

**MINUTES
ARCHER LODGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010
ARCHER LODGE COMMUNITY CENTER**

PRESENT: Mike Gordon, Mayor; Carlton Vinson, Mayor Pro Tem; Jeff Barnes, Councilman; Clyde Castleberry, Councilman; Matt Mulhollem, Councilman; John Perry, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: David Mills, Town Attorney and Lisa Barnes, Acting Clerk. Approximately 15 citizens were in attendance and one news reporter.

ITEM 1 Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order. Councilman Mulhollem led us in prayer.

ITEM 2 Public Comment

Mayor Gordon opened the floor for any public comments. No comments were made.

ITEM 3 Action Agenda

(3a.) Mayor Pro Tem Vinson made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting on December 14, 2009 be approved. It was second by Councilman Perry and approved by all with a show of hands.

(3b.) Councilman Perry made a motion that the minutes from the Special Meeting/Public Hearing on January 7, 2010 be approved. It was second by Councilman Barnes and approved by all with a show of hands.

(3c.) No adjustments were made to the agenda.

ITEM 4 Items for Discussion

(4a.) Adopt Town Seal – Mayor Pro Tem Vinson displayed the proposed town seal. The significance of the dates on the seal are May 20, 1854, that is when Archer Masonic Lodge was chartered, which gave us our name and November 10, 2009 is when the Town of Archer Lodge became incorporated. Mayor Pro Tem Vinson made the motion that we approve the town seal as shown. Councilman Castleberry second

and it was approved by all. We will need to look into getting stationery printed. Mayor Pro Tem Vinson said that seal can be used in black and white and does not have to be in color for everything.

(4b.) Possible Office Sites – Mayor Gordon said the council has talked about several possibilities for office sites in the general area. One is a house on Buffalo Road and another site is the Archer Lodge Community Center (ALCC). The ALCC Board of Directors has offered the Town some space at this location. ALCC Building and Grounds Committee will be looking into how much space they could make available for the Town. The ALCC Board of Directors had a favorable response to possibly letting the town lease some of the building space.

(4c.) Town banking account and tax id – Councilman Perry has spoken with First Citizens Bank. For now, all the Town will need is a simple business checking and a simple money market account. When funds start flowing and reserves grow, we can then go out to bid for a bank. But for now, there are no funds. Mayor Pro Tem Vinson asked that we look at Four Oaks Bank when we get to the point for bids since they handled the Archer Lodge Municipal Exploratory Committee's account. Mayor Pro Tem Vinson made the motion that we accept the recommendation of the Finance Director, Councilman Perry's choice of using First Citizens Bank until said time that we put it out for bids. Councilman Barnes second and it was approved by all with a show of hands.

ITEM 5 Action Items

(5a.) Creating a Planning Board – Mayor Gordon said that the councilmen originally thought about creating a Planning Board with five members; however, they received so many good applications that maybe a seven member board might suit our needs better. Councilman Barnes made a motion that this Planning Board consist of seven members. Mayor Pro Tem Vinson second and it was approved by all with a show of hands.

Attorney Mills reviewed the Town of Archer Lodge Planning Board Ordinance and stated that the Public Hearing was held on January 7, 2010 and proper notification was given. Mayor Pro Tem Vinson made the motion that we adopt the ordinance read by Attorney Mills as a seven member board with four members appointed for a two year term and three members appointed for a one year term and as these terms expire, new appointments shall be made for two-year terms. The motion was second by Councilman Perry and approved by all with a show of hands. A copy of the Planning Board Ordinance will be placed in the Ordinance Book.

(5b.) Appointing a Planning Board – Voting for a planning board will be done by written ballot. Ballots as to how each councilman voted is public information. The ballots will remain on file until the minutes are approved at the next regular scheduled council meeting on February 8, 2010. Then they will be destroyed. Councilman Perry made the motion that each councilman vote for seven board members, then the top seven votes will be appointed as planning board members, then the top four votes will serve a

two year term and the bottom three votes will serve the one year terms. Some discussion was held and Councilman Perry withdrew his motion. Councilman Perry's new motion was each councilman will vote for seven members and the top seven votes will become the planning board. Of the seven members chosen, four will be chosen at random in a drawing and the first four will serve the two year term and the remaining three will serve the one year term. This motion was second by Councilman Castleberry and approved by all with a show of hands.

Ballots were passed out to each Councilman by the Town Clerk. Ballots were signed and returned to the Clerk who tallied the votes. The results were signed by the Clerk and then audited by the Town Attorney. The seven member Planning Board for the Town of Archer Lodge is: W. R. Dean, Susan Locklear, Teresa Bruton, Don Turner, Larry Boyette, Brian Taylor and Mark Wilson. The seven member names were placed in a bucket and drawn at random by the Town Attorney. The four members that will serve a two year term are: Mark Wilson, W. R. Dean, Teresa Bruton and Larry Boyette. The other three members will serve a one year term: Don Turner, Susan Locklear and Brian Taylor.

Councilman Barnes asked if these members of the Planning Board had to be sworn in and Attorney Mills said he did not believe so but that Will Crocker, Clerk of Superior Court would be glad to do this. Attorney Mills said that there are classes for planning board members that would be helpful and also attending other town planning board meetings would be advisable. Mayor Gordon said he will prepare a package for each Board member and suggested they meet as soon as they can.

ITEM 6 Adjournment

Councilman Barnes made the motion that the meeting adjourn at 8:07 p.m. and was second by Mayor Pro Tem Vinson and approved by all.

Mike Gordon, Mayor

Submitted by: Lisa Barnes, acting clerk