



Regular Council - Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Marcus Burrell, Town Attorney
Kim P. Batten, Assistant Administrator/Finance Officer
Jenny Martin, Human Resources Officer/Town Clerk
Kim P. Batten, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Officer
Rodney Barbour, Code Enforcement Officer
Joyce Lawhorn, Deputy Town Clerk

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Purvis

STAFF ABSENT:

Bryan Chadwick, Town Administrator

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1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:

a) Invocation

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.

b) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mulhollem led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

a) Amendment to Agenda

Mayor Mulhollem requested to move item number 5 to item number 3. He also proposed to remove item 8 and remove item 4a.

Moved by: Council Member Wilson

Seconded by: Council Member Castleberry

Approved the Agenda with the Adjustments Listed Above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. RECOGNITION:

a) Moment of Silence Honoring Jeffrey D. Barnes

Mayor Mulhollem held a moment of silence honoring Jeffrey D. Barnes and lit a candle in his memory.

b) Sharing Memories of Jeffrey D. Barnes

- Council Member Wilson shared memories of Jeff in the early stages of the Town. He stated that Mr. Barnes was an asset to the Town and to the Council.

- Council Member Jackson shared that he was glad to have known Mr. Barnes as he was humorous, well thought of, and respected in the community.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Castleberry said that Jeff has been on his mind every day since his passing. He shared memories that he had with Jeff. He stated that Mr. Barnes could never be replaced.
- Council Member Bruton shared that she knew Jeff on a personal level as he was in a hunting club with her husband. She recalled a story of Jeff digging out a twig of a mimosa tree from a ditch and gifting it to her as Council Member Bruton loves trees. Today, the tree is the prettiest one she has in her yard.
- Kim Batten shared that Mr. Jeff Barnes had retired when she came to work for the Town of Archer Lodge. She knew him from his wife, Lisa. Ms. Batten recalled that when she got to meet Mr. Barnes, he spoke to her as if he had known her her whole life. She remembered that he always came into the Town Hall dancing.
- Mayor Mulhollem recalled and explained some of the contributions that Jeff had made to the town including that he had served on the Council for 4 years.

4. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS:
(Maximum of 30 minutes allowed; 3 minutes per person)

- a) Teresa Purvis of the Archer Lodge Community Center came to share the success for the Senior Activity Morning at the Community Center. She shared that they have about 25 people attend per meeting. She noted that tomorrow morning, they will be having a Marti Gras party from 10:00-12:00p.m. She spoke with the Council requesting that they help the Community Center find more funds to help them continue to do their projects. She noted that the cost of food has increased, and they like to be able to provide the seniors with a lunch. They meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.
- b) Andy Knepper of the Johnston County Little League (JCLL) came to introduce himself and present some information regarding their success with the Council. For enrollment they had 470 players register for the spring season, 70/80 volunteers, and 30-35 teams setting a record for JCLL. JCLL is a merger between Clayton Little League and Archer Lodge Community Center. He invited the Council to attend the opening day ceremony on March 23rd. He let the Council know that they would be receiving a more formal email in the coming weeks. Mr. Knepper explained that Mayor Mulhollem will be throwing the first pitch. He also shared that they will be having food trucks and fun events all day including a parade of players with local mascots and color guards. Mr. Knepper brought the Council members and staff JCLL hats.

5. PLANNING/ZONING REPORT:

a) Planning/Zoning Update

Item removed from the agenda.

b) Code Enforcement Monthly Report

Mr. Rodney Barbour went over the monthly report. He stated that there was a short number of new cases opened and that he focused on abatements. He also mentioned that contact has been made with property owners for many of the violations and extensions have been given to move junk vehicles or repair them.

6. PRESENTATION:

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a) Proclamation - ALL IN RED MONTH

Mayor read the proclamation for the American Heart Association All In Red Month. The signed proclamation is attached below.

[Proclamation - All in RED Heart Health Awareness Feb 2024 Signed](#)

7. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:
Marcus Burrell, Town Attorney, had no report.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
Item removed from the agenda.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Mayor Mulhollem thanked all that attended the budget retreat and thanked the staff for organizing the event. He stated that the meeting was very eye-opening, and he enjoyed hearing and learning from the speakers that presented that day.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REMARKS:
(non-agenda items)

a)

- Council Member Wilson had no remarks.
- Council Member Jackson reminded everyone that Valentine's Day is coming up.
- Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry spoke about a call that he received from Sheriff Steve Bizzell asking if he did alright at the budget retreat. Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry confirmed that he did provide great information at the retreat and was a great asset at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry mentioned that it was important to keep supporting the funding that we have.
- Council Member Bruton had no remarks.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Moved by: Council Member Jackson
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry
Approved to adjourn meeting at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Matthew B. Mulhollem, Mayor


Jenny Martin, Town Clerk





Proclamation



WHEREAS, the well-being of our community is of paramount importance and maintaining excellent health among our citizens is a top priority, February marks the one month, county-wide heart health awareness campaign entitled **“ALL IN RED”**, presented by Johnston Health and Aramark, and organized by the Johnston Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, North Carolina, Johnston County, and Archer Lodge, heart disease is the leading cause of death among men and women; and

WHEREAS, Heart Disease and Stroke rank among the top five health priorities in Johnston County; per the 2019 Johnston County [Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan](#); and

WHEREAS, per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 80% of deaths from premature heart disease and stroke could be prevented by changes in physical activity, diet, education and management of common medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, **ALL IN RED** is an opportunity to increase heart health awareness, while addressing the growing needs of local heart patients; and

WHEREAS, the **ALL IN RED** campaign invites all Johnston County residents, business owners and visitors to participate in this initiative by **wearing RED on February 2, 2024, NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY**, and/or **running a RED promo or fundraiser in February**; and

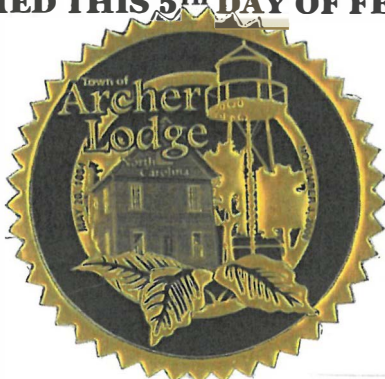
WHEREAS, the financial challenges of a heart patient are enormous; all funds raised within this campaign period will benefit local heart patients through the Johnston Health Foundation’s Heart Fund; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we recognize heart disease and stroke survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are their source of love and encouragement, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals who provide quality care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the honorable Mayor and the Archer Lodge Town Council, do hereby encourage businesses and citizens in our community to support and participate in this event and proudly proclaim February 2024 as

“ALL IN RED MONTH”

DULY PROCLAIMED THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION.



Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor