

MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING
ARCHER LODGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2010
7:00 pm
14009 Buffalo Road
Clayton, NC 27525

This Public Hearing is regarding the Budget for the Town of Archer Lodge 2010-2011 FY. Notice was properly published in the Clayton News-Star on June 16 and 23, 2010 as required by North Carolina General Statute. Notice was also published on the Town Web Site as well at the Archer Lodge Community Center located at the above address.

Council Present: Mayor Mike Gordon, Councilmen Barnes, Mulhollem and Vinson
Council Absent: Councilmen Castleberry and Perry

1. Call To Order

The public meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Gordon. Mayor Gordon welcomed those in attendance and reminded anyone wishing to address the Council to please sign in.

- a. Invocation – Councilman Mulhollem led the Council in prayer.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Gordon led all in the pledge.

2. Public Comments

Mayor Gordon advised the addition of item 2(b) Acceptance of the Budget Ordinance for 2010-2011 FY. This public hearing is to approve the Budget for the Town of Archer Lodge. The floor was opened for public comments.

Mayor Gordon advised that two individuals have requested to speak and requested if others wish to address the Council. Receiving none, the following addressed the Council.

Mr. Pete Barnes advised as Fire Chief that he appreciated working with the Council, glad it is all behind us and looked forward to things running smooth here on out. Mr. Pete Barnes commented as a citizen the concern he has in spending tax dollars on the up-fit within the community center, which is someone else's property. Is there some way the community center will share in this expense since it will up grade the value of the building and will the work be on public bid. Possibly, in a couple of years you may be able to obtain the property next door.

Mayor Gordon advised regarding the property next door is by the owners estimate valued way more than the community center had it appraised at one time, which was appraised at half of the current asking price. The property owner was talked to in the past by the community center and the church and we do not know if we can get the price down to what we could afford. There is 4.2 acres of land and the asking price is four hundred thousand. We could not use the commercial use and we are not sure if the land

would perk anymore. As for the community center, it already has the AC and wiring and it will not take to much to do the up-fit. It is cheaper to do this than to fix up an old house for office space.

Mr. Barnes requested down the road, ten years, from now would this be the town hall. Mayor Gordon advised that that is what the plan is.

Mr. Doug Long addressed the Council regarding the change in the tax rate from eight cent to fifteen cent, does this pay for the county and city taxes.

Councilman Mulhollem advised the fifteen cent is made up of our eight cent ad valorem and the seven cent fire tax. The seven cent fire tax will no longer show on the county bill. This is not a net tax increase since we were all paying the seven cent for the fire district it is only a rate change for the Town of Archer Lodge. This was done 1) because we contracted with the ALVFD to handle fire protection within the town; 2) once our four services are put into place we will qualify for additional state sales revenue.

Mayor Gordon requested further comments. Receiving none the public comment period closed.

Councilman Vinson extended his appreciation to Councilman Mulhollem for his dedication and hard work on the budget. Mayor Gordon also thanked Councilman Mulhollem for his dedication and having such deep roots in Archer Lodge.

Councilman Mulhollem thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and wished to thank Mr. C. L. Gobble and Councilman Vinson for their assistance in drafting the budget. This has been learning experience that he has enjoyed and he is very conservative and working to save the town in any way is what we need to do.

Motion by Councilman Barnes to accept the Budget for 2010-2011 FY in the amount, of fifteen cent. Motion second, by Councilman Vinson. Motion carried by a show of hands. (See attachment 1)

3. Items For Discussion

(3a) Department of Community Assistance/Community Planning Vision
Statement – Resolution

Mayor Gordon read into the record the attached Resolution. (See attachment 2) Mayor Gordon asked for any discussion or comments. Councilman Vinson explained the Planning Board would be adopting ordinances for the Town of Archer Lodge. Until there is a Land Use Plan in effect, there is not a lot the Board can do. They are working with the Johnston County Planning Board in order to have a Plan for the Town of Archer Lodge. We are currently under the Johnston County Planning Board and we will need our own. This will be an eighteenth month process. We currently have a year extension from the County and will be seeking an extension in order to adopt our own. Motion to adopt the resolution as presented by Councilman Vinson. Motion second by Councilman Barnes. Motion carried by a show of hands.

Mayor Gordon advised to check the Website for future public hearings on this matter.

(3b) Land Use Plan Steering Committee

Mayor Gordon advised there will be a Steering Committee comprised of the Mayor plus two council members, three from the planning board and three citizens from the Town of Archer Lodge. Some towns have the last three individuals from outside the town limits, however, this Council feels they should reside within the town limits. This Committee should be in place by the next Council meeting in July.

Mr. C. L. Gobble advised he spoke with Prison Enterprises regarding signage for the town as well as Progress Energy. We will need our tax identification number for accounts to be set up. He also spoke with Attorney Mills regarding contracts for lights. This will be put on the agenda for the July meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Vinson, second by Councilman Barnes.

7:25 pm Adjourn

Mayor Mike Gordon

Susan Harrison, Acting Town Clerk