



Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 17, 2025 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Brock

OPENING PRAYER: Mayor David Brock

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David Brock	Mayor	present
Frank Cheely	Council Member	present
James Shedd	Council Member	present
Rebecca Knight	Council Member	present
Jason Allen	Council Member	present
Ken Lewis	Town Attorney	present
Laura Crenshaw	Town Clerk	present
Guests:	Zita Shedd Brandon Shedd	Shanon Stinchcomb Robin Brock

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG: All

WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Brock

No comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Council Member Cheely made motion to approve the minutes and financial reports. Council Member Shedd made second. Unanimous to approve the minutes and financial reports.

AMENDMENTS TO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brock stated that we need some pressure washing and paint work on Town Hall and the Pavilion. Council Member Knight stated that she wants that work put out for bid.

The Mayor also stated that the doors need to be re-lettered and the locks need to be changed due to past staff changes. It was agreed that those items can be fixed without bid since the expense will be minimal.

Council Member Shedd voiced concern about the remnant millings from the paving on 4th Avenue and East Avenue being dumped on the Fowler property at 1226 Atlanta

Highway. Those comments brought up more issues with the on-going grading, and the status of the state-issued EPD permit on the property at 1226 Atlanta Highway. The Mayor asked for it to be on the Agenda for May; Council Member Allen stated that it cannot wait for more discussion as there are air pollution problems. Guest Stinchcomb stated that he also has experienced dust clouds on his property from the grading. Attorney Lewis stated that there are possibly ordinance violations as well. Guest Stinchcomb stated that the property should be made to at least have evergreens on the border and the front should have been landscaped by now. Clerk Crenshaw was questioned about the business licenses that have been issued since February 2024 for the property. Attorney Lewis stated that if we cannot verify permitting, or if the proposed uses are not complaint with the Zoning, all work needs to cease. Clerk Crenshaw was tasked with finding out more about the millings and the permitting for 1226 Atlanta Highway.

Attorney Ken Lewis departed at 6:35 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Future Vision Committee:

No new report at this time.

Historical Society Committee:

Council Member Shedd made reminder of the Historical Society dinner on April 24 at 6:00 PM

Bureau Veritas Report:

No new report at this time.

SPLOST Roads Report:

No new report at this time.

SPLOST Recreation Report:

Clerk Crenshaw reported that the playground equipment will begin to arrive in staggered shipments the first of May.

Financial Balances as of March 31,2025:

Road SPLOST: \$164,249.99

Disbursement: \$0.00

Rec SPLOST: \$48,926.29

Disbursement: \$8,619.01 Playground Equipment

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Redistribution of Funds

As agreed upon in the Workshop on April 9, 2025, all of the Town's checking accounts are to be closed at Bank OZK and new accounts opened at 1st American Bank. A CD for \$100,000.00 is to be purchased at South State Bank. The CD held by Bank OZK will remain in place at this time. Council Member Knight made motion to approve these banking changes. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to make the banking change to 1st American, and for the purchase of the CD at South State Bank.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Recommendations – Bureau Veritas

Mayor Brock opened the discussion by presenting a proposal from Hal Chitwood of Bureau Veritas. Chitwood proposed that he revamp, condense, and simplify our Unified Development Code at a rate of \$85 per hour, rather than our contract rate of \$125 per hour for Zoning Administration. Ken Lewis, Attorney, stated that this was unnecessary; that we will handle any needed amendments as the issues arise. The Town of Carl just adopted this Code as of December 21, 2023, and we do not need to revamp at this point. There is no action to be taken at this time.

2. Change of 3rd Party IT Services Provider

Clerk Crenshaw presented a proposal from The Good Viking to try to restore the Town's ".org" domain that Google disabled March 31, 2025. The loss of domain has left the Town without email since March 31, and still with no functioning website. The Town has already paid well over \$1,000.00, and spent more than a month, working with The Good Viking, but results have been minimal. Clerk Crenshaw also presented quotes for services from Two Tails Tech in Winder and Jeff Smith Digital Consultant in Atlanta. Clerk Crenshaw disclosed that she has known Jeff Smith many years, and can attest to his integrity as well as the quality of his work.

Council Member Knight stated that she wants to pay the \$500 consult fee to Jeff Smith and get a full quote for services. Council Member Allen made motion for the consult and to enter into a contract with Jeff Smith as his proposal is more professional, more in line with quality website work, includes the creation of a ".gov" domain, and he offers solutions for the Town's future IT needs. Guest Zita Shedd asked why we could not just get someone in Barrow County. Clerk Crenshaw stated that she had contacted several companies, and these were the only responses at the time of the meeting. Council Member Shedd stated that he would abstain from voting as he does not agree with hiring someone that has been a long-time friend to the Clerk. Council Member Allen stated that there is no conflict – the friendship has been disclosed up front and there is no financial gain for the Clerk. Council Member Shedd would only agree to vote paying the consultation fee at this time. Unanimous vote to approve the \$500 for the consultation with Jeff Smith Digital Consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Knight made mention that Town Charter in our Code books is dated April 17, 1975. The latest Charter for the Town of Carl was adopted November 11, 1993. Clerk Crenshaw was tasked with obtaining copies of the newest Charter for the Council's Code books.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Cheely made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.