement for Bulk Pickup Services. Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to approve the agreement with the City of King. Mayor Pro Tem Marion seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The service will tentatively begin Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for the **red** garbage pick-up route and Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the **blue** garbage pick-up route. Details will be worked out and posted on the Village website, Facebook page, and a post card will be mailed to all Village residents. (Attachment)

**RICHARD M. BUTNER STOCK & FEED BARN PLAQUE**

The history of the stock and feed barn located in the Village Park and Mr. Butner’s contributions to the Village were discussed. The Council directed Administrator Corder to work with the Butner family daughters to develop wording for a plaque denoting the history of the stock and feed barn. There was a consensus of the Council to review future plaque requests on a case-by-case basis. (Attachments)

**DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Baker declared Thursday, May 6, 2021 as a *National Day of Prayer* in the Village of Tobaccoville. Due to Covid-19 restrictions currently in place, there will be no public event. (Attachment)

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

There was a consensus of the Council to schedule a budget workshop for May 6, 2021 at 6 p.m. prior to the May Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Shore-Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Pro Tem Marion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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Robin S. Key, Village Clerk

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Mark Baker, Mayor