

1 Session for the annual performance review of the Town Administrator/Clerk be deleted and the
2 review not be conducted until October; Mayor Hice did not accept the friendly amendment.
3 **APPROVED 3-2** (*Yes -- Hice, Johnson, and Smith; No – Wallace and Wyrick*)

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5 **Consent Agenda**

6 Mayor Hice reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the minutes
7 of the February 10, 2009 Regular Meeting, the March 10, 2009 Regular Meeting, the Silver Star
8 Banner resolution, and the National Day of Prayer resolution. Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany
9 noted a correction needed on page 5, line 11 of the March 10 minutes that should be “DENR” instead
10 of “DRNR.”

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12 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted correction to the**
13 **March 10 minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. APPROVED 5-0**

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15 **SILVER STAR BANNER DAY**

16 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Pleasant Garden always honors the sacrifice of the men and women in the
17 Armed Forces; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood
20 sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, to date, the Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star
23 Banners to the wounded and their families; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide
26 the wounded of this Town and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags, and care packages; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Families of America’s sole mission is that every time someone sees a
29 Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying that people remember the sacrifices for
30 this Town, State, and Nation; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the people and Town Council of the Town of Pleasant Garden wish that the sacrifice of
33 so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten.

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35 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Pleasant**
36 **Garden hereby**

- 37 **1. Proclaims its appreciation for the Silver Star Families of America and honors their**
38 **commitment to our wounded; and**
39 **2. Proclaims May 1st as “Silver Star Banner Day,” the permanent and official day to honor**
40 **the wounded and ill members of the Armed Forces of the Town of Pleasant Garden.**

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42 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

43 **WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May,
44 inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United
47 States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer exists to communicate with every individual the need for
2 personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the community to intercede for America and its
3 leadership in the seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education,
4 Church, and Family; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the 2009 observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7
7 with the theme of *Prayer...America's Hope* based on *Psalm 33:22: May your unfailing love rest*
8 *upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.*
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10 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Pleasant
11 Garden hereby

- 12 1. **Proclaims Thursday, May 7, 2009 as the National Day of Prayer in the Town of**
13 **Pleasant Garden ; and**
- 14 2. **Urges citizens of the Town of Pleasant Garden to participate in National Day of Prayer**
15 **events and activities consistent with their own beliefs.**
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17 **Presentation**

18 *Town Hall Site Plan planning proposal:* Mayor Hice introduced Paul Kron of the Piedmont Triad
19 Council of Governments who gave handouts to the councilmembers (*copies attached*). Mr. Kron
20 noted there was about \$4,252 left on his estimate to prepare the Town Hall Site Plan. That money
21 could be used to develop grant proposals to implement some of the site plan recommendations
22 pertaining to the pervious pavement and bio-retention areas at the sports fields. Engineers at NC
23 State are interested in partnering on this project and using it a research project. Mr. Kron identified
24 four potential sources for grant funding for innovative ideas. There was extensive discussion about
25 the use of the remaining money and if additional money would be needed, the amount of possible
26 grant funding and its uses, the town's possible funding match requirements, the time needed to
27 complete the planning work, NC State's and PTCOG's continuing role in the process, and the total
28 costs to implement the Town Hall Site Plan. Mayor Hice suggested a work session in April to
29 review the plan and work on the Capital Projects Budget. Councilman Wyrick asked if Mr. Kron was
30 prepared to get the ball rolling now, and Mr. Kron responded he was but needed the Town Council's
31 authorization to use the money and move forward.
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33 **MOVED by Councilman Wyrick to allow Paul Kron to use these funds and continue with this**
34 **project as outlined, investigating the grants for pervious parking and the association with NC**
35 **State and following through with this, seconded by Mayor Hice.** Mayor Hice asked if the
36 pervious areas applied to the driveway as well as the parking areas, and Mr. Kron responded that the
37 driveway should be paved because of the heavy traffic on it. Councilman Wallace expressed
38 concern about the cost difference between asphalt and pervious surfaces and maintenance costs; Mr.
39 Kron noted that the PARTF grant could be applied to the costs of asphalt. Mayor Pro Tem Smith
40 asked for the size of the parking area be checked to determine if it is large enough. **APPROVED 4-1**
41 *(Yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith and Wyrick; No – Wallace)*
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43 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to meet on April 27 at 7:00pm to review the Town Hall Site Plan and**
44 **look at the phases recommended by the Long-Range Planning Board, seconded by Mayor Pro**
45 **Tem Smith. APPROVED 3-2** *(Yes—Hice, Johnson and Smith; No – Wallace and Wyrick)*
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47 *Solid Waste Management Plan:* Susan Heim from Guilford County Environmental Health said the
48 state requires counties to update their solid waste management plans every three years to address all

1 of the community's solid waste issues. Accomplishments during the past three years included the
2 establishment of a regional solid waste coalition, new recycling programs and a pilot drop-off site for
3 residential recycling, the expanded availability of special events and services throughout county, and
4 a solid waste webpage on the county's website. The updated plan must cover waste reduction,
5 education of the community, illegal disposal, collection procedures, and abatement of abandoned
6 mobile homes. There is dedicated funding from the tax on white goods and grants will be pursued;
7 corporate sponsorships have provided some funding as well. Key actions include development of
8 minimum standards for yard waste and recycling for trash collection services licensed to operate in
9 Guilford County, adequate disposal options, illegal disposal and litter, and disaster response/storage
10 of storm debris. The focus will be on the public and how to handle problems, providing countywide
11 service, and making more out of less.

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13 Mayor Pro Tem Smith said the public appreciated the E-cycling event held at Town Hall on March
14 17. Ms. Heim it was a miserable, cold rainy day, but we processed 225 carloads and collected
15 21,000 pounds of discarded electronic equipment.

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17 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve and endorse the 2009 Guilford County Solid Waste**
18 **Management Plan Update, seconded by Councilman Wallace. APPROVED 5-0**

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20 **RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE 2009 GUILFORD COUNTY SOLID**
21 **WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

22 **WHEREAS**, it is a priority of Guilford county to protect the public health and the environment
23 through the safe and effective management of solid waste; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, better solid waste planning will provide more effective solid waste management, better
26 utilization of natural resources, increased control of the cost of solid waste management; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute 130A-309.09A(B) requires each unit of local
29 government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to develop a
30 solid waste management plan, and to update that plan at least every three years; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the 2009 update of the Guilford County Solid Waste Management Plan is required to
33 be submitted to the State of North Carolina by June 30, 2009, and must be approved and adopted by
34 resolution prior to being submitted to the State; and

35
36 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Pleasant Garden was represented during the planning process and has
37 been involved with the development of the solid waste management plan;

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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Pleasant Garden
40 approves and endorses the 2009 Guilford County Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

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42 Mayor Hice shared information about the county's April 17 clean-up event at the Agricultural Center
43 on Burlington Road where all kinds of solid and hazardous waste will be accepted.

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45 **Public Comment**

46 Mayor Hice reviewed the guidelines for the public comment period.
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1 Alan Marshall of Carlford Road asked that whenever resolutions are passed that they be placed on
2 the Town website for public review.

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4 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public comment period, seconded by Councilwoman
5 Johnson. APPROVED 5-0**

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7 **Reports**

8 A. *Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany* presented her monthly report (*copy attached*). Pleasant
9 Garden was accepted by FEMA as an official participant in the National Flood Insurance Program as
10 of March 17. PART will be funded to implement the new route on US 421 South, and their staff will
11 be working to identify a site for a park-and-ride lot. 599 youth are enrolled for the spring soccer
12 program with the first game scheduled for Saturday, April 18; the referees and line judges have been
13 trained. The bill drafter for Senate Bill 540 is still working to get the correct language to change the
14 election cycle for councilmembers to elect two each time. Mrs. Carmany suggested moving the
15 deadline for submitting ideas for the adverting and council travel/expense policies and submitting
16 additional budget requests to her to April 15; councilmembers will select dates for additional budget
17 work sessions at the May 5 council meeting. One additional request for funding from a community
18 organization arrived for consideration. The Heritage and Preservation Committee will be responsible
19 for the maintenance of the entire monument area; they will coordinate with the Town to make sure
20 their landscaping matches the Town's.

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22 Mayor Hice shared a press release announcing Mrs. Carmany's graduation from the Municipal and
23 County Administration Course on April 23.

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25 B. *Financial/Budget*: Finance Officer Carmany explained the items contained in proposed Budget
26 Amendment 4.

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28 Councilman Wyrick asked if all councilmembers were using their pleasantgarden.net accounts to
29 conduct Town business. Mrs. Carmany responded that she sends all emails out on the Town account
30 but some councilmembers cannot respond on that account and reply on their personal accounts.
31 Councilman Wyrick asked for a written explanation from Cypress Networks on this problem.

32
33 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve Budget Amendment 4, seconded by Councilman Wallace.
34 APPROVED 5-0**

35
36 **Ordinance adopting the budget of the Town of Pleasant Garden for fiscal year 2008-09
37 Amendment 4**

38 By the request of the Town Council and the Finance Officer:

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40 **Increase the following budget line items by the amount shown:**

41	Community Outreach	5517.00	Reading Grows Community (new)	\$1,500.00
42	Operations	5402.00	Council Travel and Expenses	636.60
43	Operations	5003.00	Facility Maintenance and Repair	1,000.00
44	Operations	5201.00	Computer Network IT services	500.00
45	Operations	5105.00	Payroll Service	500.00
46				\$4,136.60

1	Decrease the following budget line items by the amount shown:		
2	Community Outreach 5515.00	Community Surveys	\$1,500.00
3	Community Outreach 5510.01	Movers and Shakers Facility	636.60
4	Community Outreach 5510.01	Movers and Shakers Facility	1,000.00
5	Operations 5302.00	Printing	500.00
6	Operations 5302.00	Printing	500.00
7			\$4,136.60

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9 **Purpose:** Officially adopt the changes made at the March 10 Town Council meeting and increase
10 the amount for facility maintenance and repair, computer service, payroll service.

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12 Finance Officer Carmany presented the updated Fund Balance Report for the period ending March
13 31, 2009 that included the interest paid to the accounts on March 31(*copy attached*). The General
14 Fund had a balance of \$1,142,888 and the Capital Reserve Fund had a balance \$1,887,982 of for a
15 total of \$3,030,870. Mrs. Carmany reviewed the print outs of interest payments on savings and
16 money market accounts over the past three years; the rates had dropped dramatically. She will
17 investigate all viable options before renewing the CD that expires on April 9.

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19 *C. Legal Update:* Blair Carr presented an update on the four items identified at the March 31 budget
20 work session. The first item was the status of the Roy Carroll property located north of the Town
21 limits in Greensboro’s annexation territory; Pleasant Garden would not be able to annex it.

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23 Ms. Carr has updated the contract with Still’s Lawn Service for a three-year renewal; it will be
24 placed on the May 5 agenda for consideration.

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26 The county has informed the Town that fees will charged for animal control services effective July 1,
27 2009. There are legal arguments on both sides regarding whether Guilford County could require
28 retroactive payment of animal control fees that were not billed from 2004 to the present. Mayor Hice
29 reported that this issue was discussed at the mayors’ meeting recently and the county has not
30 requested payment of retroactive fees. Councilman Wyrick asked if there were private alternatives
31 other than contracting with the county; the response was yes, but the service would not likely be
32 comparable.

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34 Identical bills disavowing the current language in the Jordan Lake Rules have been introduced in the
35 House and Senate but do not provide an alternative to the administrative requirements at this time.
36 They are serving as placeholders until the ongoing negotiations are completed.

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38 Councilman Wallace asked that the attorneys review the NCLM weekly legislative bulletins to stay
39 abreast of the various issues and positions. Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany will forward the
40 electronic versions to Town Attorney Hill when they come in, and the attorneys will add that to their
41 monthly legal updates.

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43 Councilman Wallace expressed displeasure that Mr. Hill had missed two meetings due to the
44 problem with his back.

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46 *D. Long-Range Planning Board:* Chairman Glenn Morgan reported on the March 17 Long-Range
47 Planning Board meeting. The first recommendation from the Board was for the Town Council to
48 proceed with the forestry management plan outlined in the October 2007 letter from the county

1 forester. Mayor Hice explained this was due to the need to clear the fallen trees damaged in ice
2 storms that are a safety hazard. The second request was to proceed with Paul Kron in writing grants
3 to pursue outside funding for the Town Hall Site Plan. The third recommendation was to remove the
4 dead magnolia tree; Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany obtained three cost estimates for that
5 service. The Board recommended awarding the contract to Schield's Tree Service.

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7 **MOVED BY Mayor Hice to proceed with the Forestry Management Plan outlined in the 2007**
8 **letter as we develop the master plan for the Town Hall property, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem**
9 **Smith.** Councilman Wyrick said he felt this action was already covered in the plan. Councilman
10 Wallace suggested that cost estimates be obtained before proceeding. Mayor Hice **withdrew** her
11 motion with the understanding that the Forestry Management Plan would be included in the Town
12 Hall Site Plan.

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14 **MOVED by Councilwoman Johnson to award the contract to Schield's Tree Service to remove**
15 **the dead magnolia tree, seconded by Mayor Hice.** Councilman Wyrick inquired about details of
16 the proposals and why one proposal was significantly lower than the other two. He requested the
17 attorney to draft an agreement to include cutting down the tree, removal of all debris, grinding the
18 stump, and restoring the area including filling in any ruts created by heavy vehicles in a timely
19 manner. Mayor Hice and Mayor Pro Tem Smith spoke to the quality of Mr. Schield's work.

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21 **MOVED by Councilman Wyrick to table this issue until the May meeting, seconded by Mayor**
22 **Hice. APPROVED 5-0**

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24 *E. Recreation Board:* Chairman Steve Brandt reported that the Recreation Board met on March 24.
25 The Board is awaiting the decision of the Pleasant Garden Community Center board to determine the
26 rain date for the Independence Day events so the fireworks contract can be completed. The Explorers
27 and the VIPS have confirmed their assistance with traffic issues; Sgt. Lawrence has requested that no
28 parking be allowed on Alliance Church Road during the event.

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30 Pat Odom-Snyder has agreed to work in a volunteer capacity with Assistant Clerk Baker to plan Pet
31 Day. The Board is awaiting the Town Council's approval of the Veterans Appreciation Day location
32 and appointment of the committee. Preliminary planning is being done to offer seminars for senior
33 citizens and others. A 5K run will be included in the 2009-10 budget for spring 2010; Henry Tripp
34 will assist with the planning. The Board will hold a budget planning session on April 14.

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36 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany announced that Senior Resources is seeking to hire a site
37 director for the senior activities at Pleasant Garden Methodist Church and Moriah Church.

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39 *F. Congressional Cities Conference:* Councilman Wallace reported the main topic of the conference
40 was the economy and the recession. He learned about the emergent workforce, regional
41 partnerships, identifying key stakeholders in the community, working together, and recognizing local
42 needs. The Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Policy Committee
43 meeting covered topics such as the loss of sales tax on Internet sales, recommendations for national
44 policies, opposition to increases in the gasoline tax, increases in COBRA benefits, the current state
45 of the economy, and how to maintain revenues. It is important to be informed on the issues and
46 communicate with state and federal legislators.

1 Additional stimulus packages are likely, but Pleasant Garden is not prepared because we do not have
2 shovel-ready projects ready to implement when funding is available. He is seeking information on
3 how the Town might qualify. Competitive grants are available such as COPS to develop a law
4 enforcement program.

5 Councilman Wallace visited Capitol Hill on Tuesday and met both NC senators and six
6 congressmen. Issue that were discussed included transportation funding, collective bargaining for
7 public safety officers, and the \$1 billion in sales tax revenue lost in NC on Internet sales.
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9 *G. Healthy Living Committee:* Mayor Hice reported that the committee set the date for the Health
10 Fair for October 3 which will be good for the Farmers' Market; it will include a blood drive and
11 kidney screening. The committee is planning a Kids Day in July with free bicycle helmets from Safe
12 County and immunizations for rising 6th graders. They would like to offer CPR and first aid training,
13 and she will request funds for a defibrillator in the budget. The next meeting will be on Monday,
14 April 27 at 5:30pm. Mayor Hice applied to the Moses Cone Health Foundation for \$1,000 for the
15 Health Fair and will submit a WalMart grant application.
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17 *H. Reading Grows Community:* Mayor Pro Tem Smith showed the book *The Pleasure was Mine*;
18 St. Martins Press provided 40 free copies to pass out. She will take some to Clapp's Nursing Home
19 for their use. She asked audience members to complete an interest survey from the Greensboro
20 Library to determine the types of services citizens would want in the Town. Author Tommy Hays,
21 Steel Magnolia, the Alzheimer's Association, the Center for Creative Aging, the Fiddle & Bow
22 Country Dancers, and various artists and craftsmen will participate in the May 3 *Reading Grows*
23 *Community* event. The next meeting of the committee will be on April 24 at 1:00pm.
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25 *I. E-cycling Event:* Mayor Hice reported that 225 people came through from 9:00am – 2:00pm
26 bringing primarily computers and televisions. 21,139 pounds of E-waste was collected. The cost of
27 \$1,879 was covered by county; she thanked the VIPS, prison farm inmates, county and Town staff,
28 councilmembers and Boy Scouts who assisted. The Guilford County Spring Clean-Up is scheduled
29 for Saturday, April 17.
30

31 **Old Business**

32 *A. Change of November Town Council meeting date:* Mayor Hice said there was a schedule conflict
33 with the November Town Council meeting and Election Day on November 3.
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35 **MOVED by Councilman Wallace to move the Town Council meeting back to the second**
36 **Tuesday (November 10) and have Attorney Carr attend, seconded by Mayor Hice.**

37 **APPROVED 5-0**
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39 *B. Speed limit on Appomattox Road from Neelley Road to Rosswood Road:* Town Administrator/
40 Clerk Carmany reported there will be a lengthy process with NCDOT to change the speed limit. She
41 has not been able to speak directly with Mrs. Matthews at Pleasant Garden Elementary to get her
42 opinion on the request.
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44 *C. Litter Sweep:* Mayor Hice noted that participation in the Litter Sweep/Adopt-A-Highway
45 program originated with a previous Recreation Board. The current Recreation Board asked at the
46 last Town Council meeting that the events be dropped from their responsibility.
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1 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to remove the Town from participation in the Adopt-a**
2 **Highway program, seconded by Mayor Hice.** Councilman Wallace asked if there were other
3 options to get the litter picked up and receive credit for it. Mayor Hice responded that inmates
4 perform this service periodically but the Town does not get credited for those clean-ups. **Approved**
5 **5-0**

6 *D. Farmer' Market:* The Recreation Board requested that operation of the Farmers' Market be
7 removed from their duties. Town staff developed a proposed procedure on how to operate it that
8 would include the presence of a staff member or councilmember on each Saturday on a rotating basis
9 to provide oversight and resolve issues. Each vendor will submit an application and sign a liability
10 waiver.

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12 Councilman Wyrick said this would not be a wise use of staff time and efforts on Saturdays to watch
13 over the Farmers' Market. Councilman Wallace suggested this would be a good opportunity to
14 employ a youth to perform this job; he asked if troublemakers could be banned. Ms. Carr responded
15 she would have to review the policy before offering advice.

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17 **Moved by Mayor Hice to approve the Recreation Board's request to remove the Farmers'**
18 **Market from their duties, seconded by Councilman Wallace. APPROVED 5-0**

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20 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany will notify vendors and set up a meeting to review the
21 guidelines and expectations.

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23 *E. Veterans Appreciation Day:* The Recreation Board recommended that the Town Council accept
24 Fire Chief Tommy Cole's offer to host the Veterans Appreciation Day events at the Pleasant Garden
25 Fire Department. No completed applications have been received from anyone to serve on the
26 planning committee.

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28 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the Recreation Board's request to hold the Veterans**
29 **Appreciation Day events at the Pleasant Garden Fire Department, seconded by Councilman**
30 **Wallace.** Councilman Wallace asked if Chief Cole's offer was verbal or in writing; the invitation
31 was issued at the November Recreation Board meeting. **APPROVED 5-0**

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33 A letter will be sent to Chief Cole accepting his offer and confirming the date.

34 **New Business**

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36 *No Parking/Towing Enforced Ordinance for portions of Neelley Road and Ryegate Drive:* Town
37 Administrator/Clerk Carmany reported on the meeting earlier that afternoon between Mark Aldridge
38 of NCDOT and Mayor Hice, Kim Rayle of the Pleasant Garden Community Center, and herself on
39 the issue of parking on Alliance Church Road in the vicinity of the Town's soccer field and
40 community center during events. The metal stakes and yellow ropes placed in NCDOT's right-of-
41 way must be removed due to the safety hazard they create. Mr. Aldridge suggested that the Town
42 enact a "no parking/towing enforced" ordinance to restrict parking in those areas and authorize
43 Guilford County deputies to issue citations and/or tow cars as well as the Highway Patrol.

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45 **MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to authorize Mark Aldridge to proceed with drafting the**
46 **no parking/towing enforced ordinance, seconded by Mayor Hice.** There was discussion about
47 safety and liability issues, the need for the ordinance and how it would be enforced, concerns about

1 being too restrictive, and what can be legally placed in the right-of-way. **APPROVED 4-1** (*Yes –*
2 *Hice, Johnson, Smith, and Wallace; No – Wyrick*)

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4 **Closed Session**

5 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to go into closed Session for the annual evaluation for Town**
6 **Administrator/Clerk Carmany as allowed under NC General Statutes 143-3.18.1(a)(6),**
7 **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. APPROVED 5-0**

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9 The Town Council went into Closed Session at 10:03pm.

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11 The Town Council returned to the Council Chambers at 10:24pm.

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13 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to return to open session. APPROVED 5-0**

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15 **Public Comment**

16 *Steve Brandt of 6384 Walter Wright Road* said he was personally offended by behavior of Marty
17 Heim and Denise Osborne at the last Town Council meeting when they put on groucho glasses and
18 Mayor Hice took no action. He expressed concern about a conflict of interest with Mayor Pro Tem
19 Smith being a contributing writer in *Southeast Lifestyle* and Ms. Heim providing webhosting services
20 for the Town. He said Mayor Pro Tem Smith should abstain from voting on matters concerning Ms.
21 Heim's business and newspaper.

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23 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to close the public comment period, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem**
24 **Smith. APPROVED 5-0**

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26 **Staff Comment**

27 none

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29 **Council Comment**

30 *Councilman Wallace* thanked everyone for coming and staying, especially the members of the
31 Recreation Board who were all present. He expressed concern regarding the cost of asphalt versus
32 non-asphalt if non-asphalt costs more money in the long run. He noted the problems the Town is
33 having getting the bill for election of councilmembers straight; this was a complicating factor when
34 the mayoral election bill was filed. He wished everyone a happy holiday and acknowledged Alan
35 Marshall's request regarding council resolutions.

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37 *Councilman Wyrick* thanked everyone for coming out on the new meeting night and Mr. Brandt for
38 his comments regarding unprofessional behavior. He was in favor of keeping the Town Hall Site
39 Plan moving forward; that is why he voted to proceed and get pricing information. He was concerned
40 that a whole lot of money is being spent on fluff and frills; we are still not answering citizens'
41 questions about what they are getting for their tax dollars. This was not the right time to review the
42 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany based on her hire date and timing of raises.

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44 *Councilwoman Johnson* thanked everyone for coming. She said she was under the impression there
45 were two camps that want to get things done, but there was push back whenever we try to do
46 something. She asked Attorney Carr to check on the conflict of interest charge; she thought that only
47 applied when financial interests were involved. She was not aware of the groucho glasses at the time
48 and found the usual chatter by audience members much more rude and disruptive.

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2 *Mayor Pro Tem Smith* explained that she was not a paid writer for *Southeast Lifestyle*; she submitted
3 the story because she thought the youth deserved recognition. She asked audience members to let
4 everyone know about *Reading Grows Community*; it will be a great celebration.

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6 *Mayor Hice* thanked everyone. She encouraged them to participate in the county clean-up day on
7 April 17; she will use her truck to assist anyone who needs help. Susan Heim was a pleasure to work
8 with and is an asset to the county. She wished everyone a safe, happy Easter.

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10 **Adjournment**
11 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.**
12 **APPROVED 5-0.**

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14 The meeting was adjourned at 10:39pm.

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Clerk Date

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Mayor