

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 10:56 p.m.

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Pat Edwards, Bryan Marley, Edwin Deaver and Jerry Legge were present.

Others present were Town Manager John W. Ellis, III, Town Clerk Melissa Adams and Town Attorney T.C. Morphis.

PURPOSE: Closed Session was called pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the attorney and maintain the attorney-client privilege and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

Item 1.

Town Clerk Melissa Adams remarked there had been a correction to the January 5, 2015 Closed Session Minutes. The Board of Commissioners concurred with the correction. Ms. Adams remarked that she will place the amended January 5, 2015 Closed Session Minutes on the March 16, 2015 Consent Agenda for formal approval.

Item 2.

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Item 3.

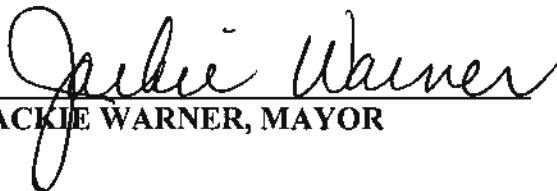
Town Attorney T.C. Morphis spoke concerning Mayor Pro Tem Gorman's question in open session about the vote taken on August 18, 2014 for the Legion Road property and had questioned whether the vote was illegal. Attorney Morphis remarked in reference to the sources and statutes that he searched in his effort to respond and that the vote was in fact legal. Mr. Jesse Bellflowers' letter in the Sandspur was discussed and Mr. Morphis cited the parts of the letter that were erroneous.

There was discussion concerning the Town's Development Ordinances, sidewalk requirements and open space requirements. Mr. Morphis reviewed some options available to the Board for controlling the growth and the type of growth in the Town. Mr. Ellis commented that the builders are going to do what they have to do in order to get the approval and if the ordinance/condition calls for sidewalks then they will put in sidewalks. Mayor Warner suggested that when the ordinances were being reviewed to break each section up and assign to a member to speed up the process of review. Commissioner Legge questioned how this would go over with projects already established and won't they be upset and Mr. Ellis responded that they will be at first but they will settle down after that.

Item 4.

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At 11:35 p.m. Mayor Warner closed the session.



JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Melissa P. Adams, MMC Town Clerk

