

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2012

Members Present: Tim Bradley  
Patty Philipps

Jill Auditori  
Ed Hooks

Everette Greene

Mayor Glendel Stephenson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:04p.m. Councilmember Hooks gave the invocation.

By motion of Councilmember Hooks, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, the Council voted unanimously to accept a Petition of Voluntary Annexation for property being Lot 11 in the North Carolina Industrial Center.

By motion of Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Greene, the Council voted unanimously to accept the City Clerks Certificate of Sufficiency for the property being Lot 11 in the North Carolina Industrial Center.

The Council received a request for approval to adopt a Resolution Fixing a Date of Public Hearing for the voluntary annexation of property being Lot 11 in the North Carolina Industrial Center. Councilmember Bradley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Philipps, to adopt a Resolution Fixing a date of Public Hearing for May 7, 2012 at 6:00p.m. Councilmember Auditori clarified that the property related to the request is where the Ferraro Foods building will be located. Mr. Wilson stated yes. The motion carried unanimously.

During the Public Comment period, Eastern Alamance High School Dance Teacher, Ashlee Merritt announced that the 2012 Eastern Alamance Dance Company, consisting of 19 girls, has been invited to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. She stated they will travel to New York for a week in November 2013 where they will participate in many sightseeing activities, as well as working with professional choreographers during the week in preparation for their performance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. She stated the trip will cost approximately \$2,000 per girl. Mrs. Merritt explained they will be holding many fundraising events now until the time of the trip to raise money to help with the expenses. Mayor Stephenson and Council congratulated Mrs. Merritt and the Dance Company on their achievement and wished them luck.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Tax Releases and Refunds by motion of Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Auditori.

As requested by Council, City Engineer Darrell Russell gave a report on the preliminary layout of Section "H" of the Mebane Memorial Gardens Cemetery, a proposed veterans section. He stated the layout includes a central courtyard memorializing the 5 branches of service, along with sidewalks, entrance walls, fencing and landscaping. The layout showed that 664 full size plots and 26 half size could be located in this area. He stated they have met with the Veterans committee and they endorse the proposed layout. Mr. Russell noted that approximately half of this area has been previously cleared and graded and the remaining half would need to be improved for this to move forward. He also noted that the Cemetery Master Plan includes future paved drives around Section "H"; however they are not proposed for improvement at this time except for clearing. Approximately 1.5 acres of clearing, grading and seeding would be needed for this to proceed. Mr. Russell said they estimate the cost would be in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range for minimal grading activities to get this site ready for use. He stated it is his understanding that the Veteran's Memorial Committee (VMC) plan to fund the building of the entrance drives, masonry walls, the courtyard and the memorials. A representative of the VMC stated they are

proposing that veterans and their spouses be buried in the designated plots. The Council requested that the VMC submit a written formal proposal for staff review. The Council requested the City Engineer Darrell Russell to begin the process of receiving bids for the clearing and grading of the land.

The Council received a request for consideration of approval of the proposed revised Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries located in Orange County. Councilmember Hooks, Mebane's Representative for the MPO, spoke concerning the issue. Three (3) MPO Boundary Maps illustrating the proposed revised MPO boundaries located in Orange County were presented. After considerable discussion, Councilmember Bradley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Philipps, to approve Option 1 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Council directed Planning Director Montrena Hadley to advise the MPO of Mebane's support of Option 1.

The minutes of the March 5, 2012 regular meeting were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk