

The Belmont City Council met in regular session on January 4, 2010 in the Council Chambers at Belmont City Hall. Members of Council present: Dick Cromlish, Charlie Martin, Charlie Flowers, Martha Stowe, and Ron Foulk. Also present: Mayor Richard Boyce, City Attorney Parks Wilson, City Manager Barry Webb, and City Clerk Shyrl Hansil, as well as concerned citizens.

Mayor Boyce called the meeting to order and asked Oscar Reid to lead in the invocation. Mayor Boyce led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Organizational Meeting had to be pulled from the Agenda due to the Election results not being certified at this time. Item #1 of the Organization Meeting was moved to the Consent Agenda, (c).

Vince Hill and Neal Brock thanked Council for their support during the past year's Friday Night Live events and the New Year's Eve Event. Mr. Brock felt that the weather hurt the New Year's Eve event but felt that it was still a success because it helped the Children's Advocacy Center. Mr. Hill stated the bottom line was the Downtown Merchants need money for their events.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Boyce recognized the South Point High School 2009 State Championship Football Team and their Coaches. Mayor Boyce presented Coach John Devine with a Resolution from the City of Belmont and a Key to the City. Each Councilperson thanked the team and the coaches for all of the honor and pride they have brought to the City and the School.

Mayor Boyce recognized Mozelle Lingafeldt and Mike Baucom who retired on December 31, 2009 with 25 and 31 years of service to the City of Belmont. Each employee was given a watch to honor them for their years of dedication and service. Mayor Boyce and Council Members thanked both employees for all they had done for the City of Belmont during their years of employment. Mr. Webb thanked Mozelle for all the help and support she had given him since he became City Manager, and Chief Altice praised Mike Baucom for his many years of service.

Consent Agenda

- (a) Approval of Agreement with NCDOT for Safe Route to School Project
- (b) Adoption of Safe Routes to School Grant Project Ordinance. Ordinance Bk ____ Pg. ____
- (c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2009

Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Item C. Ron Foulk so moved, seconded by Dick Cromlish, and unanimously approved.

Agenda

1. Public Comment: Richard Turner- 215 Dogwood Lane- Thanked Barry Webb and David Isenhour for the signs in front of Belmont Middle School. Mr. Turner said they are removable signs that can be put up during the day and taken down at night. Mr. Turner inquired about the curbs on Dogwood Lane that are deteriorating and in need of repair. David Isenhour explained the curbs on Dogwood Lane are asphalt and need redoing. They are not on the CIP list but the City could look at adding them to the list if it is a maintenance problem.

2. Public Hearing on Request for Annexation for Tract of Land Totaling Approximately 11.5 Acres Located on Kee Road (Causby): Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to go into Public Hearing regarding a request for Annexation of a Tract of Land totaling approximately 11.5 Acres located on Kee Road (Causby). Charlie Flowers so moved, seconded by Charlie Martin and unanimously approved by all. Mr. Barry Webb explained this was a voluntary annexation located in the City's ETJ and zoned by the City.

Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to come out of Public Hearing. Charlie Flowers so moved, seconded by Charlie Martin and unanimously approved. Mayor Boyce declared Council in regular session.

3. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Annexing tract of Land Totaling Approximately 11.5 Acres Located on Kee Road: With the required Public Hearing having been held, Council is free to take action on this annexation. Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to adopt an Ordinance Annexing Tract of Land Totaling Approximately 11.5 Acres Located on Kee Road. Charlie Martin so moved, seconded by Dick Cromlish and unanimously approved. Ordinance Book _____, Pg _____

4. Public Hearing on Request for Annexation for Tract of Land Totaling Approximately 1.41 Acres Located at 612 Hickory Grove Road (Ikerd): Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to go into Public Hearing. Charlie Martin so moved, seconded by Charlie Flowers, and unanimously approved by Council. Mayor Boyce declared Council in Public Hearing. City Manager Barry Webb stated a petition has been submitted by Mrs. Margaret Ikerd for a parcel of land at 612 Hickory Grove Road for annexation into the City of Belmont. At the November meeting, the decision was made to defer action on this petition pending further discussion at the Council planning retreat in January 2010 to consider areas feasible for future City annexations. At the December meeting, Council called for a Public Hearing on this annexation request. Mr. Webb stated this property is not in the City's ETJ but does join on the back portion at The Oaks in North Belmont. The City would have to go through McAdenville or down Hickory Grove Road to get to the property. Council asked Fire Chief George Altice regarding response time, etc. to

get to this address. Chief Altice was concerned with the 12 minutes response time and no fire hydrant in the area. Chief Altice stated that water would have to be shuttled to the building and he had concerns about being able to save the facility. Council addressed Police Chief David James about his concerns with the annexation. Chief James ran the calls for the Convenience Store and said they ran about normal for most stores of this type.

Mrs. Margaret Ikerd, 214 Park Terrace, Belmont, N.C., owner of the property, stated she was trying to help her new tenant in getting the property annexed into the City. Mrs. Ikerd hoped it would help the property values and Mr. Riddle would be able to do more business at the store. Donnie Riddle, 117 N. Central Avenue, Belmont, runs the Convenience Store along with Mrs. Ikerd. Mr. Riddle would like to add a grill, be able to sell alcohol and in the future be able to purchase the store from Mrs. Ikerd.

Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to come out of Public Hearing. Charlie Flowers so moved, seconded by Charlie Martin and unanimously approved.

Item #5: Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Annexing Tract of Land Totaling Approximately 1.41 Acres Located at 612 Hickory Grove Road: With the Public Hearing having now been held, Council is free to act upon the annexation. Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to adopt an Ordinance Annexing a Tract of Land Totaling Approximately 1.41 Acres Located at 612 Hickory Grove Road. Charlie Martin so moved, seconded by Charlie Flowers. Council continued discussion with concerns of cluster of tracts of land on Hickory Grove Road wanting to be annexed into the City. Discussion continued regarding the concern that the cost of extending water/sewer services to these areas would not be feasible for the City. Councilman Ron Foulk asked that the City look at this area down the road but not immediately. Council voted four to one to approve the adoption of the Ordinance to annex the tract of land. Ordinance Book _____, Page _____.

Item #6: Public Hearing on Request to Amend the Zoning Map to Zone Approximately 1.41 Acres Located at 612 Hickory Grove Road as Neighborhood Center Commercial (NC-C): Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to go into Public Hearing. Charlie Flowers so moved, seconded by Charlie Martin, and unanimously approved. Since the property at 612 Hickory Grove Road has been annexed into the City, the City must place its own zoning designation on it.

Adrian Miller addressed the Council with a report from the Planning and Zoning Board. The Ikerd property currently has a Gaston County commercial zoning classification and is used to support a convenience store/gas station. The Planning Department staff doubts that this property will be redeveloped for residential uses, and therefore believes that the most appropriate zoning district for this property is NC-C Neighborhood Center Commercial.

Mr. Miller stated the rezoning is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan but is consistent with the existing zoning and land use of the property. The Planning Board recommends approval of this zoning request. Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to come out of Public Hearing. Dick Cromlish so moved, seconded by Charlie Flowers and unanimously approved.

Item #7: Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map to Zone Approximately 1.41 Acres Located at 612 Hickory Grove Road as Neighborhood Center Commercial (NC-C): Mayor Boyce entertained a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map to Zone approximately 1.41 Acres located at 612 Hickory Grove Road as Neighborhood Center Commercial (NC-C) contingent on the current signage bring brought into compliance with the Land Development Code requirements within six months. Dick Cromlish so moved, seconded by Charlie Flowers and unanimously approved. Ordinance Bk _____, Pg. _____

Item #8: Parks & recreation Citizens Advisory Board Report:

Item #1: Ballfield Concessions Contract was deferred to the February 1, 2010 Council meeting.

Item #2: Summer Event Dates- These dates have been coordinated with the Downtown Merchants Association.

Item #3: Appointment of Advisory Board Members: Council set a meeting date of January 14, 2010 to interview all applicants interested in serving on the Board.

Item #9: Planning Board Report: No Council action is required.

Item #10: Manager's Report:

- Special Meeting: Annual Planning Retreat: January 29 and 30, 2010
- Special Meeting(tentative): Administer Oaths of Office to Council Members- January 14, 2010
- Special Meeting: Interview Applicants for appointment to Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board, January 14, 2010
- Schedule Water & Sewer Committee Meeting- January 19, 2010 4:00pm
- Smoke Free Gaston Event-January 5, 2010 –Sammy's Restaurant

Item #11- Other Business

> Charlie Martin congratulated the South Point Red Raiders for winning the State Championship

>Dick Cromlish stated Council needed to get ready to make appointments on the Committees

>Mayor Boyce thanked the Fire Department and the City for the powerful tribute to Richard Miller and his family.

With no further business, Council adjourned at 8:20pm.

