

Town of Mineral Springs
Town Hall
3506 S. Potter Road
Town Council
Organization Meeting / Regular Meeting
December 14, 2017~ 7:30 PM

Minutes Draft

The Town Council of the Town of Mineral Springs, North Carolina, met in Organization Meeting and Regular Session at the Mineral Springs Town Hall, Mineral Springs, North Carolina, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Present: Mayor Frederick Becker III, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Neill, Councilwoman Valerie Coffey, Councilwoman Janet Critz, Councilwoman Lundeen Cureton, Councilwoman Bettylyn Krafft, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator Vicky Brooks, Attorney Bobby Griffin and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Janet Ridings.

Absent: Councilman Jerry Countryman.

Visitors: None.

With a quorum present Mayor Frederick Becker called the Regular Town Council Meeting of December 14, 2017 to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. **Opening**

- Councilwoman Critz delivered the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Organizational Meeting**

A. Mayor Becker announced this was the Organizational Meeting and it would begin with Town Clerk Vicky Brooks reading the official election results and then the newly re-elected officials would be sworn in.

Ms. Brooks read the official municipal election results from Tuesday, November 7, 2017. In the mayoral race: Charles Bowden received eight (8) write in votes and Frederick Becker received two hundred and thirty-four (234) votes. For council: Charles Bowden received eighty-three (83) votes; Jerry Countryman received two hundred and thirty-four (234) votes; Janet Critz received two hundred and seventeen (217) votes; and Bettylyn Krafft received two hundred thirty-seven (237) votes. Mayor Becker noted that was certified by the Board of Elections.

Mayor Becker explained that Councilman Countryman was excused and would be sworn in next month.

B. Ms. Brooks administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Becker.

Mayor Becker swore in Councilwoman Critz and Councilwoman Krafft.

Mayor Becker thanked and congratulated the returning council members and thanked all of the currently serving councilmembers, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Ridings and Attorney Griffin for a new two-year stint.

- C. Mayor Becker announced the floor was open to the council to let them discuss and make nominations and vote for the Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Councilwoman Neill nominated Councilwoman Krafft, because for the simple fact that she was the number one vote getter and thought she deserves that. Councilwoman Critz responded she thought she would do a good job. **Councilwoman Coffey** seconded the nomination made by Councilwoman Neill. The nomination passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

Mayor Becker swore in Councilwoman Krafft as Mayor Pro Tempore.

3. **Public Comments**

- There were no public comments.

4. **Consent Agenda**

- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented containing the following:

- A. November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. October 2017 Tax Collector's Report
- C. October 2017 Finance Report

and **Councilwoman Krafft** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

5. **Consideration of City and County Clerks Institute and Academy**

- Mayor Becker announced Ms. Brooks put the information for the City and County Clerks Institute and Academy in the agenda packet and stated this has been one that Ms. Brooks goes to frequently; this time Ms. Brooks has given an estimated total cost including travel.
- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a **motion** that the town clerk go to the Institute for training to be up-do-date and **Councilwoman Cureton** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

6. **Consideration of Mayor/Councilmembers Attending the Essentials of Municipal Government**

- Mayor Becker announced there were numerous classes for the Essentials of Municipal Government (the January one is out, because it is on our council meeting). The council doesn't have to go together or at all, but there was discussion before the meeting that the Asheville one in late February might be nice. Councilwoman Critz noted that it had been eight years since she went, but there's really good opportunity when you are there to network and learn new things; they are catering now to veteran leadership. Councilwoman Critz would like to see as many of the council as possible go. After some discussion, the council left the decision open to decide among themselves; the council approves the expenditure and the authorization for as many as want to go.
- **Councilwoman Coffey** made a ***motion*** that we leave it in that manner, that everybody makes some decisions and attend the sessions that would benefit most that they could bring back information that would benefit the town and **Councilwoman Neill** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

7. **Staff Reports**

- There were no staff reports.

8. **Other Business**

- There was no other business.

9. **Adjournment**

- **Councilwoman Critz** made a ***motion*** to adjourn and **Councilwoman Cureton** seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: Coffey, Critz, Cureton, Krafft and Neill
Nays: None

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicky A. Brooks, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk

Frederick Becker III, Mayor