

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

The Village of Clemmons Council met on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7 p.m. The meeting was held at the Village Hall, Clemmons, North Carolina. The following members were present: Mayor Nelson and Council Members Cameron, Denny, Lawry and Rogers. Council Member Roark was absent.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments**

John Plyler, 730 Somerset Drive, Winston-Salem, addressed a driveway ordinance violation he received at his home being constructed at the corner of Gardenspring Drive and Lasater Road. He cited safety reasons for having the circular driveway and asked for a variance.

K.C. Rankin, 598 Barkworth Road, Clemmons, co-manager of the Community Garden behind the Village Hall, thanked the Council and staff for their support and offered an update on what is happening at the garden. Council thanked Mr. Rankin and members of the community garden for all their efforts.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Council Member Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Denny and was unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Council added “Clemmons Bicycle Race Event” and “Driveway Violation” to tonight’s agenda.

Council Member Cameron moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lawry and unanimously approved.

**Announcements**

A. Proclamation Recognizing Constitution Week 2014. Mayor Nelson read and presented to Jean Dinkins a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2014 as Constitution Week (attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference). Ms. Dinkins is a member of the Colonel Joseph Winston Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She presented a handbook on the Constitution to the Mayor.

**Business**

A. Clemmons Bicycle Race Event. Travis Beane, of Clemmons Bicycle, stated he is working with Novant Health to host a North Carolina Cyclocross Race in Clemmons. This will be the first race in this year’s series of races that has run for 18 years. It is expected to bring in 400 cyclist and their families to the area. He asked for support from the Village in laying out the

course which included property around the medical center's stormwater pond and closing Village Point Drive east of the medical center to Morgan Elementary School. Mr. Beane added that with the school's permission cars will park in the school's parking lot.

Council Member Rogers moved to approve the general concept of the use of this property for this recreational bike event subject to working with Mike Gunnell on the course near the stormwater pond and Larry Kirby on road issues. The motion was seconded by Council Member Denny and unanimously approved.

Attorney Kasper added that he was satisfied with the liability material that was provided. He will confirm with Ann Stroud that we are also covered by our liability insurance.

B. Driveway Violation. Attorney Kasper advised Council that they cannot grant a variance on an ordinance. Council's options are to consider modifying the ordinance at a later date or let the ordinance stand as written. The ordinance is written to address safety issues associated with traffic circles in close proximity to intersections. One, the point of conflict is closer to the intersection and there is less reaction time. Two, a car would have less time to correct the angle at which it would exit from the driveway. Attorney Kasper stated that today a notice of violation has been sent to Sonjay Aher, the contractor and permit holder. He has 10 days to remove the driveway or face a \$50 per day fine. He suggested in fairness the notice of violation be held in abeyance until Council decides if there should be a change to the ordinance.

Council Member Cameron made a motion to hold the notice of violation in abeyance for two weeks to allow time for review of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and unanimously approved.

C. Call for Projects from the Transportation Advisory Committee. The Call for Projects has been terminated so there is no immediate urgency to make a decision. However, Manager Looper recommended review of the Village Transportation Plan's recommendations and discuss whether Council wishes to better prepare potential projects for the anticipated Call for Projects in January. An example was shared of a worthwhile project, with regard to size and cost, that being the Harper Road Sidepath/Sidewalk from I-40 to Peace Haven and possibly continuing east to Lewisville-Clemmons Road. Mike Gunnell met with NCDOT and learned this could be a viable project. Manager Looper recommended some preliminary engineering work to make this project more attractive to the TAC. This would require some funding on our part. Discussion followed. Mayor Nelson suggested that at the next meeting Council members come prepared to recommend several projects from the Transportation Plan they are interested in so a decision can be made as to which projects preliminary engineering work could begin. Council agreed.

D. Attorney's Report. On a personal note, Attorney Kasper stated tomorrow he will meet his newest grandchild, Anna Catherine Gossett, who will be delivered by Cesarean section.

E. Planner's Report. In the Planner's absence, Manager Looper advised Council that we will be receiving a request for continuation of the Cook Out site.

F. Manager's Report.

1. *Update on Clemmons 101.* So far only five people have registered for Clemmons 101. If there are not 15 registered participants by the end of the week the program should be cancelled until spring. Council asked the Clerk to find out from those who have registered how they found out about the program.

G. Council Comments. Mayor Nelson announced that Council received a letter from the Friends of the Clemmons Library thanking the Village for its continued support. Also, he stated he has been communicating with Representative Donny Lambeth advocating for Clemmons, and asked that he invite Secretary of Transportation Anthony Tata to come view Lewisville-Clemmons Road and Idols Road Extension. He invited Council's input of projects that need funding. He will notify Council of the exact date when set, but indicated an October visit.

In connection with Constitution Week, Council Member Lawry recommended everyone read the Constitution.

Adjournment

Council Member Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lawry and unanimously approved.

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Nickolas B. Nelson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Marsha E. Sucharski, CMC, NCCMC  
Village Clerk