



TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

Board of Commissioners Special Call Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2020 6:00PM

3003 North Main Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Board Member Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Joyner, Commissioner Alvin Jones

Board Member by phone: Commissioner Joe Roam Myrick

Board Members Absent: Commissioner William Johnson

Staff Present: Attorney Dana Jones, Town Manager Glenda Knight, Town Clerk Natasha Barrett,

I) Call to Order: Mayor Bobbie Jones

II) Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all

III) Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes) No Comments

IV) Special Call meeting items:

- a) **Planning Board Protocols:** Town Manager said to Commissioner Jones how the Planning Board usually works is anything dealing with the planning of community event, zoning, arts and recs is filtered through the Planning Board. Town Manager said having the Planning Board will help weigh out the pros and cons to present to the Board so that they can give recommendations. Commissioner Jones said he was struggling to understand the purpose of the meeting and how we are going to move forward with a homecoming when we haven't dealt with the underlying issues. Commissioner Jones said Attorney Jones gave recommendations on how to deal with the serious issues and where do we go from here.
- b) **Meeting notifications:** Commissioner Jones ask what is the protocol for notify Board member of a special call meeting. The Mayor said the Town

Manager notifies the commissioners. Town Manager responded whoever calls the special call meeting makes those connections. Mayor Bobbie Jones said he sent out an email and asked Commissioner Alvin Jones did he receive it. Commissioner Jones said that he did receive it but it was hours later because of the job that he has in the back of an ambulance. Commissioner Jones said to the Mayor that he gives people the same respect as if it was one of his family members by not getting on the phone and giving people his undivided attention. He proceeded to say that it was hours later that he found out a decision was made to have a special call meeting. He asked how is the notification is done. The Mayor he sent out an email and people responded by email. Commissioner Jones said he would like to be included not just dependent upon email, at least a phone call would be common courtesy. Mayor Jones responded my saying not a problem, a phone call can be made. Commissioner Joyner said that would be common courtesy because some may not be able to check emails. Town Manager said to help you all out if you need herself or the Clerk to make the phone calls to expedite the process, we can take on that task.

- c) **Town complaints/investigation:** Attorney Jones said she was copied on a complaint that was submitted by Marquetta Dickens with various issues with communication that she had with Andrew Delonno. She said to protect the Town, she did not want to go forward without having a discussion. Town Manager asked the Mayor how to respond to the complaint on Andrew Delonno. The Attorney will speak on the Board behalf. She will put on letterhead that the Town is satisfied with Andrew's work and he has been and great asset to the Town. The Board did their due diligence, read the letter, but agreed the accusation can not be taken seriously.
- d) **Ordinance:** There will be a festival ordinance that will have to be in place to cover permits, public works clean-up, alcohol and penalties.
- e) **Upcoming event: 2020 Homecoming:** Attorney Jones said at the last meeting the directive was for this group to go through the planning board

and she wants to make sure there is clean communication. Mayor Jones responded that it was his understanding that they have already been through the Planning Board. Attorney Jones said to Mayor Jones that that was not her recollection. She said she do remember Dr. Nelson came on a few occasions with her idea for the Homecoming and signing a. Mayor Jones said that there was a miscommunication. The group was under the impression that the Town was letting the origination handle the Homecoming. Attorney Jones said she wants to protect the Town. There are several things that needs to be taken in consideration before we move forward. Attorney Jones said they will need insurance and the Town will have to consider liability if someone has an accident at the event. Town Manager asked the board to keep in mind all most of the Town's facilities are under mitigation. Commissioner Myrick suggested that the Board move forward but make sure the necessary paperwork is signed. He said participants can sign a waiver. Commissioner Jones said he did not think the Town should move forward because the recommendations of the Attorney have not been met, the road conditions are bad and the liability. Mayor made a proposal to have alcohol and road closure for the day. Town Manager suggested that the town have a public hearing for the day before moving forward. Attorney Jones said when adapting a regulatory ordinance, a public hearing is required. It will have to be advertised. Mayor asked what is the pleasure of the Board. Commissioner Joyner made a motion to move forward with the homecoming after looking at the ordinance and only if all line items are satisfied. Commissioner Alvin Jones seconded. **(3-0)**

V) Board Comments

VI) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:05pm. (3-0)

X *Bobbie Jones*

Bobbie Jones
Mayor

X *Natasha Barrett*

Natasha Barrett
Town Clerk