



Regular Council - Minutes
Monday, April 7, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Mulhollem
Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry
Council Member Bruton
Council Member Jackson
Council Member Purvis

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryan Chadwick, Town Administrator
Marcus Burrell, Town Attorney
Kim P. Batten, Assistant Administrator/Finance Officer
Chris Allen, Parks & Recreation Director
Jenny Martin, Human Resources Officer/Town Clerk

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Wilson

STAFF ABSENT:

Jason Kress, Town Planner

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1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:

- a) **Mayor Mulhollem called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Jeffrey D. Barnes Council Chambers located at 14094 Buffalo Road, Archer Lodge, NC and declared a quorum present. Council Member Jackson offered the invocation. Mayor Mulhollem led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- a) **Mayor Mulhollem called for a motion to approve the agenda.**

Moved by: Council Member Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry

Approved the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) **Ronnie Korea of Johnston County Little League**

Ronnie Korea, President of Johnston County Little League (JCLL), was present with David Hamilton, Vice-President of Baseball Operations. Mr. Korea shared that over the last year JCLL has been working on things he feels have improved JCLL and its relationship with the Town of Archer Lodge. He shared that JCLL has the desire to strengthen the relationship between the organization and the town. In his opinion, he shared that he feels as if recently there has been a step back in the progress of the relationship. His desire is to be recognized as a town/parks and recreation department program, as that was his initial understanding that the relationship was arranged that way. Mr. Korea shared that in his opinion, as well as the members of the JCLL board, that there are times where JCLL is not recognized as a town program. He feels that they have been pushed to the side, although they are the largest program that the town offers. Mr. Korea explained that there are areas of give and take on both ends between JCLL and the Town of Archer Lodge. He shared that he would like to mend the

relationship that he shared was, in his opinion, not as strong as it once was and explained that he is available to speak with members of the council at any time through the contact information that he provided.

b) Dene Castleberry of The Archer Lodge Community Center

Dene Castleberry, citizen of Archer Lodge, shared that he would like to reiterate what Ronnie Korea had said and state his concerns. He shared that in the past there was a success in the area of baseball before the town had taken over. Mr. Castleberry explained, in his opinion, the communication should be improved between JCLL and the Town of Archer Lodge, and that the town needed to assist with the program being better received as it is a respected program. Mr. Castleberry shared that there are issues at the baseball fields as far as lighting and encouraged the council to look into the possibilities of grants in order to offset some of the costs. Mr. Castleberry shared that there is a need to keep the fields wet while they're playing and encouraged the town to speak with Troy as he is experienced in that area. Mr. Castleberry also shared that he would like to see the improvement of the relationship between the town and Archer Lodge Middle School. Discussion followed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes:**
05 Sep 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
02 Oct 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
16 Oct 2023 Work Session Minutes
06 Nov 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
17 Mar 2025 Budget Planning Retreat Minutes
03 Mar 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Buzzelli removed himself from the vote since he was not on the council during some of these meetings.

Moved by: Council Member Jackson

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry

Approved Consent Agenda as Presented.

CARRIED 2 to 1 (Bruton Opposed)

5. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION:

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a) Proclamation - Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Mulhollem proclaimed the Month of April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month by reading the Proclamation below.

[Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation 4.2025 Signed](#)

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

No items on agenda.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Marcus Burrell, Town Attorney, had no report.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

a)

- Mr. Chadwick shared that construction had begun at the town park on the second restroom facility.
- He shared that lighting, irrigation, and sprigging is planned to begin within the coming weeks on the two multipurpose fields at the town park. He shared that the bids are out for the facilities on the west side of the park and will have more information at the end of the month.
- Mr. Chadwick shared that during a training session that Kim Batten, Assistant Town Administrator and Finance Officer, attended in the last week that she learned that there is a North Carolina General Statute that requires each town to have a Deputy Finance Officer for the authority to sign checks in the case that Ms. Batten is unavailable. He shared that the council should expect to receive more information regarding that in upcoming meetings.
- Mr. Chadwick commented that staff is still waiting on updated numbers for the cost of the insurance for employees.
- He shared that he has had an extensive conversations with a concerned citizen that would like to see the speed limit for the town reduced as he has witnessed several crashes. He shared that he also has observed the speeding issue that occurs throughout the town and lowering the speed may be an advantageous discussion. Discussion followed.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

a)

- Mayor Mulhollem explained that speed is a concern that he understands and would be in support of lowering the speed in the town.
- He thanked the JCLL and Dene Castleberry for attending the meeting. He asked staff to reach out to them to set up a time and date to meet and discuss the concerns that they had.
- Mayor Mulhollem wished Council Member Jackson a Happy Belated Birthday.

10. **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REMARKS:**

a)

Council Member Jackson encouraged there to be a recurring meeting between the town and JCLL to help with communication. He also shared that he does not think that he can disagree with a 35 mile per hour speed limit due to the amount of people that are going through the town. He shared that Easter is coming up and encouraged everyone to think about their faith as the holiday is approaching.

b)

Council Member Buzzelli shared that he agrees with JCLL having a recurring meeting schedule with the town and mentioned the idea of having it quarterly to keep communication going. He thinks that reducing the speed to 35 miles per hour within a certain radius of the center of town; however, in his opinion, it may not be important in areas further away. He shared that he was happy to see the minutes provided and the agenda a week ahead of the meeting. He mentioned the idea of separating the meeting minutes between current and past as he doe snot feel comfortable voting on minutes that he wasn't present for.

c)

Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry thanked the staff, Ms. Batten and Ms. Martin that came to help at the shredding event.

d)

Council Member Bruton shared that she is waiting on Johnston

County to update their website as the average increase was 70.6 percent. She shared that her evaluation did go down from the original number that she had received for property tax but was still double from previous years. She explained to look into that and the Johnston County website when the town sets its tax rate.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

- a) Having no further business, Mayor Mulhollem called for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry

Seconded by: Council Member Jackson

Approved to adjourn meeting at 7:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Matthew B. Mulhollem, Mayor


Jenny Martin, Town Clerk



Proclamation



WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and,

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members; and,

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and,

WHEREAS, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and,

WHEREAS, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew B. Mulhollem, Mayor of the Town of Archer Lodge in North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Town of Archer Lodge on this 7th day of April 2025.

Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor