



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S     MARCH 22, 2024, 4:00PM, SFD TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Sessoms.

The following were present:

Council

- Tim Sessoms, Mayor
- Lynne Williams DeVaney, Mayor Pro-tem
- Heath Clay
- John Doggett
- Jonathan Hamilton
- Janelle Robinson

Staff

- Scott Whitaker, Manager
- Dee Hall, Finance Officer
- Brad Rentz, Planning Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DeVaney motioned to approve the agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Hamilton and carried unanimously.

OUTSIDE TOWN ATTORNEY CONTRACT (James Hoffman)

Hamilton presented Hoffman’s experience to date and stated he felt that hiring Hoffman is exactly what the town needed. He motioned to approve the contract as presented with the beginning date being the date Hoffman signs the contract and continuing one year from that date. Once signed, Hornik will transition out immediately. The motion was seconded by DeVaney. Doggett mentioned the price of Hoffman’s contract seemed high. Hamilton stated that in comparison to the other attorneys currently employed by the town, Hoffman’s price seemed reasonable and he felt the town would get great value. The motion carried unanimously.

“RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LEGISLATIVE DE-ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD” (consideration of final draft)

DeVaney presented Council with a resolution written by her and edited by Hornik and asked Council to approve it with Sessoms signature followed by posting it to the town’s website. Hamilton stated he read the resolution and made some edits and passed out a copy of that version to Council. Whitaker suggested correcting the spelling of the town’s name within the title. DeVaney motioned to approve and sign the resolution, the motion was seconded by Clay. Hamilton added a friendly amendment that Whitaker correct any spelling errors he might see before posting to the town’s website and DeVaney accepted the amendment. Whitaker clarified that Council wanted the resolution on town letterhead before posting to the website. The motion carried unanimously.

TEXTING CAMPAIGN (part of de-annexation PR campaign)

DeVaney addressed the PR campaign and \$49K cost for a text message to be sent to citizens across the state; she felt the cost was too high. She wanted to abandon the idea because she felt that money would be better spent elsewhere. DeVaney described her efforts with mailers to be sent out. One mailer would go to small towns addressing its mayor or manager. She stated it would cost \$6,200 for

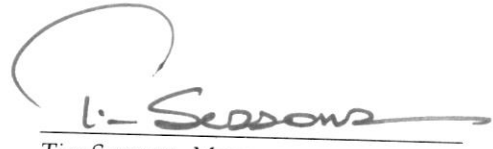
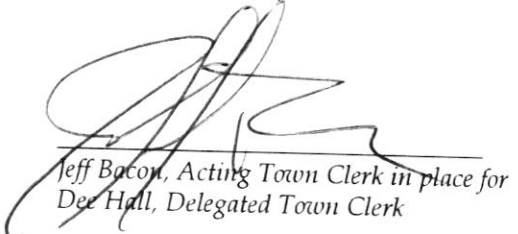


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Guilford County mailers. The second mailer would go to the General Assembly and the total price would still be under \$41K. She spoke about making binders for the General Assembly, which would include a cover letter, map, list of bullet points regarding de-annexation, and copies of all resolutions from the town and others. It would also include highlighted pages of the UDO to show the town's efforts to address Senator Berger's housing concerns. The binder would be professionally put together and cost \$2K for 200 copies. DeVaney mentioned there would also be a statewide petition pushed out soon, as well as a video on YouTube that had been made by a citizen. DeVaney stated that citizens still need to continue to email and call the entire General Assembly. She stated that Sebastian King was arranging a charter bus for 4/24, the day of the expected Senate vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Hamilton, and carried unanimously.

  
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Tim Sessoms, Mayor  
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Jeff Bacon, Acting Town Clerk in place for  
Dee Hall, Delegated Town Clerk